



# Perspectives Newsletter

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**Join us on April 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road**

## Want to Try Pastels?

**Michele Young will be hosting a demo/workshop to show you how.**



This month we'll be exploring soft pastels with Michele Young. Michele is an excellent colored pencil and pastel artist. At this meeting she'll explain the different types of pastels and the surfaces that work best for pastels. She'll demonstrate what combination of materials work well together, depending on the desired look or subject matter, including how to mix pastels with other art mediums. Participants will be able to follow along with the demonstration by trying out the materials. All supplies will be provided. We will create an easy pastel landscape painting.

To see more of her work, visit Michele's website – [MicheleYoungArt.com](http://MicheleYoungArt.com). She teaches classes at Center Place and Creative Junk Therapy. Classes are posted on her website.



**\*If you are not a member and have attended a workshop, the fee for additional workshops is \$20. If you **join for \$40, workshops are free and you are paid for a year.****



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lively and colorful presentation from Kathy Carrier inspires me to start making a sculpture. Not sure of what, but Kathy's paper mache is so much fun. Very clever artist.

It was so great to have Michele Stone from Florida Craft Art visit and share details on her fabulous gallery. I really love that place. Anyone with 3D art needs to submit to FCA. Lots of shows and events there. 2nd Saturdays sounds like a good time for a BLFA field trip. With lunch of course.

Added 2 more members at the March meeting. Welcome Diana and Beth.

The "For the Love of Art" Member exhibit drawing winner was Dineen Roeller. YAY! Congrats and thanks for displaying your art to the group. Such a talented lady! Wonder what she will find at CJT to spend her gift certificate on?

Our secretary, **Carol Stebbins** had a wonderful time planning, creating and hosting a drop-in crafting event on March 16th for National Craft Month. The attendees had a great time and promise to return. Thank you **Karen Koseck** and CJT for making time for BLFA.

**March 30** we had BLFA volunteer award winners commit to mini workshops for National Craft Month. **Doug Steinbarger, pastels; Roxanne Tobaison, watercolor; and myself for mixed media.** This event was suggested by **Karen Koseck** and she made time for us at CJT to host this fundraiser event. Grateful!

**Member show is in May.** Every member can submit 2 pieces. There is a size and weight limit, so please take that into consideration.

Hope to see everyone on the 15th.

Let's get crackin on some new art.

**Cheers!**

Beth Smedley

BLFA President

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# For the Love of ART

## Member Exhibit & Prize Drawing

Such a great turnout. Over 30 pieces included in the exhibit. I hope everyone had a chance to look at all the great member art. At the last board meeting we put all the numbers in a hat and chose our winner.

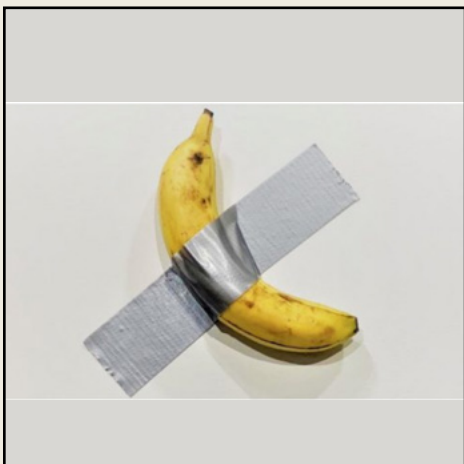
and the winner is...



Dineen Roeller, our party chairperson WINS!  
She wins a fabulous trophy and a \$25 gift certificate to CJT.

In addition to her being lucky in the drawing, she also received a mural referral from the exhibit!!  
Way to go, Ms. Dineen!

10"



10"

## 10 x 10 Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who have committed to producing and donating their work to the BLFA. There are still canvas boards available to anyone who wants to use them. You can do your piece on paper or other substrate. We'll mount on canvas board. Not necessary to add hardware – BLFA will take care of hanging. Finished donations and unused canvas boards are requested by the April Member Meeting on April 15.

Prices and sale venues are yet to be determined.



# Brandon League of Fine Arts MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find the BLFA? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you OK to have your information in the BLFA directory?  Yes  No

Membership type:  Individual \$40  Family \$50

Make checks payable to: BLFA.

Mail to: Brandon League of Fine Arts, 776 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511

You can also Venmo by scanning the QR code.

Please contact the BLFA if you would like information about volunteer opportunities.

For more information, email [BLFABrandon@gmail.com](mailto:BLFABrandon@gmail.com).



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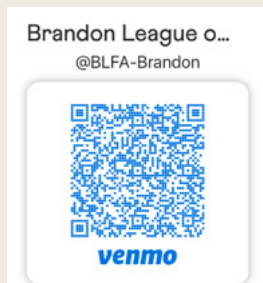
## From **Membership**

Applications are in all of the newsletters and at the meetings. Annual memberships will have rolling renewals. You will be reminded when your membership is up for renewal.

From **Treasurer** Our Venmo account is active!

## From the **Secretary**

There will be **take away memos** recapping events and info from the meetings. These will be available at the meeting.



## From the **Promotion Committee**

**Social:** We had 666 views from NextDoor - Exciting. MeetUp continues to grow.

Contacted by the Osprey Observer for a story. More exposure for BLFA!

## From **Refreshment Chair**

The Member Show Reception requests finger foods and appetizer donations. Please email what you are bringing.

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## From **Revolving Displays**

We had another sale at BAC, Riverview.



# Brandon League of Fine Arts Members' Show 2024

**PLEASE REVIEW the NEW rules: sizes and weight, different venue with different rules.**

This is not an exhibit, it is a show with awards. It is the first big show for the League since Covid.

**Take-in day: THURSDAY, May 16, 2024. 10 a.m. to Noon.**

## **RULES:**

1. Members in good standing may submit **TWO** pieces of art, not to exceed 30 inches in either dimension and not to exceed 25 lbs.  
**3D works** must be hung on display racks. Also, cannot weigh over 25 lbs.
2. All works meeting the required criteria will be accepted.  
All work to be hung. **ONLY works with proper hanging\* wires (see images below) will be accepted.** Sawtooth or screw eyes hardware will be rejected. Do not include tags, stickers or ribbons from previous shows.
3. All work must have been completed within the last 5 years and has not been shown in a BLFA show.
4. All work must be **ORIGINAL** and created solely by the artist. No copies of the works of other artists, no copies of instruction book lessons, and no teacher demonstrated works or teacher-assisted works will be accepted.
5. Laser reproduction, commercial prints or works from commercial molds are **not eligible**.
6. All works must remain on exhibit throughout the entire length of the exhibit.
7. Awards will be determined at the discretion of the exhibit committee.
8. A qualified professional will judge the show.
9. Because children visit the gallery, works containing nudity or horror are not accepted.
10. There is no category distinction.
11. Any sales will be handled directly with the artist and no commissions are due.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15 or 2 for \$25 cash or check. This is not a juried show so all member work presented will be accepted. Fee may be mailed to: Brandon League of Fine Arts, 776 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511

**AWARDS:** 1st. place 50% of take-in. 2nd place 30% of take-in. 3rd place 15% of take-in. HM 2 ribbons at \$25 each.

**Take-in day: THURSDAY, May 16, 2024. 10 a.m. to Noon.** (See a BLFA board member if you cannot deliver yourself)

**Pick-up day: MONDAY, June 17,** after Member's monthly June meeting.

**LOCATION:** Creative Junk Therapy, 776 Lumsden Rd., Brandon

**LIABILITY:** At the time of delivery of artwork to Creative Junk Therapy and the Members' Show committee the artist must sign the entry slip, which acts as a declaration discharging the BLFA, its committee members and all other participating and sponsoring organization from any and all manner of actions, suits, damages or claims whatsoever arising from any loss or damage to the property of the artist while in the possession or supervision of the BLFA Members' Show committee. The artist agrees to abide by the Members' Show rules and understands the Committee reserves the right to make the final interpretation of the rules.

**Chairperson:** Roxanne Tobaison

Further information, (813) 685-1627. Leave message.

**\*Do not use** eye screws or sawtooth hangers. If you bring your art to take-in, it will be rejected.



**Proper framing hardware.**

**March Meeting Highlights**



**A big thank you to the artists who volunteered to teach at the Art Sampler Mini Workshop event. Roxanne Tobaison, Beth Smedley and Judy & Doug Steinbarger**

## BLFA Member Art Classes

### BLFA Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

Visit Creative Junk Therapy's FB page and/or website for additional classes and schedules.

[Facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeJunkTherapy)

[www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org](http://www.CreativeJunkTherapy.org)



#### Oil Painting

Chris Klein  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



#### Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

Michelle Young  
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Thurs. May 2, 1:30 p.m.



#### Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison  
**Beginner** - Sat., April 13 & May 11, 10:30 a.m.  
**Beyond Basics** - Sat., April 13 & May 11, 1:30 p.m.



#### Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck  
Saturday, April 27, 3 p.m.

**Watercolor Open Studio (Assistance with projects)** - Thurs., April 18 & May 16, 1 p.m.



### CREATIVE JUNK THERAPY

776 W Lumsden Rd. in Brandon  
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#### Hours of Operation

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays  
Wednesday - Friday 12 pm - 7 pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 7 pm

#### Paint Along with Bonnie!

Classes in oil, acrylic, watercolor, textile painting, pouring, collage, pen & ink, colored pencil and more.

Limit 5 students.

Individual instruction. First class FREE supplies.



### Whats on the Horizon for BLFA

#### April

- **10 x 10 FUNDRAISER.** Members commit to producing at least one 10 x 10 piece of creativity that is donated to a BLFA sale. BLFA to supply the substrate if needed. Finished donations turn in at April meeting.
- Michele Young, pastels.

#### May

- Photography with Davette Clover..
- **Member show - May 16 take-in.** This is the big annual BLFA Member show with monetary prizes. \$15 per entry, 2 for \$25. Members only. **TWO** entry limit. Reception at May member meeting, May 20. Members asked to bring appetizers, finger foods, snacks.

#### June

- Demo TBD. Suggestions and volunteers encouraged.
- Sat., June 15, 10 a.m. League field trip to Florida Craft Art and possibly other art venues. Carpooling is an option. Lunch in St. Pete.
- **Member show - take down.**



**BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES**  
**March 18, 2024**  
**From Secretary, Carol Stebbins**

Beth Smedley (BS) opened the meeting at 6:37 PM, welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She asked Membership Chairperson Guy Learn to introduce visitors and provide attendance for the meeting and new members.

BS asked for award winners at the Strawberry Festival to identify themselves and offered congratulations.

BS announced two speakers for the evening, Kathy Carrier who will display her papier mâché sculpture and discuss her process, and Michele Stone from Florida Craft Art in St. Petersburg, who will provide details of the organization and description of the categories of three-dimensional art work accepted for exhibit.

BS then mentioned the successful garage sale fundraiser 03/09, announced the event made \$380 + dollars for the League, thanked all donors and those who assisted with the sale. She suggested another garage sale in the Fall, TBA.

BS mentioned the BLFA March Craft event and mentioned Carol Stebbins' conducted the workshop in the CJT Makers Space March 16. Kits of the three craft projects can be purchased for \$5 each.

BS announced the Member Art Sampler workshop upcoming March 30, 10:30 – 1:00 PM, hosted by CJT in the Collaborative Meeting space. All materials provided; cost is \$40 per participant. Artists will demonstrate watercolor, pastels, and mono printing techniques.

BS announced the winner of the BLFA For the Love of Art exhibit, whose name was drawn from names of those members who entered the exhibit. Dineen Roeller (DR) was the winner of a gift certificate and a handmade trophy made by BS. DR received applause from the group for the award. BS asked that those members who contributed the art work remove it after the meeting.

BS announced the Member Show upcoming in May, which will include awards and cash prizes judged independently. BLFA members will be charged a small fee to enter their art work.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM

## BULLETIN BOARD & FORUM

**Question:** When is the next big art festival?

**Reply:** Mainsail Art, April 20-21, Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg

**Question:** Do you have extra folding chairs or folding tables?  
Would you like to donate them to the BLFA?

**Do you have an art related item to sell?**

**Are you looking for an art something?**

**Is there an art-related event to attend?**

**Is there a question for the membership?**

**Art-related issue needing a solution? How to ...?**

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BLFA member, **Dineen Roeller** just finished a mural last week for a new shop in Largo FL, called Game-O-Storus! So talented!



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