



Perspectives Newsletter

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A not-for-profit art league serving the needs of the Greater Brandon Area art community for over 55 years.

Join us on June 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road



AR Workshop Hands-on Project

AR Workshop Brandon, located at the NE corner of Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale, is a DIY workshop offering hands-on instructional class experiences to create custom home decor and art. Attendees will be making something cool and creative with stencils.

All supplies will be provided.

Cost: \$20. Free for members and first time attendees.

For more information about AR Workshop visit arworkshop.com/brandon

Join us and make something special and fun!



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.*



Interested in Membership to the Brandon League of Fine Arts, please contact BLFABrandon@gmail.com.



BLFA.us



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For the Love of Art Member
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ArtWorks September 2024

Website: David Bahm

Paint Out, Field Trips:

None currently scheduled

Anyone interested in
volunteering to help out
on any committee, contact

BLFABrandon@gmail.com

Submit news, articles and
photos to: Beth Smedley at
Smedley.Creative@gmail.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Membership is bursting. 29 members attended in April. 52 members in May; and 16 visitors!

The Members Show is really awesome. 34+ pieces of art. The show will be up until the June meeting on the 17th. Try to see it. Ribbons are up and the winners are well deserving.

The refreshment committee led by Dineen Roeller outdid themselves. Dineen went above and beyond to make the reception quite festive with balloons and table decor.

Thank you to Davette Glover for her cell phone tutorial. It was very informative and thank you for taking pictures of the event.

ARTWORKS Get ready. September is right around the corner. This is the BIG show. Anybody can enter. However, it is a juried show. 50 pieces will be accepted. There is a size and weight limit, so please take that into consideration. Prospectus will be coming as soon as possible.

Very excited for this show. With so much participation for the Member Show, this one should be great!

If any member wishes to be more involved and help out on a committee, let us know. We would appreciate 2 more volunteers to help with refreshments and 1 or 2 to assist with membership.

We will be bringing back the Show & Tell part of the meeting. We only have time for 2 members to speak. We will have a sign up sheet so we know who wants to participate.

Guy Learn has volunteered to write a Member Spotlight article each month. Thanks Guy! Who knew he could paint and write??

Regrettably, I will be resigning as president formally on the 17th. I poured heart and soul into the League but it's reached a stopping point. I thoroughly enjoyed trying to better and grow the League. Happy to see so many new members. I'll still be a member, just not president. Guy Learn, our VP will be the new president. He is awesome and has my full support.

Keep making great art!

Cheers!

Beth Smedley

BLFA President

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MEMBER SHOW COMPETITION AND THE WINNERS ARE....



WOW!

Guy Learn won 1st place. He was out of town but he assured he got his ribbon and his check.



David Bodo won 2nd place. This guy is one to watch.



Doug Steinbarger won 3rd place. He is our pastel expert.



Photographer, Marsh Nelson (left) and Mixed media artist, Carol Stebbins (right) won Honorable Mention prizes.



Our sponsored From the Heart Prizes went to Chris Klein (left) and Margaret Conte (right)



THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS



Dineen Roeller, Carol Stebbins and I set up for the show. The balloons were very festive and there was no flan left.



David Williams was our esteemed judge. He is a veteran artist and experienced judge. His work can be seen at: painterwilliams.com

Judging Criteria

1. Does the work impart feeling, mood or sense of place. Does it tell a story?
 2. What was the artist after, their artistic goal. And did they achieve it?

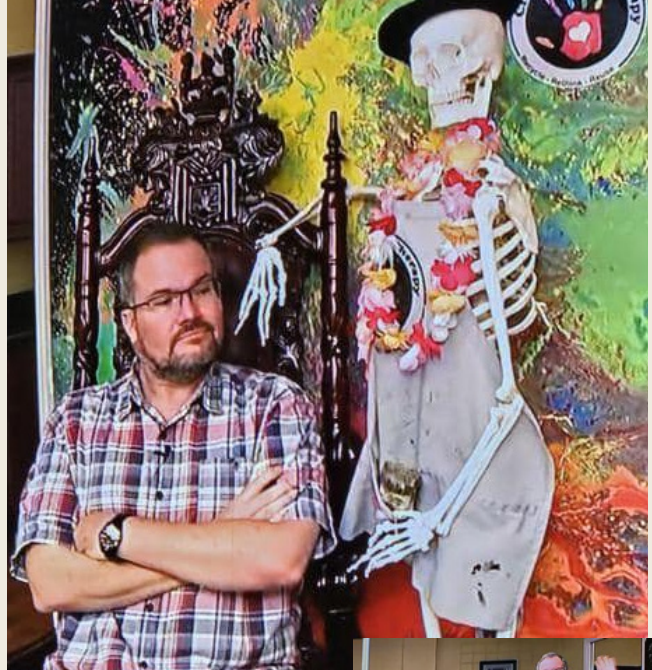
3. Does the technique and medium used serve the goal or the vision of the work.

Reminder: Please pick up your artwork at the June member's meeting or make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you.

Charlie Belcher and FOX 13 came to Creative Junk Therapy

Charlie and the camera crew came Monday, May 27. For the Video, click this link.

<https://www.fox13news.com/video/1461867?>



Field trip Sat., June 15 to Florida Craft Art in St Pete.

Meet at CJT at 10. Carpooling is an option. We'll most likely have lunch there too.

Hope you can make it.



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 will be accepted through the summer. The 10 x 10s will be available for purchase at the member meetings. Future 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.



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From Membership

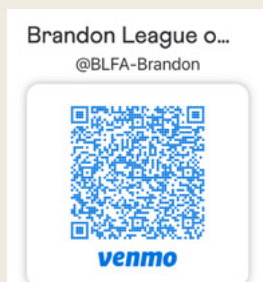
Be sure to sign in at meetings. When filling out application, please make sure it is legible. If you didn't get the newsletter, we probably couldn't make out the email address.

From Treasurer

When using the QR coded to pay online, be sure to indicate what you are paying for and if it's membership, please send or submit the member application.

From the Secretary

With summer comes a different schedule for many of us BLFA members, but it does not reduce the entertainment and education value of League meetings. Be sure to read the monthly BLFA news letter to stay informed of planned events and excursions!



From the Promotion Committee

Social: We had 490 views from NextDoor.

MeetUp continues to grow.

We have flyers and business cards to hand out at meetings and events.

From Refreshment Chair

We had wonderful finger foods and desserts at the Member Show reception. Most were gobbled up by the end. Thank you so much for pitching in and supporting the League.

From Revolving Displays

No news this month.

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



Oil Painting

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



Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck
Saturday, June 23, 3 p.m.



Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison
Beginner - Sat., July 13, 10:30 a.m.
Beyond Basics - Sat., July 13, 1:30 p.m.
Watercolor Open Studio (Assistance with projects) - Friday, June 21, 1 p.m.
Friday, July 19, 1 p.m.



Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

Michelle Young
Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 27, 10:30 p.m.



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Limit 5 students.

Individual instruction. First class FREE supplies.



Summer Art Classes at EHAG

Several of our members are teaching FREE art classes, sPre-registration is required.

<https://www.ehagfinearts.org/art-classes.html>



What's on the Horizon for BLFA

June

- AR Workshop presentation and workshop
- 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.**

July

- Watercolor demo/workshop with Roxanne Tobaison.

August

- Demo TBD. Suggestions welcome. **ARTWORKS take-in Aug. 29.**



BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES
May 20, 2024
From Secretary, Carol Stebbins

Beth Smedley (BS) called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM, and welcomed members and visitors.

BS thanked Jennifer Milone (JM) for filling in as Membership Chair person while Guy Learn is out of town.

BS spoke about the Members Show exhibit hosted at CJT in the hallway and CJT Collaborative space, and the awards to be presented later in the evening.

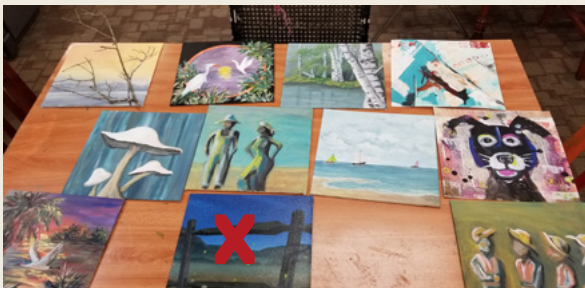
BS introduced the evening's presenter Davette Glover, (DG), a professional photographer who demonstrated how to improve cell phone camera settings to get the best photographs.

Members were invited to take a break and enjoy appetizers and refreshments in the Makers Space, coordinated by Refreshments Chair person Dineen Roeller and her team, whose decorations and balloon installation contributed to the festive event.

BS began the awards presentation by explaining the judge David Williams' (painterwilliams.com) criteria for his award choices.

BS announced the addition of the From the Heart Awards, an annual contribution from Bay Area Cardiology to BLFA coordinated by BLFA Exhibits Chair person Roxanne Tobiason.

The meeting concluded at 8:36 PM.



**10 X 10s
FOR SALE**



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

Email:

BLFABrandon@gmail.com

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 ...?**



Michele Young is having a show at Center Place.

June 4 - 26

Reception is June 5, drop in between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To learn more about Michele, her art, and classes visit
www.MicheleYoungArt.com.



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