



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 July 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road

Watercolor Demonstration

From Roxanne Tobaison

Start to Finish

Watercolor painting can be an exciting and interesting medium. This demonstration will show various techniques including: Wet into wet, lifting out, dry brush and more. Something for all levels of watercolor painters.

We are privileged to have an experienced, award-winning artist like Roxanne share her techniques. She has been a local artist for over 50 years. She is known for her beautiful paintings of historic landmarks, Florida birds and landscapes. Her artwork can be seen at the Henry B. Plant Museum at the University of Tampa, the Florida West Coast Credit Union and at Creative Junk Therapy.

Roxanne has served the BLFA for decades in all its positions. She is a vital contributor to our club. She is currently teaching watercolor painting for all levels at CJT. Her schedule of classes is found on page 6.



Find out more about Roxanne and her artwork at:
www.RoxanneTobaisonArt.com, www.etsy.com/shop/watercolorsNmore



***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
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Roxanne Tobaison

Shows:

For the Love of Art Member
Exhibit
Member Show
Autumn Art Show
ArtWorks

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: Guy Learn at

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Quite a bit has transpired since our last meeting. Most significantly:

- We have filled some vacancies within the Board of Directors.
- We are proposing a few updates to the BLFA Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Members should soon be receiving an email with these proposed updates.

One of our newest members, David Bodo, has accepted the nomination for the vice-presidency. So,



when you see him, please congratulate him! I believe the league will enjoy working with this energetic and talented individual.

One of our busiest members, maybe the busiest, Carol Stebbins, has agreed to be even busier. In addition to her efforts as the Secretary, she has volunteered as our Membership and Refreshments chairperson. Thank you so much Carol!

While Beth Smedley has stepped away from the President position, she is still the chairperson for our newsletter and social media. This is very fortunate for us, as with her other efforts, she has always done a great job with the newsletter.

Oh, and in case you missed it last meeting, Davette Glover is our new photographer. Thanks Davette!

In lieu of the "Artworks" show that had been slated for September, we have decided instead for a BLFA Member's Autumn Art Show. You will find further details on this within this newsletter.

Unfortunately, with taking on the duties as league president, I will have to put my plans for a "Member's Spotlight" article on the back-burner. Hopefully, I can pick this back up in the 2025.

Now a thought to ponder:

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." Edgar Degas

Thanks to all who help make this league successful and fun! Hope to see you at the meeting, Monday, July 15!

Guy Learn
BLFA President
ArcherGuy@rocketmail.com

I would like to thank Kathy Collins for stopping by to explain the Hillsborough County grant information. Her contact information is: 813.629.5714. CollinsKA@HCFL.gov.





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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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.



QR code

Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts

Leadership Messages

From **Revolving Displays**

No date yet for next turnover



Brandon League of Fine Arts Autumn Art Show 2024

PLEASE REVIEW the NEW rules: sizes and weight.

Take-in day: Monday, September 16, 2024. 3 - 6 p.m.

RULES:

1. Members in good standing may submit TWO pieces of art, not to exceed 31 inches in either dimension and not to exceed 25 lbs. (31" either direction. Includes frame).
3D works accepted, but they must be able to 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 3 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 show/exhibit.** If work is removed prior to the end of the show/exhibit, entry to future shows/exhibits may be disqualified.
7. Awards will be determined at the discretion of a qualified judge.
8. Because children visit the gallery, works containing nudity or horror are not accepted.
9. There is no category distinction.
10. Any sales will be handled directly with the artist and no commissions are due.

ENTRY FEE: \$15 or 2 for \$25 cash or check.

AWARDS: 1st. place. 2nd place. 3rd place, 2 Honorable Mentions determined by entry fees. People's Choice Award: Must visit show/exhibit to vote.

TAKE-IN DAY: Monday, September 16, 2024. 3-6 p.m.. If you cannot deliver the art during the designated time, please see a friend or board member to make arrangements.

PICK-UP DAY: Monday, October 21, after Member's October meeting.

RECEPTION: Monday, October 21, en lieu of program.

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

LIABILITY: At the time of delivery of artwork to Creative Junk Therapy and the Autumn Art 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 organizations 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 Autumn Art Show rules and understands the Committee reserves the right to make the final interpretation of the rules.

Chairperson: Roxanne Tobaison, email: roxtob@verizon.net
Additional information, (813) 405-9560. 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.

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.

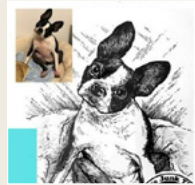


Image to Ink

David Bodo
Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison
Beginner - Sat., July 13, 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Beyond Basics - Sat., July 13, 1:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 10, 1:30 p.m.

Watercolor Open Studio (Assistance with projects) - Friday, July 19, 1 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 16, 1 p.m.



Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

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



Digital Photography 101

Davette Glover
Saturday, July 27, 5-7 p.m.



Inspired Acrylic Painting

Karen Koseck
Saturday, July 28, 3 p.m.



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What's on the Horizon for BLFA

August

- Demo/workshop TBD

September

- Autumn Art Show Take in Sept. 16
- Elections nomination committee to be selected

October- Reception Dress Up!

- Autumn Art Show Reception
- Announce the "Peoples Choice" award.
- Announcement of election nominees. Election of officers in November.

June Meeting Highlights



WHO'S THAT GUY?



KATHY EXPLAINING GRANTS



JOHN & RACHEL FROM AR WORKSHOP



DON'T GIVE UP CAROL!



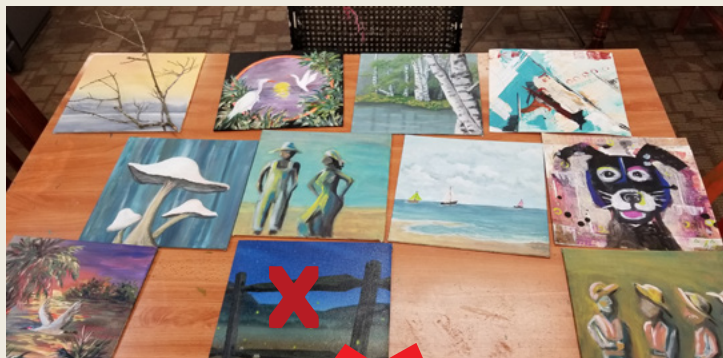
BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES
June 17, 2024
From Secretary, Carol Stebbins

The meeting began at 6:33 PM, Kamy Collins (KC), Program Manager for the Hillsborough County Arts Council Board was introduced, and gave a presentation on the availability of grant money for Hillsborough County resident artists. KC provided details of the program including the maximum limit of each grant set at \$2,000. The application is available on the Neighborly portal. Artists are offered a chance to acquire equipment, tools or other aids to their art, including travel to events of artistic interest. After the Arts Council Board reviews applications and selects recipients, the Hillsborough County Commission will vote to fund the grants. KC instructs artists to ask only for the dollar amount needed, not necessary to request up to the limit \$2,000. KC detailed the process for artists whose grants are considered, once their application is accepted, they can submit receipts for reimbursement for the item they purchase. This program will run from January 1, - August 15, 2025.

Beth Smedley (BS) announced she is resigning as BLFA President “for the good of the club” and introduced Guy Learn (GL) as the new president. He received applause from the members. AR Workshop demonstration was conducted by Veterans owners Rachel and John, who gave a brief overview of the projects they offer individuals and groups in the area. The workshop started, supplies and instruction followed.

Bonnie Phillips (BP) won the 50/50, \$26 was divided evenly with the League.

7:11 Meeting adjourned.



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