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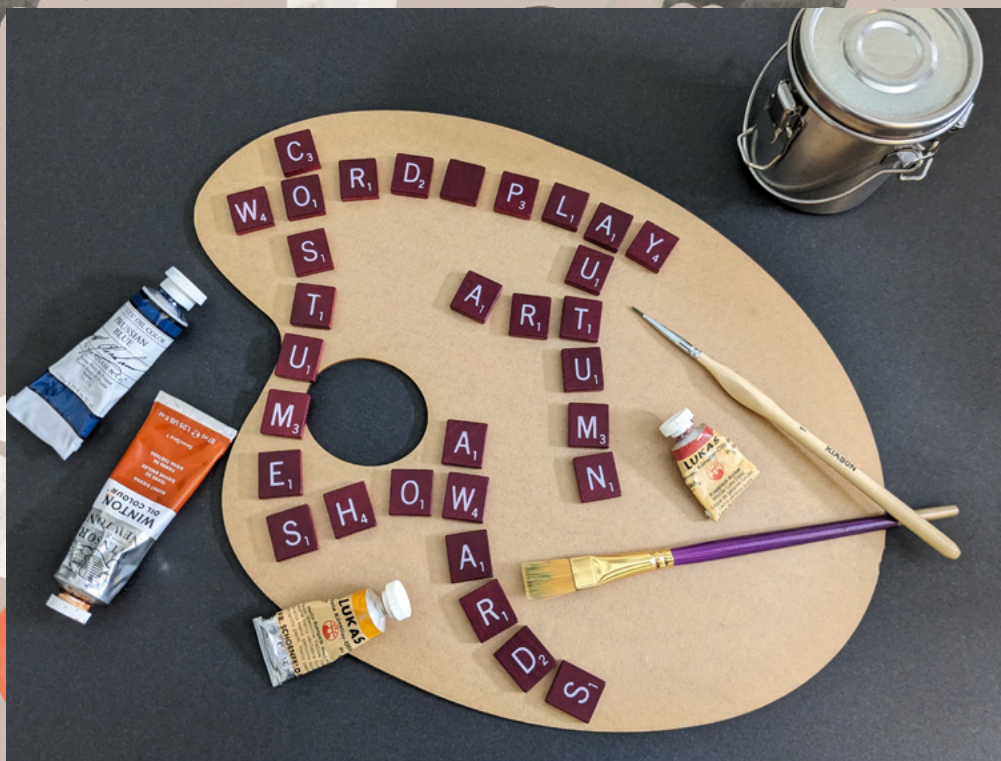
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A not-for-profit art league serving the needs of the Greater Brandon Area art community for over 55 years.

Join us on October 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road



This month's meeting should be a fun one as it will be the reception for the **Autumn Art Show winners**.

Hopefully the festivities will be enhanced by a variety of creative costumes by our members and guests. And to make the most of the costumed event, we will have photo opportunities on the "Starving Artist's Throne".

The fun will continue with the progression of the "Word Play" event introduced by our creative VP David Bodo. Then, if the members continue with their fine culinary choices we've seen in the past, we should have a pleasant selection of finger foods. Hope to see you all there!

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.



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Website: David Bahm

Paint Out, Field Trips:

None currently scheduled

Anyone interested in
volunteering to help out
on any committee, contact
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Submit news, articles and
photos to: Guy Learn at

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm sure our lives are in various states of disarray following the storm and while I'm praying that we all recover as quickly as possible, I won't dwell on it here, and hope that the events of our art league can provide a pleasant distraction from the tasks at hand.

While the Autumn Art Show didn't have the quantity of entries as some shows have had, it certainly didn't lack in quality. And I am very pleased to see that we have a "first time" winner! All prize winners will be announced at the meeting, including the "People's Choice" award. For that, remember, there's still time to vote!

Oh... Don't forget to pick up your entries after the meeting. And another reminder: For the October meeting, we'd like to liven things up and add to the fun by having members and guest dress up in costume.

Fall elections for our league are coming up, and we're excited for the opportunity to have new faces on the board. More details in this newsletter- See 'Time to Vote for 2025 Officers & Committee Chairpeople'.

And now another quote to ponder:

***"To send light into the darkness of men's hearts -
such is the duty of the artist."***

- Schumann





Brandon League of Fine Arts MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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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Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts

Leadership Messages

From **Membership**

League membership renewals are due at 12 months from the date of your last dues payment.

Please check your email for renewal reminders and keep BLFA exhibits, workshops and other benefits current. You can pay by check, cash or Venmo.

From **Refreshment Chair**

Thank you" to our generous members Gunni Price and Judy and Doug Steinbarger for contributing delicious munchies to enjoy during the meeting. Snacks, cups and paper goods are always appreciated!

From **Revolving Displays - None scheduled**



Brandon League of Fine Arts

Time to Vote for 2025 Officers & Committee Chairpeople

We're now in the last quarter of 2024 and it's time to identify nominees for the election of the BLFA officers and committee chairpersons for 2025.

These positions are essential in keeping the league operating and require a committed effort. So if you or anyone you know of would be a good fit for any of these positions, please let me or any of the other officers (or committee chairpersons below) know.

Our current elected officers include:

President: Guy Learn

Vice President: David Bodo

Secretary: Carol Stebbins

Treasurer: Karen Koseck

Our current committee chairpersons include:

*These are approved by the board, as opposed to being elected positions.

Newsletter: Beth Smedley

Membership: Carol Stebbins

Refreshments: Carol Stebbins

Photography: Davette Glover

Revolving Displays: Roxanne Tobaison

Website: David Bahm

While it would be good to see new faces in any of the positions, we are particularly looking for interested folks for the following positions as the current personnel are stepping down at the end of the year. Looking for nominees for:

President

Secretary

If you would like more information on these positions and what's entailed, please connect with them or any of the board members.

Of the current positions, the following have already expressed willingness to accept nominations/ chairperson-appointments 2025:

Vice President: David Bodo or Guy Learn

Treasurer: Karen Koseck

Newsletter/Photographer (Combined Position): Davette Glover

Website: David Bahm

You can also volunteer to help with any position. Let's make 2025 a fantastic year for BLFA!

A Friend in Need:

As we learn more about the aftermath of this latest hurricane, we've heard that our longtime member, **Betty Fairbanks**, has lost everything. She lives on Lake Thonotosassa near the base of Kingsway and Thonotosassa Road. The lake always fills up from routine larger rainstorms, but with all the rain from this monster storm now draining into the lake she will have nothing left, including her car.

Many members should remember her place as Betty hosted many paint-outs on her property lakeside.

And of course, in addition to the landscape, you might also remember the wonderful hot cinnamon buns that she made for the participants. Then, in regards to her art, you may remember her frog paintings that she is so well known for.

She is a good friend of Roxanne who has been in touch with her following the realization of the storm results and has this to say about Betty:

"She is a wonderful, giving Christian with the greatest attitude."

Roxanne says that she can certainly use our prayers. So please, let's rally around Betty. Nothing can be done at present and she is safe with her daughter. But look for more details concerning Betty's situation in the future.

This picture was taken in Betty's art studio when Roxanne went over to prepare for the Gift Gala (fundraiser for BLFA). Betty was going to donate her time for, handling the ornaments portion of the event.

The ornament she chose for the photo couldn't have been more appropriate.



BLFA

Gift Gala

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
6:00 - 9:00 PM



ORNAMENTS

\$20
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word PLAY challenge

We plan for each meeting to have a "wordplay" challenge where all participants write a single word of their choice, mix it into a hat and everyone picks a word (other than your own). Over the course of the following month, we create an artwork using any method you wish with the word you got as a theme... the more clever the better! At the following meeting we display them with the word indicated. Then we do the hat thing again for the next month...like a mini-art show for every meeting.

NO FRAMES NECESSARY. You may take the art or trade with other members, whatever you like!

BLFA Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

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

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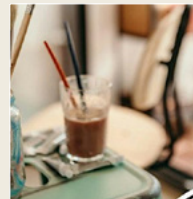
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Oil Painting

Chris Klein

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



Creative Meetup Open Studio

Friday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.

\$15 Per Person BYO Supplies and project



Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison

Beginner - Sat., Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.

\$25 Per Person BYO Supplies
(+ \$5 Supplies Included)

Beyond Basics - Sat., Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

\$25 Per Person BYO Supplies

Watercolor Open Studio (Assistance with projects) - Friday, Oct. 18, 1 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m.

\$25 Per Person BYO Supplies
(+ \$5 Supplies Included)



Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

Michele Young

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

\$25 Per Person BYO Supplies
(+ \$5 Supplies Included)



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September Meeting Highlights



FABULOUS





BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES
September 16, 2024
From Secretary, Carol Stebbins

David Bodo, (DB) opened the meeting at 6:30 PM, welcomed members and visitors.

DB introduced Karen Koseck, (KK), who presented the budget review, detailed major expenses and explained the League is operating at a deficit monthly. She asked for members to suggest ways to fundraise and cited previous events including a garage sale earlier this year, and the 10 x 10 art project to sell members' art as a fundraiser.

DB introduced Carol Stebbins, (CS), who provided attendance count for members and visitors.

DB introduced Roxanne Tobaison, BLFA Exhibit Chair (RT), who reviewed the process to enter artwork in the upcoming BLFA "Autumn" exhibit. She mentioned the Tampa Bay Cardiology locations where BLFA artwork is displayed and sold. Turnover will occur, opening the opportunity for new art to be displayed.

Member Christine Jacques presented a painting she produced in class with The Florida Highwaymen, African American artists who are famous for capturing Florida's natural landscapes using vivid and bright colors.

Her painting and recounting of her experience in the class was appreciated and applauded by the members.

Davette Glover (DG) captured the meeting events in photos to be published in the BLFA Newsletter and website.

DB solicited members' written entries for next month's Word Play exercise, and directed members to view this month's collection of art work created by members responding to last month's Word Play.

DB asked members to join a seated circle around a still life of assorted objects and sketch from one vantage. He and DG will present a 'surprise' at the next meeting created from the collected art produced from this still life exercise.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Support the BLFA

Buy an original piece for \$10 from one of our members.
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