



# 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 November 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Creative Junk Therapy, 776 W. Lumsden Road**

## Let's try some gesture drawing!



A gesture drawing 'warm up' exercise will be conducted for the November workshop presentation by Davette Glover and Carol Stebbins. This will entail members practicing in quick loose lines the capture of a shifting image, training the eye and hand to perceive movement and shape of form in loose, fluid lines. Focus will be on developing a reactive strategy to images in real time when committing the image to canvas or paper. Bring pad and paper, drawing media (pencils, charcoal, ink) to the meeting.



**\*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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Dineen Roeller, Chris Klein,  
Roxanne Tobaison,  
Karen Koseck, Carlene Earl

### Revolving Displays:

Roxanne Tobaison

### Shows:

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

**Website:** David Bahm

### Paint Out, Field Trips:

None currently scheduled

Anyone interested in  
volunteering to help out  
on any committee, contact  
[BLFABrandon@gmail.com](mailto:BLFABrandon@gmail.com)

Submit news, articles and  
photos to: Guy Learn at

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Let me start by congratulating the winners in our Autumn Art Show, and thanks again to all who participated and voted. In case you missed it, I'm happy to say that the winners are:

1st Place: Jennifer Milone  
2nd Place: Roxanne Tobaison  
3rd Place: Davette Glover  
Honorable Mention: Carlene Earl  
Honorable Mention: Chris Klein  
People's Choice: Doug Steinbarger

The November meeting marks the time for electing our officers for the 2025 calendar year. Unless anyone comes forward with new nominees (which will be quite welcome) between now and the meeting, the election will consist of voting yeah or neigh on these willing candidates:

President: David Bodo  
Vice President: Guy Learn  
Secretary: Carol Stebbins  
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Since the various chair positions are approved by the board, they will not be determined until the elected officers are determined for the 2025 year. So if you are interested in any of the chair positions, there's still time to come forward.

Another bit of business to take care of before years end is a review/audit of the BLFA funds. Per our bylaws, this should be done by two people. Fortunately, we need not look beyond our members to do this. The bylaws allow a BLFA member to perform this function. As of yet, no one has been identified, so if you have any experience with accounting, budgets or are just good with numbers, please let a board member know.

To try and get a better read on what our members would like to occur with our league, we will be sending out a survey. Copies will be available at the November meeting, and then emailed as well. We sure don't want to exclude those who can't make the meeting. With that in mind, if you have an idea of a topic appropriate for the survey, please send it to any of the board members.

And now another quote for the art world:

*“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.”*

Scott Adams





# 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).



QR code

**Thank you for supporting the Brandon League of Fine Arts**

## Leadership Messages

### From the **Secretary**

BLFA meetings offer an evening with your artistic peers, enjoyment of sharing and learning new techniques, and exposure to many different aspects of the creative experience. The input you provide in the Member Survey will be used to shape events and guide BLFA when offering programs of interest to you and other members. Please respond with your ideas and suggestions to improve the League, consider volunteering to make these good ideas a reality for members.

### From **Refreshments**

The 2024 year-end approaches, and the holiday party planning is already under way. Many hands make light work, assistance with set-up, decorations and other tasks is greatly appreciated. Please respond to [BLFABrandon@gmail.com](mailto:BLFABrandon@gmail.com) to volunteer, include your availability dates and times and skills, interests.

### From **Membership** Request for a BLFA Member's Directory

Some members have suggested that we make a "Member's Directory" available to league members. We can do this by making it available on-line (to members only). But before we do, we'd like to draw your attention to the following selection on the Membership Application: "Are you OK to have your information in the BLFA directory?" We will not include any information on members who have selected "No" If you are unsure of your selection, or wish to change or make stipulations concerning what information to include, please contact our Membership Chair, Carol Stebbins.

The BLFA continues to offer local artists a chance to meet monthly, and for planned events, where creative ideas and exhibits enhance your skill and display your talent. As we approach year-end, please respond to the email reminder to renew membership. The annual dues for a 12-month individual membership is \$40, family membership is \$50. These dues cover the rent for our meeting room, supplies and cost of workshops and exhibits, and other amenities. Payment instructions are included in the reminder email, and thanks in advance for renewing.



# HOLIDAY PARTY

December 16, 2024 • 6 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person • RSVP by Thursday, December 6

## Creative Junk Therapy

Members and their guests are invited to join in on our end-of-year holiday celebration. Dinner will include traditional fare, and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share (and serving utensils for that side). Also, as we did last year, a gift exchange will take place after dinner.

### Here's what we REALLY need to know as early as possible to help plan:

1. Do you plan on attending?
2. How many will be coming with you?
3. What dish will you be bringing?

### About the gift swap:

We haven't decided on the relative dollar value just yet. We encourage members to use their talent and create an appropriate gift. \*But we do realize that time to do so can be limited this time of year.

When deciding on the gift, keep this thought in mind: "Is this something I would enjoy getting?"

Please, no gag-gifts.

Sign up at the November meeting or you have these options to register and pay.

Pay by check and drop off or mailed to:

Creative Junk Therapy

(Attn: BLFA HOLIDAY), 772 West Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511

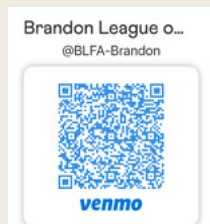
If you have a VENMO account, you can scan the QR code to make your reservation.

\*Which ever option you choose, PLEASE have your reservations made by Thursday,

December 6. It really helps with our planning.

If there are any questions, please email BLFABrandon@gmail.com.

Last year's party was a lot of fun — we hope to see you there!



## 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!

# Donations Requested for Hurricane Victims

Stormy skies and such can make for great subject matter when it comes to art. Unfortunately, the reality of nature goes well beyond the canvas and can be terribly cruel as we have seen in recent weeks. I was extremely lucky with these passing storms and sustained only "nuisance" damage. But all in our league were not so lucky. We have at least one member who lost virtually everything. In light of this, at the November meeting, we would like to take up donations for the league member/victim(s) who have been hit this hard. Please, due to the extreme devastation that has occurred, we ask that those who were more fortunate to give from the heart.

In my appreciation to anyone donating to the cause, I'll have a prints of a few pieces of my art for anyone making a donation to this cause, if they care to have one. More details will be available at the meeting.

## BLFA Helps the Art Factory

*from Guy Learn*

A local small businesses, "The Art Factory" at Winthrop Center, had some storm recovery to do as a shed that housed their kiln outside of their main facility had been ruined. Karen Koseck, as owner of "Creative Junk Therapy" certainly understands the challenges involved with a small business, and reached out to BLFA members on their behalf, to help with some minor cleanup, and assembly of a newly acquired shed.

Our vice-president, David Bodo, volunteered, and was a huge help with this effort. I assisted in a less taxing manner, just preparing the surface for the new shed. But David worked with a gentleman named Greg at the difficult task of deciphering some very poorly compiled assembly instructions, which had them de-assembling and re-assembling several portions of the new structure before it could be assembled correctly.

Marta, also with The Art Factory, was there to help us any way she could, which included providing a good lunch and plenty to drink.

After the dust had settled, and the kiln was again properly housed, we got an email from a very grateful Bryan Martinez, founder of Winthrop Arts, for our help with this effort.

Best wishes to The Art Factory as they pick up the pieces and recover!



# October Meeting Highlights





## BLFA GENERAL MEETING NOTES

October 21 2024

From Secretary, Carol Stebbins

BLFA President Guy Learn (GL) opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

The sale of 50/50 tickets was conducted by Lisa Soffel (LS).

GL announced the upcoming election of officers for 2025, which will be held at the next BLFA Member meeting November 18. He announced he will not be running for president for 2025, asked the members to submit their names for the positions of president and secretary. GL provided those positions currently held by members who have agreed to serve another year: Vice President – Guy Learn, Secretary – Carol Stebbins, Treasurer – Karen Koseck.

Key Chairs: Newsletter/Photographer (combined position) Davette Glover, Membership – Carol Stebbins, Website – David Bahm.

GL announced the BLFA holiday party will be held in December on the usual third Monday of the month, December 16, in lieu of a general meeting.

GL introduced Roxanne Tobaison (RT) who coordinated the Autumn art exhibit. GL announced the winners of the exhibit and Karen Koseck (KK) presented the award checks.

The winner of the People's Choice award will be announced at the end of the meeting.

RT announced the craft event in November, and asked for a volunteer to assist her with the ornament and card decoration. RT advised Betty Fairbanks (BF) had volunteered originally, but she lost her home and possessions in the hurricane and was not able to serve.

BF has been a member of BLFA in previous years, RT asked for members' prayers for BF during this difficult time.

Bonnie Phillips (BP) asked that BLFA conduct a fund raiser to assist BF. KK volunteered to assist RT with the craft event.

Chris Klein (KK) won the 50/50.

GL introduced Show and Tell from members David Bahm (DB) and David Bodo (DB). The members received the artwork and instructions with enthusiasm and questions.

GL introduced a visual presentation compiled by Davette Glover (DG) and David Bodo of still life drawings made by BLFA members in last month's drawing exercise. The drawings were made by members seated in a circle around a large assembly of objects creating the still life subject. Each piece represented a singular view of the still life; each drawing was a depiction of a slightly different view. The sequenced visual of these drawings made for an interesting work of art; members indicated they would like to repeat the exercise at another meeting.

GL directed members to view the submissions from last month's Word Play, and invited them to participate in next month's Word Play exercise.

GL announced the winner of the People's Choice Award, Doug Steinbarger.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 PM

## Support the BLFA

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

All proceeds benefit the BLFA.

10 X 10s  
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## BLFA Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

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

[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.



### Watercolor Classes

Roxanne Tobaison  
Beginner - Sat., Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.

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

Beyond Basics - Sat., Dec. 20, 1:30 p.m.

\$25 Per Person BYO Supplies

Watercolor Open Studio (Assistance  
with projects) - Friday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m.

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



### Creative Meetup Open Studio

Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.  
\$15 Per Person BYO Supplies and project



### Colored Pencils, Pastels and More

Michele Young  
Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

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



### Art and Soul Collage

Lois Miller  
Saturday, Nov. 30, 3-6 p.m.

\$35 Per Person  
Supplies included



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