



*August*  
2021 Newsletter



# President's Message

Hello Ocala Art Group Members:

I am IMPRESSED because not many ORGANIZATIONS can last 10 years, much less 70!!! I am also SCARED because over the past few years we have noticed our numbers declining and each year around this time, we question if the end is coming soon? At a recent Executive Board Meeting the current number of paid members was announced as 28. We were near 200 a while back!!!



I am Happy to say that this LOW number has NOT AFFECTED OUR SPIRIT!!!! While you all have been lolling around the pool and relaxing, our New Executive Board has been meeting actively through the Summer to streamline our Bylaws, set up a Budget, create a Survey to help us revamp our calendar of events; and we have been travelling all over Ocala networking to arrange for exciting new Art Show Venues that are BLOWING OUR MINDS AWAY!!!

NOW we are SCARED!!! What will happen to all these great things we are developing? If we only have 28 members, how will we be able to support these events?

So what if you can't hear? See? Drive? Paint? Bowl? remember? WE DONT CARE!!! WE STILL LOVE YOU AND WE STILL NEED YOU AND YOUR ART AND YOUR DUES of \$35!!! Don't prevent OAG from continuing to FLOURISH in the Art world or the Ocala Community!!! Send in your \$35 Dues to: Membership Chair Heather Doherty through the OAG post office box: OCALA ART GROUP P.O. BOX 772834 OCALA, FL 34477-2834 (the mailing address is on the membership form, too).

We will be having a variety of venues for you to enjoy! Check out our Website to see what we have to offer at: [ocalaartgroup.org](http://ocalaartgroup.org). and the Membership webpage: [Membership – Ocala Art Group](#) I guarantee you will enjoy the experience!!! We will be meeting at the Brick City Art Center on the second Monday of MOST months at NOON for Members. Some months we will be going to lunch or going on an adventure!!! You just have to check the Website to see where we will be.

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Sincerely,  
Leona (Lee) Asta, President



Wednesday, August 4

## Art –Venture—World Equestrian Center (WEC) Ocala 10 am

The Ocala Art Group members and friends will gather at the World Equestrian Center (1390 NW 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala). This is the largest Equestrian Complex in the United States. Please follow signs to the “**Equestrian**” hotel, park in their parking lot and **meet at 10 am in the EQUESTRIAN hotel lobby.**

We will browse through this elegant and impressive hotel that recently opened featuring artwork, a toy shoppe, a pastry shop, an ice cream and sweet shop in addition to a spa, fine dining restaurant and lounge and pub. There are many stores and boutiques to browse on the property including the many arenas and barns and future expansion areas yet to be completed.

Currently there are four restaurants on the property and many of those attending will meet at **Viola and Dot’s Italian Kitchen and Pizzeria at noon for lunch.**

**Please RSVP to Lee Asta by July 27 (Email: [dizasta3131@gmail.com](mailto:dizasta3131@gmail.com)) if you plan to come, even if you just want to join us for lunch .**

**Any questions please contact Gail at [gailbannock@gmail.com](mailto:gailbannock@gmail.com).**



A request from our President, Lee Asta

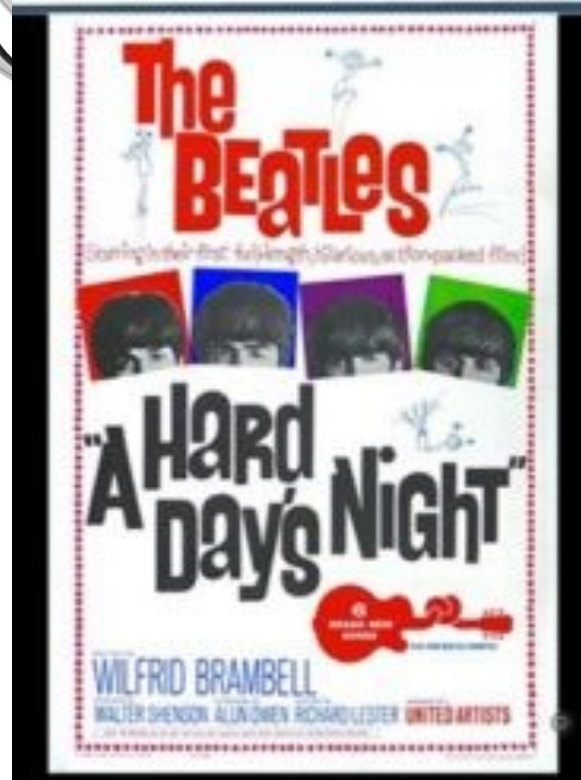
**Please wear red if you can**



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## CLASSIC MOVIE CHALLENGE

from Marion Historical Theatre in Ocala



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Monday, August 23, 2021

**DROP OFF:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 11am - 1 pm  
at Marion Theatre Lobby

**ART FOR FUNNY GIRL remains until PICK UP on:**  
September 2, 2021

So far we have has a wonderful reaction to the art that has been shown in the lobby of the Marion Theatre. This is a money maker for us since the theatre does not take any fees for our art shows.

Visit [Call to Artists – Ocala Art Group](#) webpage for details **and** downloadable Type-in-Forms

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*A reminder from your  
Membership Chairperson*



The time to renew your membership is NOW! Dues are renewable in June. If you are a new or past member and have joined since January you are fully paid up until June of 2022. If you are a member who paid dues for the 2019-2020 year it is time to renew. Email me - **Heather Doherty** at [jmdhld@aol.com](mailto:jmdhld@aol.com) and I will be happy to check the records.

**OAG Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day)

Membership: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership      \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Family                      \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and check to:

**Ocala Art Group  
P.O. Box 772834  
Ocala, FL 34477-2834**



# Member SPOTLIGHT

Executive Board Members at Installation Luncheon  
on June 9 at the  
Braised Onion Restaurant , Ocala



8th Ave. Gallery

*Justin Alsedek*  
*Uncertainty's Rainbow*

June 1 - August 20 Mon. - Sat., 8am - 5pm  
Plaza Lincoln , 8925 US-441 Leesburg, FL 34788

Fans of Justin at his Show Opening  
at 8th Avenue Gallery on June 5

Justin is the artist who created the  
beautiful mural in the courtyard at  
the Brick City Center of the Arts



# AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## Keep the second Monday – members meetings

### OAG

### Monthly Programs 2021

August 4, 2021 - World Equestrian Center Day Trip 10 am

August 24, 2021 - OAG Board Meeting at Braised Onion Restaurant 12 Noon

### OAG Classic Movie Challenge at Marion Theater

September Movie The Beatles - "Hard Days Night" Application Deadline - August 23 \$10 Entry Fee  
Pickup at Marion Theater Lobby "Funny Girl" Art and drop off "Hard Days Night" Art Sept.7, 11am - 1Ppm

### First Friday Art Walk - Will resume in September

Held the first Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m., September thru May takes place in Ocala's historic downtown. Performing and visual artists may participate by applying at [www.ocalafl.org/artwalk](http://www.ocalafl.org/artwalk).

### First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

Ocala Plein Air Painters (OPAP) Meet the 2nd Saturday each month

Contact: Rich Woy [Woyzrus@cs.com](mailto:Woyzrus@cs.com) or (352) 598-9069

### Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)

Meet Virtually 3rd Monday. To request the Zoom Link , email [info@ocalacalligraphy.org](mailto:info@ocalacalligraphy.org)

Ocala Figurative Artists (OFA) will resume meeting with a clothed model for drawing or painting on Thursday July 22. They will meet every first and third Thursday from 1-4 pm at the NOMA Gallery, 939 N. Magnolia Ave, Ocala. \$10 model fee. Questions, Contact Don Borie [donborie@gmail.com](mailto:donborie@gmail.com)

### The Villages Workshops [villageartworkshops.com](http://villageartworkshops.com)

ACTIVE CLASSES NEW LOCATION: Spruce Creek Professional Center  
10935 SE 177th Place - Ste 406, Summerfield, FL 34491

For questions or registration: Contact: Wanda Boyd [wboyd2009@yahoo.com](mailto:wboyd2009@yahoo.com) or (804) 536-1794  
Beverly Hennessy [bbaugh97@aol.com](mailto:bbaugh97@aol.com) or (352) 753-1383

Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS) Citrus Watercolor Society resumes monthly meetings on August 13 featuring door prizes, yummy snacks and treats and a 50/50 drawing. Then add in a give-away of a Tom Jones painting, is on the website [citruswatercolorociety.org](http://citruswatercolorociety.org)

### Visual Artist's Society Member's Show

SUMMER SPOTLIGHT XXIV Artistic Passion: A Unique Point of View June 1 - August 5, 2021  
Weber Center Gallery, College of Central Florida, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, FL

### Save the Date: Light Up Ocala Returns Saturday, November 20, 4 to 9 p.m. 2021)

Light Up Ocala is a longstanding community tradition that kicks off the holidays and attracts thousands of people to downtown Ocala. This year will mark the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. Thousands of lights will be displayed throughout the downtown area and will feature over 100 vendors including arts, crafts, interactive displays, live music and plenty of food options. Vendor, youth performance and Jr. Sunshine Parade applications are currently open. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 20, 5 p.m. Digital and hard copy [applications](#) are available. Sponsorship opportunities are also [available](#). For more information about upcoming holiday programming, visit [www.ocalafl.org/holidays](http://www.ocalafl.org/holidays) or call 352-368-5517

Keep checking our fabulous OAG website [ocalaartgroup.org](http://ocalaartgroup.org)  
for new updates!

Designed and managed by Barbara Fife

**Exciting things are in the works!**

OAG has a page on Facebook managed by Barbara Fife.  
Just request to join the group.

**Ocala Art Group**



**ONE BLOOD THEMES 2021**

Start painting now in preparation for upcoming themes.

Need A Volunteer(s) to  
Organize these Exhibits

THEMES: In the Mood  
Imitation of Life  
Secret World  
Art Outside the Lives  
Bright and Beautiful  
Seeing the Light

VOLUNTEERS needed for positions of HOSPITALITY Chair  
and One Blood Exhibit Chair

Interested parties contact Lee Asta [dizasta3131@gmail.com](mailto:dizasta3131@gmail.com)  
or Lynn King [sweptaway53@hotmail.com](mailto:sweptaway53@hotmail.com)

**Please send news items, awards and happenings to Jan Kizonak  
by the 20th of the month. [kizonakjan@gmail.com](mailto:kizonakjan@gmail.com)**

**Send any changes of contact information to  
Heather Doherty at [jmdhld@aol.com](mailto:jmdhld@aol.com)  
and/or [kizonakjan@gmail.com](mailto:kizonakjan@gmail.com)**



Stop in and Enjoy the Atmosphere



## HEADLINES

### YOUR NEWS COULD GO HERE!

Send your information for our September Newsletter to:

Jan Kiszona [kiszona@jan.com](mailto:kiszona@jan.com)

By August 20, 2021