

OCALA ART GROUP

Established 1950



JULY 2021
Newsletter

President's Message



June 2021...was an exciting month for me!!! On the FIRST of the month, I stepped into the shoes left behind by our DEAR outgoing President Sharon Harris. Sharon gave us a strong term of leadership, patience and stamina to get us back up on our feet from a somewhat tired 70 year old ORGANIZATION. We are now a revitalized art group due to her leadership and hard work!!! We could NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HER!!! Thanks so much for all your hard work Sharon and enjoy your "retirement"!!!

June 9th was my 28th Birthday....OH WAIT A MINUTE....I mean the REVERSE of that number!!! You would think I would be celebrating that day by sitting in a nice rocking chair relaxing....but I WAS NOT!!!! I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT I CAN DO FOR (and WITH) OAG as its NEW President. I AM WARNING YOU ALL: I have lots of ideas for new adventures! Some you may LIKE and some you may NOT!!!! I hope you will come to the Luncheons, Meetings and Brainstorming sessions so we can plan what we want to do with our dear OAG Group of Artists???? After all....IT IS YOUR GROUP!!!!

I am HONORED to be your PRESIDENT and, like Sharon Harris and other Presidents before me, I will work very hard for OAG's success. I do want you to know that I AM ONLY HUMAN!!! I will try my best to do what is BEST for YOU AND OAG!!! There will be times when you like what I say and do, and other times when you DON'T!!!! I APOLOGIZE FOR THESE ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT IN ADVANCE!!! Please think about why you are a member of OAG and what you would like OAG to do for you and WITH YOU!!! Answer upcoming Survey please!!!

NOW THAT THE PANDEMIC IS UNDER CONTROL.....This is the perfect time to GET INVOLVED again!!! We cannot hear your ideas if you are not here with us to share them at meetings, luncheons and ART ADVENTURES!!! Being with other Artists is an exhilarating experience for YOU AND THEM and you are missing out if you are not involved in the happenings of our group. We are ready to make being a member of OAG an exciting experience again, but we need you answering our Survey AND at our BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS to plan this exciting JOURNEY!!!

Thanks to second Vice President Gail Bannock and her Phantom Assistant, Linda DeLuca, the June Luncheon (with almost 20 in attendance) was a nice time for socializing and Brainstorming!!!...and of course: eating!!!! It was so lively that a couple of us even forgot to pay our Bills but corrected that the next day!!!!!!

July and August will be our "Hang Loose" months (no business meetings for members): July 14 will be a meeting for the Exec Board to meet and finalize Bylaws, Survey, Shows, and Calendar for coming year. August 4th will be for our members heading to the Worldwide Equestrian Center (aka. WEC) —friends and spouses welcome!!! Details will be on our website soon. September's second Monday will be our FIRST members meeting. Look for details on the website soon!!!

Can't wait to see you ALL! Hope everyone's painting for the next Marion Theater Classic Movie Show in July!!!!

Sincerely,
Leona (Lee) Asta ...President

**June
18**

Friday

Application Deadline

Call to OAG Artists

CLASSIC MOVIE CHALLENGE
from Marion Historical Theatre in Ocala

EXHIBIT
July 2021

FUNNY GIRL
BARBARA STREISAND OMAR SHARIF

OCALA ART GROUP

Application Deadline—June 18 Application Form and Artwork Labels: <https://ocalaartgroup/call-to-artists/>

**June
30**

Wednesday

Art Pick-up for "North Northwest" Theatre Exhibit

Drop Off for "Funny Girl" Theatre Exhibit

11 am - 1 pm

**July
14**

Wednesday

Board Meeting

at Marion Theatre 1 pm

Special Showing of "Funny Girl"

at Marion Theatre 2:30 pm

The Marion Theatre has invited all of our artists to see the **movie Funny Girl Wednesday, July 14th at 2:30 PM**. There will be a **box lunch** that can be purchased with your entry fee . The box lunch will be **catered by Stellas**. The **movie is free for currently paid OAG members, box lunch @\$12.00 and the entry fee \$10.00**. Please send your requests to Jan Tindall. Her info is on the Application Form. We are looking forward to continuing a creative experience.

*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 and I will be happy to check the records.

OAG Membership Application

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

SHARON HARRIS

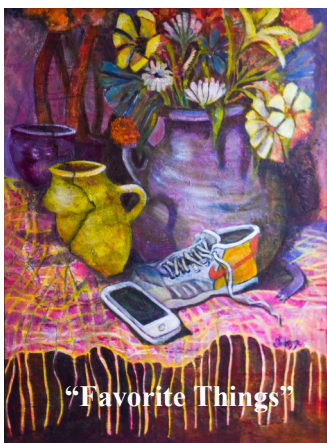
Designer, Painter, Play Director



A Texas native, Sharon was born in Ft. Worth and grew up in Grapevine, Texas. She moved to North Carolina in 1970 where she and her husband of 57 years, Mac Harris, lived before moving in 1998 to Citrus County, FL.

A 1973 graduate of Appalachian State University, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial and Fine Arts. Sharon is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who pursued a career in Architecture as a business owner and general contractor, then in 1993 retired to concentrate on her art.

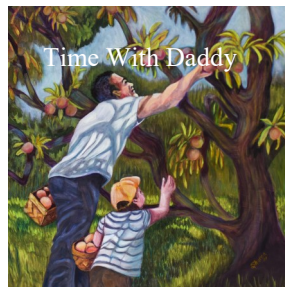
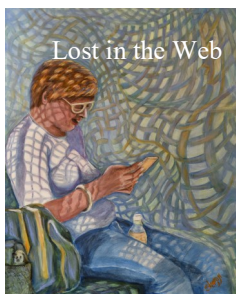
Art was a childhood interest for Sharon that continued throughout her adult life, where she achieved recognition and numerous awards as a clay sculptor and painter who exhibited from the North Carolina Museum of Art to regional art exhibitions across North Carolina and Florida. Her paintings and clay works are held in private collections in North and South Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, New Hampshire and Florida. After moving to Citrus County, she served as Vice President and then for six terms as President of the Art Center of Citrus County. During her presidency she dedicated her business skills toward building a state-of-the-art community theatre and renovate the existing, 1984 visual arts building located on the four-acre campus. The theatre was completed in 2003 and the visual arts building was renovated in 2007.



AWARD OF MERIT WEBER GALLERY

Since then she has served as a director of plays and musicals and performed as an actress in numerous plays. She created the Art Center's youth education program, is the former President of the Ocala Art Group and a member of the board for Acrylic Painters USA.

She has judged exhibitions for the Visual Arts Association, Villages Art Association, National Congressional Competition, District 11, and multiple competitions for Citrus County organizations. She works in a studio at her home and instructs others in drawing and painting in acrylics at the Art Center of Citrus County.





Acrylic Painters
U.S.A

2021 Juried Exhibition PROSPECTUS

Venue ArtCenter Manatee , Bradenton, Florida

Entry Deadline September 17, 2021

Show Dates October 26 – November 19, 2021

Reception Thursday, October 28, 5pm-7pm

\$1000 BEST IN SHOW Plus Nine Additional Awards

ENTRY DEADLINE: September 17, 2021

To enter show or visit our website, <http://www.acrylicpaintersusa.com>, and click “Enter Shows – EntryThingy”.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member or student member using acrylic medium. Accepted artwork must be original, at least 80% acrylic, and less than 3 years old.

DISPLAY RULES: Accepted works must be wired and ready to hang. Taped wire ends. Accepted art must be made available for the entire exhibit. Failure to exhibit work will result in the artist's ineligibility to enter APUSA shows for the next two years.

SIZE RESTRICTIONS: Maximum 1,600 square inches with an additional and optional 2" frame. Minimum size is 80 square inches.

FRAMED WORK: Frames must be PLAIN wood or metal, not to exceed 2" in width. For framed paper, use plexiglass - NO GLASS. Matting is optional. Any mat or liner must be White.

UNFRAMED CANVAS: Unframed canvas must be gallery wrapped with painted sides.

ENTRY FEES: \$45 for one or two images. APUSA 2021 Membership dues (\$35) must be current to enter. This year we are using EntryThingy for our entries. To submit work, visit our website, www.acrylicpaintersusa.com, and click Enter Shows-EntryThingy. Fees and dues may be included in one payment online via PayPal (PayPal also allows payment with a credit card) located at EntryThingy.

DELIVERY: Accepted painting may be hand delivered to ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. West, Bradenton. FL 34205 on October 23, 2021 from 9am to noon.

SHIPPED PAINTINGS must arrive between October 19 and 22, 2021, at ArtCenterManatee 209 9th St. west, Bradenton, FL 34205. Include a \$20 check paid to ArtCenterManatee for handling and repacking. and include a prepaid return shipping label. ArtCenter Manatee agrees to encourage sales and receives a 35% commission on sold paintings.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline: September 17, 2021 Acceptance Notification: October 1, 2021

Drop Off Date: October 23, 2021 9am to noon Shipped Receiving Dates: October 19, 20, 21, 22, 2021

ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Reception and Awards: October 28, 2021 5pm-7pm

Pick-up Dates November 20, 2021 9am-noon Return Shipping will take place the following week.



AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OAG Monthly Programs 2021

July 14, 2021 - Executive Board Meeting at Marion Theater 1PM

OAG Classic Movie Challenge at Marion Theater

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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.

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 or (352) 598-9069

Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)

Meet Virtually 3rd Monday. To request the Zoom Link , email info@ocalacalligraphy.org

The Villages Workshops 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 or (804) 536-1794
Beverly Hennessy bbaugh97@aol.com or (352) 753-1383

Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS) Citrus Watercolor Society is not meeting face-to-face until August, but they are now offering live online watercolor workshops on Zoom. Information is on the website citruswatercolorsociety.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

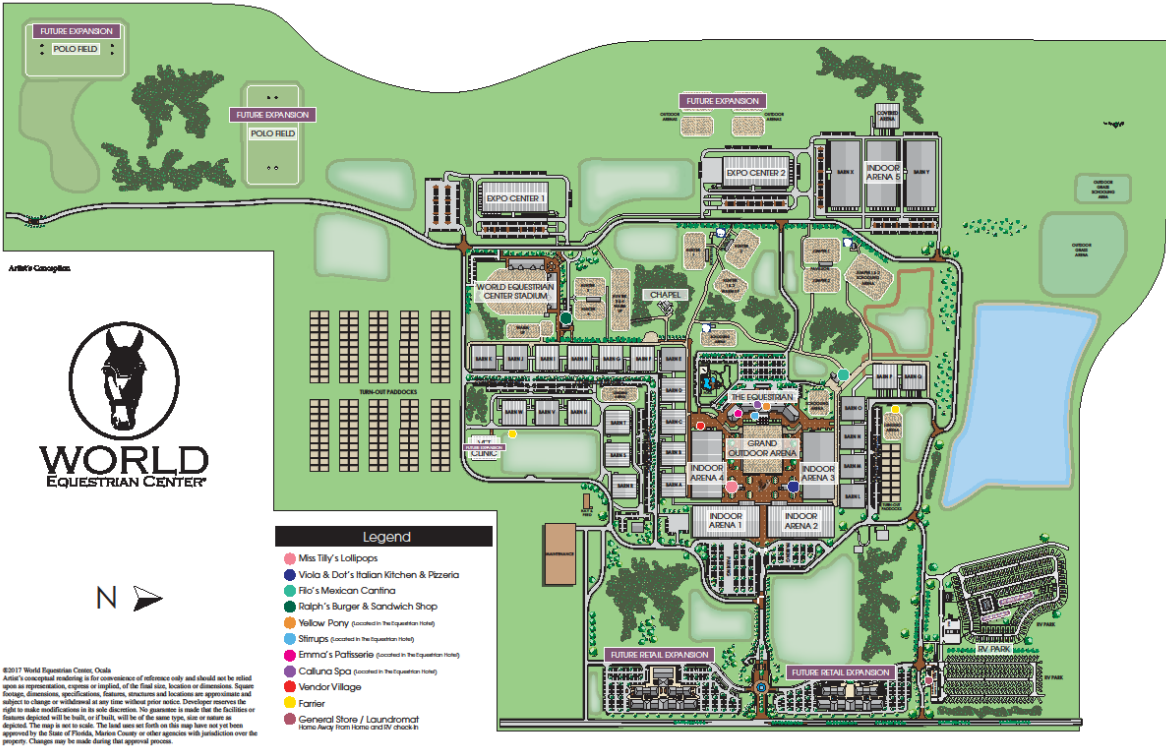
Upcoming in August



Wednesday, August 4th – 10am - The Ocala Art Group members and friends will gather at the World Equestrian Center (1390 NW 80th Avenue, Ocala). This is the largest Equestrian Complex in the United States. For those attending please follow signs to the Equestrian Hotel, park in their parking lot and meet at 10am in the 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. You need not RSVP and if you want to go directly to meet for lunch please be at the Italian restaurant at noon.

Any questions please contact Gail at gailbannock@gmail.com.

FOLLOW SIGNS FOR THE EQUESTRIAN



Keep checking our fabulous OAG website 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.

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

**Need A Volunteer(s) to
Organize these Exhibits**

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

Interested parties contact Lee Asta dizasta3131@gmail.com
or Lynn King sweptaway53@hotmail.com

**Please send news items, awards and happenings to Jan Kizonak
by the 20th of the month. kizonakjan@gmail.com**

**Send any changes of contact information to
Heather Doherty at jmdhld@aol.com
and/or kizonakjan@gmail.com**