

JUNE 2021 Newsletter



Established 1950 - Celebrating 71 Years Devoted to the Arts

President's Message



As June 2021 approaches, I think I can speak for Sharon Harris and myself when I say we are looking forward with "Joyful anticipation" to things to come...Sharon as our outgoing President and my stress and challenges solving problems due to the "PANDEMIC" issues. WOW! To say you did a phenomenal job would be an understatement!!! We ALL appreciate your sacrifices to help OAG continue on the path towards growth and positive achievements. You certainly will be a "tough act to follow" and we appreciate your offer of remaining in the background for advice AND support to help us continue on this positive journey.

I'd like to thank those of you who have already come forward to help fill positions on the board as well as with the MANY exciting venues that are on our horizon!!! We still need some more positions filled so that we can develop some VERY, VERY exciting art opportunities!!! Check out our terrific Newsletter (Jan Kiszonak) and Website (Barbara Fife) to get the details as they develop, if you cannot attend our June 9th Luncheon.

I DO HOPE I WILL SEE YOU ALL AT OUR BEAUTIFUL LUNCHEON planned by Second Vice President Gail Bannock!!! This will take place on **Wednesday, June 9th at Noon at the Braised Onion in Ocala**. This restaurant has been a loyal Sponsor of OAG for years and it is nice to finally be able to show them our appreciation!!!! Lunch will be on your own, but I want to say that this restaurant has a lovely affordable menu featuring homemade soups, salads and Quiches. Please email Gail if you plan to attend so she can reserve your seat. At this Luncheon, we will transition from the PRESENT Board to the incoming Officers as well as *brainstorm* briefly a new idea or two. For those who cannot attend this event, please do COMPLETE the online Survey that Barbara is providing to our Members. YES...you may have already filled out one last year, but things change over the year and perhaps your situation has also, which would present different responses.

We will not be having Members Meetings during the Summer as we hope to be meeting then with Committees to get all of our ART VENUES in place for the coming year. We do hope to have a trip planned for the second Wednesday of August to the new and exciting (so we've been told!!) Equestrian Center in Ocala. Transportation will not be provided, but CARPOOLING is recommended. Details are being worked on, so check out the Newsletter for details. If you'd like to help with this trip, contact Gail Bannock who is working out details.

Here are some new events we are working on: Art Shows at the Reilly Theater; Music 'n 'Art at the new Black Box Theater at the Reilly; Pop up Art Show at NOMA Art Gallery in April 2022; Brick City Art Center Show February 2022;Mixer of Young and Mature Artists this summer at NOMA just to name a few Venues we are developing.....

Come to meetings starting in September on the Second Monday at the Brick City Art Center. Save the second Wednesday for TRIPS and special doings

.DONT BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD during this exciting year ... WE NEED EVERYONE'S INVOLVEMENT AND ART IF WE WANT TO REMAIN AN IMPRESSIVE AND VIBRANT ART ORGANIZATION!!!!

Sincerely,
President Lee Asta

JUNE MEETING

June 9, 2021 12 Noon
Braised Onion Restaurant
754 N.E. 25th Avenue
Ocala, Fl



AGENDA

Thank You to Outgoing Officers and
Installation of New Officers 2021 - 2022 Term

Our New Board of Directors and Officers

President - Lee Asta

First Vice President of Exhibitions - Lynn King

Second Vice President of Programs - Gail Bannock

Secretary - Joanie Ford

Treasurer - Marcelle Schvimmer

Membership - Heather Doherty

Publicity - Iris Kaplan

Newsletter - Jan Kiszonak

Website/Facebook - Barbara Fife

Member SPOTLIGHT



Joanie Ford

Expressing the Beauty in Life

Joanie Ford has been passionate about creating art since she was young. Early in life, the subject of her paintings were landscapes and nature. She has displayed her work in galleries and local fairs. She has always enjoyed the view, considering where it came from and how it was created. She has studied art and photography, worked as an artist, photographer and graphic artist. Her dream is to share her work, and her passion is to encourage “the artist” in everyone and to ask questions about life, which adds another dimension of joy to her life.

Painting the portrait began as a love when creating and enhancing photographic images in her portrait studio. Due to her lifelong desire to gain insight into the human spirit, this style remains an artistic passion. She believes that portrait artists are ever inquiring students of life, observing what creates a look, posture, the feelings and spirit of the subject.

Joanie has competed in Professional Photographers of America National and Minnesota competitions from 1988 to 2005 as a photographer, artist and retoucher. Through the years she has studied with many known artists. In 1995 she received her Accredited Artist degree from the Minnesota Professional Photographers Association. Subsequently she received her Accredited Photography degree in 1997 and her Accredited Retouching degree in 1999. In July of 2003, she was the first and only person to receive all three National degrees at one time. These include Master Artist, Master Photographer and her Photographic Craftsman degree. She has served on the following boards and is Past President of the American Photographic Artist Guild, the Minnesota Photographic Specialists and the Minnesota Professional Photographers. In 2015 Joanie Ford received the Lifetime Achievement from the Minnesota Professional Photographers Association. Joanie loves to paint and play piano in her free time. In 2018 she moved to Ocala Florida and has rededicated herself to expression of fine art through painting.

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You Are Invited to the Reception

CLASSIC MOVIE CHALLENGE from Marion Historical Theater in Ocala

We are pleased to announce that you are invited to attend the reception of The Marion Theatre Classic Movie Challenge.

The reception is actually 3 - 4:30 on June 10. This is the latest information about the reception itself so I am sending that to you as well.

The challenge is to create an original 2D picture inspired by the Featured Classical Movie each month at the Theater. You may participate for any or all future months. See the website for details www.ocalaartgroup.org.

The movie for June 2021 is **Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest"** starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason. The artwork will be up for sale for the entire month. This looks like it will develop into a wonderful avenue for exposure to the fine artists from our group.

The Marion Theatre bar will be open serving a full bar with a specialty cocktail themed for the evening and inspired by *North by Northwest*

1. Admission will be covered for all Ocala Arts Group members to enjoy the event, film, and free small popcorn. A code will be given to all OAG members that they can use online to redeem tickets.
2. All other guests are invited to attend that evening to see the OAG artwork, mix with the artists and enjoy the film,

We are excitedly looking forward to this event and to seeing you there,

AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OAG Monthly Programs 2021

**June 9, 2021 - Installation of Officers and Luncheon
At the Braised Onion Restaurant**

***PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE MEETING TO Install OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

OAG Reception at Marion Theater Classic Movie Challenge

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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 citruswatercolorssociety.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




AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Hours: Thursday-Saturday : 12pm - 6pm

The NoMa Gallery is a collaborative artist workplace located in a historical Coca-Cola Bottling building. The location also acts as a pop up art gallery, where art events and pop up art shows will house group and solo exhibitions to display all of the beautiful works of art to the public.

Selected artists will have lectures, workshops and teach a wide range of subjects that involve fine arts, dance, music, flow arts and applied arts. Home of the ArtCastle.

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June 5th
4 PM - 10:30 PM

NATHAN MILLER
SOLO EXHIBITION

8th Ave Gallery
1531 NE 8th Ave
Ocala, FL

Justin Alsedek
Uncertainty's Rainbow
June 1 - August 20 Mon. - Sat., 8am - 5pm
Plaza Lincoln, 8925 US-441 Leesburg, FL 34788



LEESBURG ARTS
NO CULTURE BUILDS FLORIDA
UA
PLAZA LINCOLN

RECEPTION

June 5 - 4 - 10:30PM

8th Avenue Gallery
1531 Northeast 8th Avenue,
Ocala, FL

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



Need A Volunteer(s)
to Organize these
Exhibits

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

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

Interested parties contact Sharon Harris clayart@tampabay.rr.com

Questions regarding details contact Jan Kizonak kizonakjan@gmail.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
kizonakjan@gmail.com and sue_primeau@yahoo.com**



OAG Membership Application

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership: New _____

Renewal _____

Single Membership \$35 _____

Family Membership \$50 _____

Mail application and check to:

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

Welcome to the Ocala Art Group

The Ocala Art Group, Inc. (OAG) is a not-for-profit educational corporation. Membership is open to all who share an interest in fine arts. The objective of the OAG is to provide programs that appeal to every art enthusiast.



Ocala Art Group Web Site
<http://www.ocalaartgroup.org>

And Facebook
[http://www.facebook.com/
groups/ocalaartgroup/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ocalaartgroup/)

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the
Brick City Center for the Arts
23 SW Broadway
unless otherwise posted.

Meeting time is 11:00am with a program to follow