



October 2021

Newsletter

Celebrating 71 Years Est. 1950

President's Message



Since becoming OAG's President in June, I have experienced the gamut of emotions!!! I AM SO IMPRESSED, THAT I WANT TO SHARE WHAT I AM EXPERIENCING WITH YOU!!!!!!!

First, I often find myself near(or in) tears! I wish you could be there when this happens, so you could see what I am experiencing!!! OAG has such an amazing **Board of Directors!!! NOT ONLY DO THEY KNOW HOW TO DO THEIR JOBS, BUT THEY DO MORE THAN ASKED!!!! I HAVE BEEN ON MANY BOARDS, BUT THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME!!!**

Second, are our **Members!!!** We had our first meeting on the 13th of September. We only had around 20 Attendees, but that was enough for me!!! I sent out a couple of my famous "Yellow Legal Pad Sign Up sheets" and guess what? They actually came back with volunteers' names on them!!! That is another first for me!!! (NEARLY FAINTED WITH THAT ONE!!!)

Third, comes our **Community of Ocala** which is so wonderfully friendly and supportive of OAG. If we ask for a Donation, they give DOUBLE or more at times. If we suggest we use their facilities for an art venue, we go away with a couple of offers to fulfill our requests.

Fourth, is our dear **Brick City Art Center** which has offered so much support to OAG – past as well as NOW!!!

Without all the above , OAG would not have reached its 71st year!!! We are so grateful for all this support and thank you all!!!! Now you can see why I have been so affected by my Presidency so far?

WELL.as your new President, I had the idea to set up a September Membership Drive for attracting 70 "DUES PAYING MEMBERS" ...BUT I AM CHANGING THIS!!! I want to make the new goal 71 in honor of its **71st year** that is now being celebrated!!! You may have been a past member and dropped out because of failing eyesight or disinterest in painting or ??? Or YOU MAY JUST BE A HOBBYIST WHO IS INTIMIDATED BY ART IN ART SHOWS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN? Or you may be a PROFESSIONAL ARTIST who just does art for a career? Whatever your interest in ART?

Check out our recent SURVEY on our WEBSITE and you will see we represent every category of ART LOVER THERE is out THERE...even if you just like to buy art we have something for you!!!

SO—we are inviting you all to help us reach the NEW GOAL of 71!!! We ARE ALMOST THERE. **55!** Check the WEBSITE and the NEW THERMOMETER CHART to see where we are headed.

Check our WEBSITE and READ OUR NEWSLETTER To KEEP INFORMED AS TO WHAT WE ARE UP TO!!! WE NEED MORE ARTISTS TO HELP US FULFILL OUR WONDERFUL ADVENTURES!!!

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Monday October 11th at 11:30 (bring your lunch on the Patio) or at our next MEMBERS' trip to the Leesburg art sites in November!!!

VISIT: ocalaartgroup.org and see what we are up to next!!! You will be amazed!!!

Sincerely,
President , Lee (Leona) Asta

Board of Directors

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Joanie Ford

Creating a Painting from Your Photo

Monday, October 11, 2021 Meeting—12 PM
Program follows at 12:30 PM

\$ Cost—free
Location—Brick City Center
for the Arts
23 SW Broadway
Ocala, FL

Joanie Ford comes from a background of photography, serving the photograph portrait industry for 35 years. She received many awards for her accomplishments during that time, both in her native state of Minnesota as well as Nationally.

She has studied the brain and the mind and has learned of the many common attributes between creativity, art, love and spirit.

Her goal, for her presentation in October is to show you how to simplify the process of choosing what photograph to take in regard to landscapes and the process of getting the information in the photograph to the stage where the painting begins.



JOANIE FORD



A REQUEST FROM JOANIE

To make this interesting and include group participation she asks for five members to send her a photograph they have taken.

These images will be used during the presentation. Please send your photograph by September 15th to joanieford3@yahoo.com.

Message From Our 1st Vice President

Lee and I are expecting a meet date in October to discuss possible exhibition/workshop space with the following . . .

1.

- Gallery B
405 East Silver Springs Blvs., Ocala, Fl 34470
- A Painter's Palette LLC
2169 North East 14th Street. Ocala, Fl 34470
- South State Bank
1632 East Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Fl 34470

2.

- NOMA
Have a "Pop up Show" scheduled in April - two days, reception, judged and juried/ "Mixer for Young and Older" . . . This probably won't happen due to current COVID concerns.

3.

CITY SPACES (Ocala Cultural Arts Department)
For information call Leslie Nottingham at 352-629-8447,
email [annie @artinfo@ocalafl.org](mailto:annie@artinfo@ocalafl.org).

Art is displayed at:

- City Hall
Recreation/Parks Dept.
Barb Gaskin Adult Center
Airport



Exhibits can be an Art Group or a singular Artist. No fees,.
City collects 30% on sold pieces.

4. Iris Kaplan, Publicity Chair reports

- Marion Theatre -Hard Days Night - No further Shows
- Reilly - No shows until January

Lynn King, *First Vice President of Exhibitions*

Message From Our Webmaster

Members Section Added to the Ocalaartgroup.org Website!

Ocala Art Group values our members. We want to showcase our artists and recognize your artwork. To celebrate our Members, we are adding three new pages to the website <https://ocalaartgroup.org>

1) Spotlight on Members to celebrate your Awards and Achievements; 2) Links to Members' Personal Art Websites; and 3) A Members' Gallery

AWARDS- Have you received an award or special recognition for your work? Or completed a special art project? Please send an email to ocalaartgroup1950@gmail.com with a paragraph about the art competition, project, or art achievement AND a high quality digital image of the featured artwork. Be sure to include your name as you wish it to appear in the article.

ART WEBSITE – Do you have a personal art website to promote your work? OAG would like to include the link to your website. Please send an email to ocalaartgroup1950@gmail.com with one high-quality image of your art along with the link to your website.

MEMBERS' GALLERY – Whether you have a personal website or not, as a Member of OAG you are invited to submit three digital images of your art to be added to our Members' Gallery. Please name each image with your Last Name-FirstName-Title Of Work . A file name would look like: Picasso-Pablo-The Old Guitarist *Note the use of hyphens instead of spaces in the filename.* Please send the email with the 3 high-quality image files to ocalaartgroup1950@gmail.com

We look forward to putting your art in the spotlight!

Barbara Fife , Webmaster



Message From Our Corresponding Secretary, Marion Savage

Some of our dear friends have had some difficulties this past month. We have sent cards to them to show our love and support. Please do the same to show your personal support to our Members:



Contact email:

Msavage24@cfl.rr.com

GOING TO THE MOVIES - September 25, 2021

Well! Well! Well! What's going on here? Laughing? Red shirts? Lunch? Talking? Oh! Now I figured it out!!! It's those OAG artists again!!! Ok so where were they off to? In a short survey as they were leaving, they commented: "we just saw the Classic Movie:" A Hard Days Night" starring the Beatles. So? How was it? Comments: The music was great! The story was long! The theater was chilly! It was better if we were seeing it in the 1960's!!! (we'd be younger too!!!) The OAG Art Show was beautiful! People were actually seen studying the art!!!! I'd go to the next one! The theater downstairs was nicely redone!



The Luncheon venue had to be changed to the **Braised Onion** at the last minute, but everyone who attended had a great time!

Attending Heather Doherty and new members: Dori Sullivan, Nancy Sepe, Sheila Sugerman; Glori Kohlmann; Jan Kiszona and Lee Asta:

Member SPOTLIGHT

*If you are a Member and have a solo exhibition, award, or special art project, send your news to:
ocalaartgroup1950@gmail.com*



Venetian Gardens!

Linda DeLuca, OAG member, recently completed this mural of Venetian Gardens. The mural was painted inside the Morrison Opportunity Thrift Shop in Leesburg. Linda generously gave of her time and talent to paint this beautiful artwork for the Thrift Shop.

Member SPOTLIGHT

New Gallery showing for Sharon Repple

For years, Sharon Repple's paintings have been seen in Mount Dora at Renninger's Antique Mall in Florida Faience Gallery on The Street of Shops. Recently, she joined a new gallery in Wildwood, FL. Jill Goden opened Jill's Unique Creations at 819 S Main Street a couple of months ago.



Kelly Batson-Howard has solo show recently hung at Plaza Lincoln in Leesburg through a collaboration with Leesburg Center for the Arts in their new venue CFA Plaza located there. Our opening will be October 6th, 5:30-7 PM ***Congratulations, Kelly!***



Lump Family Portraits
Kelley Batson-Howard

OPENING RECEPTION
OCTOBER 6, 2021 5:30-7:00 PM
CFA PLAZA AT PLAZA LINCOLN LEESBURG

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 _____

Release of Liability: Ocala Art Group shall not be liable for any injury to Artist, or for any damage or loss of Artist's work. Artist agrees to assume all risk of damage to or loss of his/her own art from whatever cause.

In addition, Artist agrees that all members of the Board of the Ocala Art Group shall not be liable for any actual, consequential, or other damages or losses to Artist arising out of Board or Board members' decisions regarding the operations of the Ocala Art Group or events sponsored by such group.

Please sign _____

Mail application and check to:

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



Coming **ATTRACTIONS** *Save the Date*

Ocala Art Group Trip – Destination Leesburg Wednesday- November 10th

Join us as we view area art exhibits, enjoy lunch together and shop at DK Art Supply in Leesburg. Many of us enjoyed Dennis from DK's presentation at our September meeting and wanted to visit and shop at his store so we planned a trip! We can meet at the following locations and carpool if you choose. Please consider wearing red so we'll stand out on this fun day with artist friends new and old! Contact Gail Bannock with any questions... gail-bannock@gmail.com or 860-877-0001

OUR STOPS

- **First Stop at 10:45am – 11:15am**
Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central Lady Lake, We will get a chance to view this show at La Galleria because it will be a model for our February Brick City Show.
- **Second Stop at 11:45am – 1pm**
Cracker Barrel Restaurant, [9450 Hwy 441, US 441 & College Dr.](#) Leesburg
- **Third Stop at 1pm – 2pm**
DK Art Supply and Framing, 9916 US-441, Leesburg – Owner Dennis Kaminski will be available to assist us with proper choices for our artistic needs.
- **Fourth Stop (optional) 2:15pm**
Leesburg Center for the Arts, 429 W. Magnolia St. Leesburg – We will view the current show at this great Arts Center and stroll this charming area if time permits.

CARPOOLING LOCATIONS

- **Hobby Lobby Parking Lot**, 2400 SW College Road, Ocala – Park towards the back of the parking lot towards Blockers Furniture. **Meet at 10am (leave at 10:10am for Hacienda Rec. Center)**
- **Villages Art Workshops, Spruce Creek Professional Center**
10935 SE 177th Place - Suite 406-407, Summerfield, (Turn off of Hwy. 441 between the McDonalds and the CVS drug store, which is SE 178th Place. At the stop sign, turn right on to SE 109th Avenue and go to the end of the road. Workshops are conducted in suites 406-407. The location is across from the Walmart on Hwy. 441.) - **Meet by 10:25am (leave at 10:35am for Hacienda Rec Center) Although this is a meeting place, you may want to get there early to pop inside to get a peek at this great art school.**
- **Hacienda Recreation Center**, 1200 Avenida Central, Lady Lake – **Meet at 10:45am**



AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Keep the second Monday – members meetings

OAG Monthly Programs 2021

October 11, 2021 - OAG Board Meeting at Brick City Center for the Arts 11- Noon
Brief Members' meeting at 12 PM followed by a program
presented by Joanie Ford : Creating a Painting from your Photo
MAKE YOUR ARTWORK STAND OUT!

HOMEWORK for Attendees Bring an Index Card listing your favorite Artist and be surprised as to WHY!

First Friday Art Walk - October 1 - 6PM

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 and Arthur Appleton's Birthday Weekend Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 16-17 at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

New Exhibit October 9 "Heart of the Horse:Photographs by Juliet Otteren"

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 3rd Monday at Library Headquarters. To request the Zoom Link , email 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

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 resumes monthly meetings on second Friday Painting of the Month, Social with light refreshments, Program: citruswatercolorssociety.org

- **Save the Dates: 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 37th 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. . For more information about upcoming holiday programming, visit www.ocalafl.org/holidays or call 352-368-5517

Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau November 6 - January 9 at Appleton
and **A Dickens Christmas** returns to the Appleton November 16 - January 9

Keep checking our fabulous OAG website ocalaartgroup.org
for new updates!

Designed and managed by Barbara Fife, Webmaster

Exciting things are in the works!

OAG has a page on Facebook managed by Barbara Fife, Webmaster.
Join the group!

[Click FB the link below.](#)



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
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**