



November

2021

Newsletter

Celebrating 71 Years

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President's Message

In the coming year of my presidency, we will focus on the OAG Mission Statement which says: "We will support and encourage among Members and the Public an appreciation of art".

A GOOD START is with our members getting involved in our Fine Arts Show in February, "STROKE OF GENIUS". The only thing I knew about the 3 Artists chosen was that I was NOT REALLY APPRECIATIVE of their art style. They were too Realistic! THANK GOODNESS that this SHOW is not about COPYING! It will, however, still be very challenging to us all to find one piece that inspires us ENOUGH to CREATE something totally outside of our comfort zone. I hope you and I can meet this challenge to follow the "STROKE OF GENIUS" and learn something new. I've already started researching their lives and WOW what I am learning. Check out the newsletter and Website for more details!

Continuing to support our Mission Statement, our terrific Board Members have been very busy setting up some COOL new art show venues as well as some new projects to benefit the public. I do hope you will be interested enough to come to our BUSINESS PART of the General Members meeting at NOON. You will then get to hear developing details about these new projects and see where you can get involved. With these projects we will be focusing on the Public and do an INTERGENERATIONAL MIXER for Artists just starting out in their career, mixed with our more MATURE Professional Artists and all the knowledge they can share with one another. With INTERGENERATIONAL ARTISTS in mind, we would also like to develop a "STARVING ARTIST" Scholarship which would not only benefit the GRADUATE ARTIST but also OAG, with little or no cost to us.

Included in our goal is to educate others. By this, we hope to establish a WORKSHOP as well as smaller painting groups/sessions for our members. Additionally, our ART SHOW VENUES are growing with leaps and bounds to offer a wide variety and level of art shows...challenging and fun at the same time!

Of course, our very interesting and impressive Demos also are educational for attendees, but OAG IS ABOUT MORE THAN DEMOS! We love to socialize and explore interesting things and places and of course, find nice places to eat lunch together.

Our diligent Board of Directors is dedicated to making OAG an exciting entity. We not only need your ART for this but your ideas, energy and input. If you want to see us do something, tell us! BUT ABOVE ALL...come to the meetings to support us... and get involved!

Sincerely,
Leona (Lee) Asta, President

P.S. While these are the GOALS I am setting for OAG, YOU should set a goal for yourself: to have everyone know your name WITHOUT using a name-tag! VOLUNTEERING IS THE ANSWER FOR THIS! Let Lee know if you want to help with any of these or if you'd like to BRAINSTORM with her!



Meeting Information



OAG Monthly Programs 2021

November 8, 2021 - OAG Board Meeting at Brick City Center for the Arts 10:45

Bring your lunch and enjoy conversation with OAG artists in the Brick's Courtyard before the Meeting and Program

Brief Members' meeting at 12 PM followed by a program presented by Lee Kline: MAKING A SKETCHBOOK JOURNAL See the following Pages for interesting details

A LOOK BACK AT OCTOBER'S MEETING AND DEMO



Lee Kline

Making a Sketchbook Journal

Monday, November 8, 2021 Meeting—12 PM

Program follows at 12:30 PM

\$ Cost—free

Location—Brick City Center
for the Arts
23 SW Broadway
Ocala, FL



LEE KLINE

In 1962 (many years ago!) I received my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. My work was in straight advertising design from 1962 through 1967, working for various advertising agencies and design studios, when I accepted a job in 1967 at Ohio University as a graphic designer. From there, I worked at Illinois State University, Elmira College, Florida International University and Miami-Dade College until my retirement in 2005. Through the years, at my various stints in higher education, I have taught drawing and watercolor. Since retirement we have lived in Lake County, Florida where I draw nearly every day. I began keeping sketchbook journals after I moved to Lake

PLEIN AIR!

We will go out on the adjoining patio if weather permits after Lee's presentation. If you would like to sketch along with Lee, please bring paper and a pencil or a fine point marker.



a few days ago I came upon a dead raccoon. It lay next to a tall pine and had not yet been discovered by woodland scavengers. Three days later I returned and the raccoon was gone. All that remained was a faint odor of animal decay. Black Vultures do their work to clean the

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She came in alive and took a seat next to a man near her carriage. There were many empty chairs that early, so I wondered if she knew him.

But they did not speak, of the many people in the waiting room, she was the youngest. She spent all of her waiting time looking at her phone.



STEAMPUNK 1/21



This couple are a team of vendors at the Mount Dora, FL STEAMPUNK Festival. They willingly sat for photos and for my sketching. Confession: I drew each separately and assembled them in this composition. The woman models outfits one may assemble. Most Steampunkers did not have her flair, but they are fearless costume players!

Studio continued... Jan calls this her living room. We seldom use it, so I draw in a journal. I am sitting on the couch in my studio. It may be a 5 1/2 room for.



I'M OLD! ↓ NOT MUCH TIME LEFT, NOW.

1 IN TIME OF COVID...



2 MY WARRANTY COULD EXPIRE AT ANY TIME...



SO FAR, SO GOOD...

AND THEN WHAT NEXT?



3 NATURE SHOWS ON TV ARE THE ONLY STUFF THAT DOESN'T PISS ME OFF. (ON TV, THAT IS...)



4 NOT MUCH LONGER... (NEW)

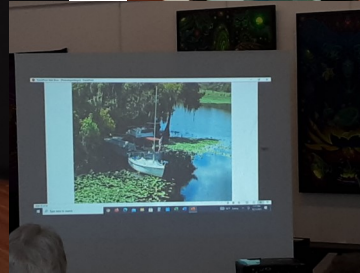
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October Demonstration by Joanie Ford

Joanie showed us that there is much to consider before we begin a painting. She shared with us the tools that help translate what we saw through the camera lens, and how to use the principles of composition to bring our vision to life in a painting that draws the viewer into a magical scene. Thank you, Joanie!



Joanie Ford – Professional Photographer & Accomplished Artist –
Photos for this article courtesy of Gail Bannock

To learn more about Joanie Ford,
see ocalaartgroup.org/posts#Oct-11-21 (click here)

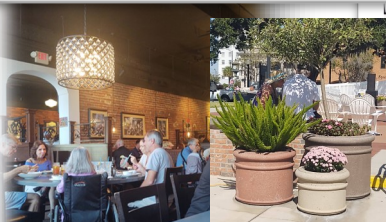
Volunteers on the Job



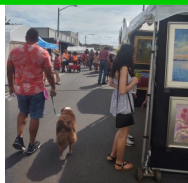
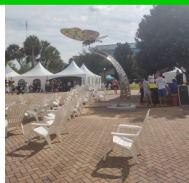
Lynn King, Lee Asta, Joanie Ford

Representing OAG at the “Applaud the Arts” Annual Awards by MCA, Champagne Brunch held this year at the Ocala Civic Theatre on October 10.

Festival of the Arts Presented by Fine Arts For Ocala - Saturday, October 23, 2021



OAG is not always “All work!!!” We do manage to get some playing in as you can see here!!! Jan Kiszonak took a break from working at the FAFO booth in Ocala to get some dance lessons in on the Square. Other OAG members (Lee Asta, Joanie n John Ford) finished their shift n later joined Jan for lunch at Harry’s !!!!



OCALA ART GROUP - INSPIRED BY THE MASTERS

Stroke of Genius

Fine Art Exhibit

at Brick City Center for the Arts

FEBRUARY 2022

WINSLOW HOMER



MARY CASSATT



JOHN SINGER SARGENT



CALL TO ARTISTS: A Stroke of Genius - A Juried and Judged Show
At the October 2021 Meeting, OAG members were given the opportunity to contribute their ideas for NAMES of three inspiring for this first “Stroke of Genius” Show

THEME/INSPIRATION

Member artists will be challenged to follow the theme “STROKE OF GENIUS” by creating their very own art inspired by the famous and loved Artists/Geniuses: John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer or Mary Cassatt.

The challenge starts by studying the biographies of the **THREE SELECTED ARTISTS/** OAG will provide these on our website . From there, we will click on the links to their artworks where our members will study these Artists’ works to see which **ONE** interests and inspires them. **NO COPYING PLEASE!** Once the members have selected the **ONE** painting they feel the most moved by, they will follow the directions on the website **CALL TO ARTISTS**

Ocala Art Group Trip – Destination Leesburg

Wednesday- November 10th

Leesburg

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... gailbannock@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

Plaza Lincoln of Leesburg, 8925 US-441, Leesburg. We will stop at the Plaza Lincoln Gallery to view the current Art Exhibit by Kelley Batson-Howard.

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 onto 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



First Friday Art Walk - 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.

Free Admission AT THE BRICK

CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY: Converging Community and Culture Opening Reception

Nov 5, 5-6PM - Exhibit Dates Nov 5-27

LUNCH AND LEARN: Nov 11, 12-1:30 Brown Bag

NOVEMBER ARTIST TALK: Nov 12, 5-6PM

ART AFTER HOURS: Nov 23, 5:30-7PM

First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

Alphonse Mucha , Master of Art Nouveau November 6, 2021 - January 9, 2022

The Exhibition presents 72 works by Mucha selected from the Dhawan Collection, Los Angeles

NOMA Gallery presents

Fables Open House Nov 6 and **Justin Alsedek presents his DOUBLE RAINBOW** collection of paintings at the 8th Avenue Gallery 4:30-10:30.

Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)

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

2021 Quilt Show - 35th Anniversary Nov 5-6 9am-4pm

Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala www.crqocala.org

Ocala Figurative Artists (OFA)

They will meet every first and third Thursday from 1-4 pm at the NOMA Gallery, 939 N. Magnolia Ave, Ocala. \$10 model fee, 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: citruswatercolorsociety.com

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

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. Vendor, youth performance and Jr. Sunshine Parade applications are currently open. For more information about upcoming holiday programming, visit www.ocalafl.org/holidays or call 352-368-5517

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

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

Designed and managed by Barbara Fife

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

The top of the invitation features a photograph of three green Christmas ornaments with white spiral patterns, resting on a bed of green tinsel. The text "You are Invited" is written in a gold, cursive font across the top.

You are Invited

“HOLIDAY LUNCHEON”

Dec. 8th Wednesday ~ Noon

Braised Onion Restaurant
754 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala

You will order from their full menu

Bring a *wrapped gift* for a raffle (preferably
art related and about \$10 worth)

Rsvp to gailbannock@gmail.com

by **December 3rd** to attend

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Documentarian		
Grant Consultant		

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

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**

