Celebrating 71 Years Est. 1950 February NEWSLETTER



President's Message

As the President of OAG, the approaching month of FEBRUARY and VALENTINE'S DAY has me bursting with feelings of exuberance and love FROM ALL THE THINGS WE ARE WORKING ON FOR YOU, OUR MEMBERS!!!. Since taking over the Presidency in June, I have met so many wonderful, kind, supportive and generous people in OAG AND in the Ocala Community ... I am on CLOUD 9!!!!

I have not mentioned that I have the BESTEST EVER CREATIVE, SUPPORTIVE and GENEROUS Board Members who do more than their job WITHOUT EVEN BEING ASKED!!!! WHAT A TEAM!!!!!LUCKY ME AND....LUCKY YOU!!!

I want to thank all of YOU who have been coming forward and entering all our Art Show Venues!!! I know we have been pushing you hard to create outside of your comfort zone. Please let us know if you are liking being pushed????? We have many more COOL VENUES to set up, but are really waiting to see if you are able to meet the challenges we already have.... BE-FORE we can continue on with more!!!!

If you were at the September meeting, you heard me say that you all were like pieces of a JIG-SAW PUZZLE, without your piece of the puzzle in its place, we cannot complete this beautiful picture of OAG as a vibrant and lively art group!!!!!! It takes you all (in whatever small way you can) to show your care and support for OAG.

NO MATTER WHAT: WE NEED MORE THAN YOUR DUES!!! WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT THE DIRECTION WE ARE GOING BY SUPPLYING YOUR ART AND YOUR HEART !!!!

DO SOME SMALL JOB. WHATEVER THE EVENT, We can find you a spot to help us out, so please come forward and get involved!!!

Check our WEBSITE CALENDAR to see what is happening. Just click on the date and the info will appear!!!! DO NOT MISS our MEETING AT THE BRICK ON FEBRUARY 14th for a BIG SURPRISE and some laughs!!!

OAG President

Lee Asta



February 14, 2022

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

Joyce Zeedyk - CRITIQUE SESSION Bring an art piece for an enlightening commentary

A LOOK BACK AT JANUARY'S MEETING



More Photos of the demonstration are available for viewing on our website:



"The last part of my message today is "Believe in yourself and invest in yourself" and you can make incredible progress in the Stages of your Artwork.

"JUST KEEP AT IT"

Joyce Zeedyk Critique Session

Monday, February 14, 2022 Members' Meeting—12 APM Program—12:30 PM—1:30 PM \$ Cost—free Location—Brick City Center for the Arts 23 SW Broadway Ocala, FL



Joyce Zeedyk

Joyce graduated from Illinois State University with a major in Art Education. She taught art at Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School for 32 years. Her students won numerous art shows because she encouraged and emphasized art appreciation and creative decision making.



Joyce's interest in art began as a child living on a farm in Kankakee, Illinois, with all things outdoors. She began drawing and painting stones, leaves, bugs, animals and horses. Her artistic passion was broadened by family trips to the Art Institute of Chicago as well as other galleries and museums.

As a working artist, Joyce became an accomplished painter using acrylic paint to create both two and three dimensional art works, favoring large compositions and murals. Her works are located in private collections in the US and Germany.





Retirement brought Joyce to Florida resulting in a renewal of the beauty and inspiration of the outdoors.

Palm tree parts became animals, including fish, birds and turtles, as well as Santas. These crafts are sold locally not only by commission but also in the Almost Perfect furniture store.



Sharing art is always an encouraging experience, so bring some of your paintings and get suggestions. Joyce can help you find solutions to finish and unify your art.

OCALA ART GROUP - INSPIRED BY THE MASTERS

Stroke of Genius Fine Art Exhibit

at Brick City Center for the Arts

FEBRUARY 2022

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FEBRUARY EVENTS AT BRICK CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Friday, February 4, 2022 5-7 PM

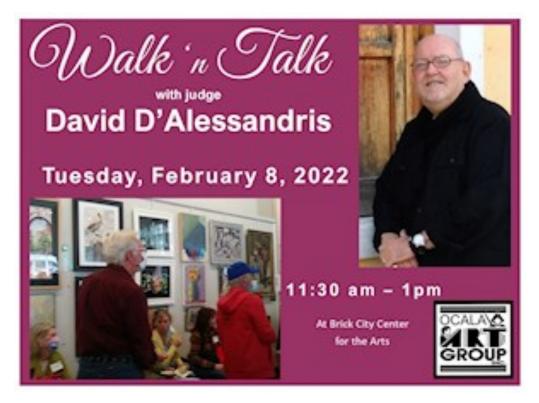
Show Opening & Reception
6 PM Awards Presentation

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:30 -1 PM

Walk & Talk with Judge, David D'Alessandris

Bring a bagged lunch!

Saturday, February 19, 2022 3-5 PM Social Mixer



Understand, interpret, evaluate our art on display at Brick City Gallery. Bring your lunch.



These Events are

Open to the Public

and we hope to see you at these enjoyable and enlightening happenings



Sign Up Procedures and Forms are available on our website: https://ocalaartgroup.org

Workshops – Ocala Art Group



Our March 2022 Trip

Next OAG Art-Venture Destination: Winter Garden on Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Join us in traveling to Winter Garden for our next OAG Trip!

SOBO Art Gallery and Winter Garden Art Association (127 S. Boyd Street) – we will meet here at **10:45 a.m**. and the Manager will discuss the current exhibits

Plant Street Market – Meet at Noon about a block away from the Gallery. This local indoor artisan marketplace has about 20 vendors featuring food and handmade products all inside one building. There we will enjoy lunch together with both indoor and outdoor restaurant seating. Visit This Little Piggy (Southern Style BBQ), Mac'd Out (Gourmet Mac and Cheese), the Crooked Can Brewery along with many other dining options

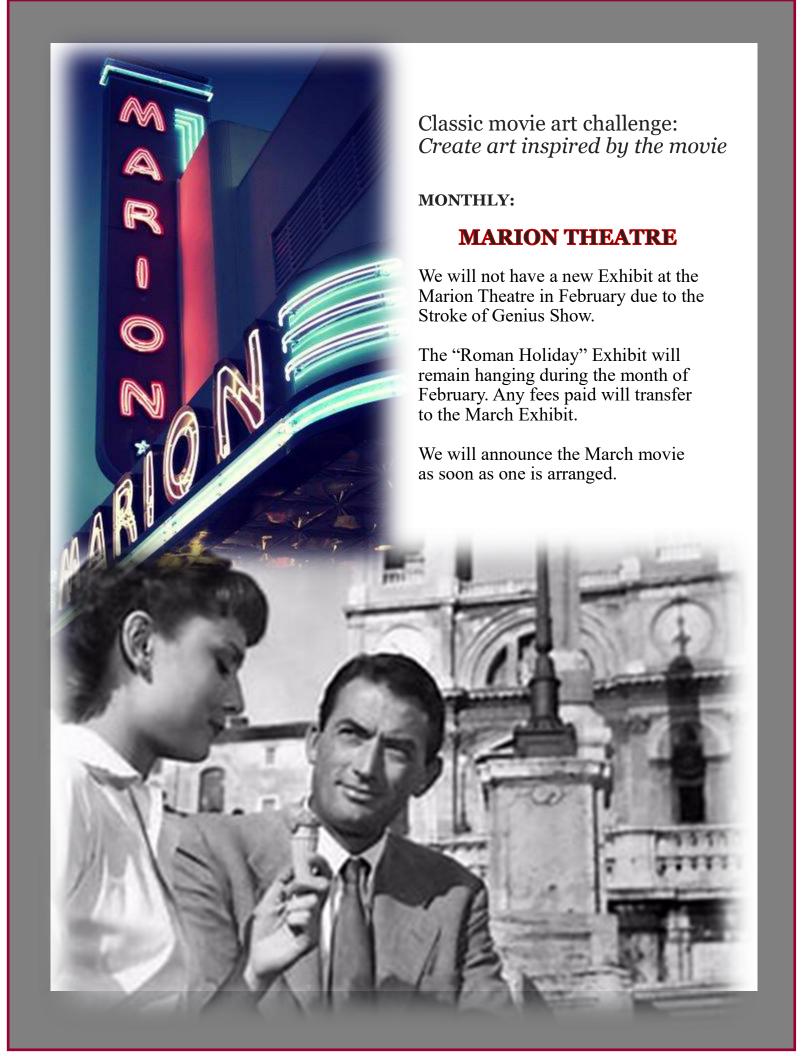
Stroll around town in the many picturesque local shops

Visit several local establishments that display the artwork of many local artists
You can either meet us there or carpool with other OAG Members. Please email Gail Bannock at gailbannock@gmail.com if you plan to attend or sign up at the February 14
OAG meeting.



Looking for Some Fresh New Ideas!

If anyone is interested in helping out with suggestions and planning of the OAG Monthly Presentations and Trips, please contact Gail Bannock at gailbannock@gmail.com. We all have different contacts and experiences that could benefit our future programs for our members to enjoy.





Member SPOTLIGHT Beverly Hennessy



Lived in St. Paul, Minnesota for 55 years.
Graduated from Omaha University in 1963..
Started my own pottery business, running 4 kilns with 8 employees while managing the office of 2 medical clinics for the University of Minnesota.

Moved to The Villages, Florida, in 2002 and immediately joined the art community as a beginner.

Became involved in hiring of internationally known art instructors to teach fine art in The Villages to students from all over in the United States.

Founded the Village Art Center in Summerfield, Florida, in 2017. The Art Center brings world famous instructors to the Art Center for art students from around the world. Many have advanced their skills to receive accomplishment awards in fine arts.

Studied with many nationally known artists in every medium, but love the magic of watercolor.

Organized travel trips to France and Spain with 15 students for a 10- day travel painting trip.

Winner of many awards:

Juried into "A Toast of The Artists," Appleton Museum Florida

LaGalleria Fine Art Shows, VAA The Villages Florida Florida Watercolor Society on-line shows

Founder and Co-director of Village Art Center

Member of Florida Watercolor Society, Visual Arts Association, Village Art League, Ocala Art Group, Appleton Museum.



Like most artists, I started painting traditional watercolors, wanting my paintings to look like my subject. But now that has changed; I prefer the uniqueness of semi-abstract realism. I like viewers to relate to the painting with their own Imaginations—drawn in by the colors, the good design, and the peaceful nature of my work. I specialize in abstract collage and batik—whatever subject warms my heart. As founder and Co-director of The Village Art Center, I take joy in helping others realize their artistic and creative talents.

PAINT EXQUISITE ORCHIDS Lian Zhen and Lois Erhartic

Learn to paint these exquisite flowers in our next online workshop. Lian's online workshops have the same fabulous feel as his live workshops.

You will experience his easy to follow step by step demos, plenty of time to ask questions, and small intimate classes.



The entire workshop is recorded and provided to you at no additional charge for your future reference.

If you haven't tried an online workshop with Lian, please consider joining us next month. Thursday and Saturday, Feb 10th and Feb 12th. 4 hours each day with a day off in between to rest, tweek, catch up or start again!

Congratulations



Congratulations to Member Iris Kaplan for her Honorable Mention Award in The Villages Art Center Show for her painting 'FRENZY'



Keep checking our fabulous OAG website <u>ocalaartgroup.org</u> for new updates!

Designed and managed by Webmaster, Barbara Fife OAG has a page on Facebook managed by Barbara Fife.



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.

First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)

Meet 3rd Monday at Library Headquarters. 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 <u>wboyd2009@yahoo.com</u> or (804) 536-1794

Beverly Hennessy bbaugh97@aol.com or (352) 753-1383

<u>Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS)</u> Citrus Watercolor Society resumes monthly meetings on second Friday featuring Painting of the Month, Social with light refreshments, . For more information visit https://citruswatercolorsociety.com

Please send news items, awards and happenings to Jan Kiszonak by the 20th of the month.

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Send any changes of contact information to Heather Doherty at imdhld@aol.com and/or kiszonakjan@gmail.com

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> needed for positions of HOSPITALITY Chair and One Blood Exhibit Chair

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