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NEWSLETTER



*M*arch 2022



President's Report for March 2022

I cannot believe that this is already my tenth President's Message! Where did the time go? We have been "busy little beavers" with so many trips and happenings.

First Veep, Lynn King, has finished up our recent Brick City Fine Arts Show with our "Stroke of Genius" theme. Check out our website and newsletter for the winners and sponsors! She is already starting to plan our June fine art exhibit in Ocala with Susan Fink (a fairly new member who has already gotten involved!) Thanks

gals! We need a few more helpers please.

Gail Bannock (2nd Veep) already has our March trip and carpools organized so members can travel from the Ocala, Summerfield and The Villages for an exciting day in Winter Garden. Email her at gailbannock@gmail.com if you want to attend. She will probably be accompanied by her able-bodied assistant, Linda DeLuca, who played the lovely electric piano during our reception in February! Thanks to such a talented friend and artist.

Heather Doherty (Membership Chair) has done an amazing job getting us close to our goal of 71 for our membership...67... OH SO CLOSE! CAN WE DO IT?

Barbara Fife (Website) is completing the finishing touches for our "Stroke of Genius" Show and getting ready for our CALL TO ARTISTS for our June South State Bank Show. WHAT A GAL! Thanks for your help with our online applications, etc.

Jan Kiszonak (Newsletter) is already working on next month's edition and looking for ways to enhance our Newsletter. Thanks for providing us with so much info!

Marion Savage, our Corresponding Secretary, is busy doing detective work to find out your BIRTHDAYS so you can get cards for that special day. If you have any HOMEMADE Greeting Cards, be sure to bring some in for her to use at our next meeting! She managed to keep them coming even though she was laid up with a very bad back and body brace! Thanks Marion!

Iris Kaplan has been a "busy little beaver" planning our next Marion Theater Shows. Check out our website for the new Movies and let's be sure to have some fun and support that delightful art venue. Talk about a way to impress Ocala!

Treasurer, Marcelle Schvimmer, is there too behind the scenes keeping us "balanced and legal!

The Recording Secretary, Joanie Ford, is always there to keep me (and us) organized. She is always helpful and much appreciated! Lastly, Past President Sharon Harris is always there with her support and advice to help keep things moving smoothly.

I have been praising these wonderful ladies for over TEN months and I'm really sorry to say that a few of them will be moving on to spread their joy and generosity elsewhere as they had warned me when they first took this position. Now it is time for others to step up and help us out! A NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be organized shortly, and you may be asked to help us out! I hope you will consider a job on our Executive Board so we can keep the momentum we started and go forward. IT IS NOT SO HARD, IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE WORK!

Please call me if you would like to find out more! Looking forward to meeting new friends as we not only do work, but we manage to have a good time too!

Sincerely, Leona (Lee) Asta, Your President

March Meeting Information

Trip to Winter Garden March 9 replaces Meeting
Our April meeting will feature our new member Vivian Drawneek

A LOOK BACK AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING

Joyce Zeedyk - CRITIQUE SESSION



More Photos of the demonstration are available for viewing on our website: <https://ocalaartgroup.org/posts#2-14-22/>
Photos provided by Gail Bannock



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.

OCALA ART GROUP - INSPIRED BY THE MASTERS

Stroke of Genius

Fine Art Exhibit

at Brick City Center for the Arts

FEBRUARY 2022



Visit our website to view
all of the entries

[https://ocalaartgroup.org/
stroke-of-genius-exhibit/](https://ocalaartgroup.org/stroke-of-genius-exhibit/)

FIRST PLACE – “Shadows on the Marsh” by Cindy Vener- Oil, 36” x 36”
Inspired by Winslow Homer- ” Homosassa Jungle, Florida” 1904



2nd PLACE
Contemplating by Vivian Drawneek,
Fabric Collage- 10” x 8”
Inspired by Winslow Homer- “The Green Hill” -1878



3rd PLACE
Miss Alythia Erin – Joanie Ford- Oil – 24” 18”
Inspired by John Singer-Sargent -“In the Garden, Corfu”-

**HONORABLE
MENTION**
**Sandra Fox -“Light
in the Valley” -
Collage- 11”x14”**
Inspired by John
Singer-Sargent-
“Open Valley,
Dolomites”- 1913-14



**HONORABLE
MENTION**
**Laurie Kopec-
“Rushing Waters”
-Oil – 11”x14”**
Inspired by John
Singer-Sargent-
“Simplon Pass”-
1911



What a delightful afternoon we spent at the Brick City Art Center for our very first "AIM" or "Artists' Intergenerational Mixer"!! ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 3:00. about 50-60 attendees sauntered into The Brick City gallery and seemed to be doing just what was suggested: they mixed with one another!!! Affixed on everyone's shoulder, was a nice large NAME TAG from Lynn King our Veep who



greeted everyone so nicely!!! Attendees followed the Invitation's suggestion and brought their Business Cards to do some networking!!!

As co-Hosts, MCA and OAG did not know what to expect. We were just hoping to have a bunch of ARTISTS of all ages and genres come together to get to know one another and discuss art and their world.....and that is just what we got. Did we need to make any speeches? NOPE!!!! We just talked. Did we need to have any GAMES? NOPE!!!! WE JUST TALKED!!!! Did we have to do any communal painting? NOPE!!! WE JUST TALKED!!!! Actually we just kept "mixing"!!!! Was there an age difference? YES!!!! DID WE NOTICE IT? NO!!!



Maybe it was the great punch, wine, drinks and light snacks that MCA provided with Ashley and her Staff's Great HOSPITALITY and Music?
Thank you Ladies!!!



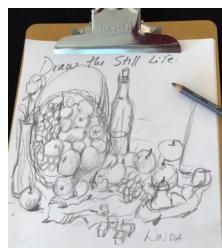
OAG had a lovely number of our Members attend and I was really in awe because, when I approached the visitors to give them some OAG background, they did not shudder and walk away. They actually stepped closer to ask questions. I had such a great time telling about our great ART ORGANIZATION!!!! I even was straightforward with them about why we wanted this MIXER?so we could get some ARTISTS to help us MODERNIZE our organization with some technology use. They still did not exit, but gave me a card! They asked dues questions and meeting and show questions. WOW!!! It was totally amazing.

I came away feeling so very upbeat for OAG and its future. I do believe having this Mixer was a very positive step forward for us to have taken to solidify OAG in the art community as well as in the Ocala community and hope to plan for another one with MCA again in the near future.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO MCA FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT WITH THE REFRESHMENTS AND PUBLICITY AND IDEAS!!!!

Sincerely, Lee and your OAG Friends

[http:// www.ocalaartgroup.org](http://www.ocalaartgroup.org)



Photos provided by Joannie Ford



*Classic movie art challenge:
Create art inspired by the movies*

MONTHLY EXHIBIT: MARION THEATRE

APRIL 2022

LA LA LAND

WIZARD OF OZ

BLAZING SADDLES

MAMA MIA

REQUIREMENTS:

Members only:

Dues: June 2021-2022

All art must be framed Black, 11x17 (no mat)

*Frames available at Amazon : Walmart: Michaels:
Approximate price \$5.00- \$7.00 available sources*

**Back of frame, you MUST attach SCREWS
and WIRE to hang.**

**Art will NOT BE DISPLAYED
if it does not have the screws and wire to hang.**

**Fill out the LABEL with a THIN BLACK
MARKER and affix to the artwork when you
drop off at the theatre.**

**Application Deadline
MARCH 15, 2022**

Entry fee \$10.00

Mail Application to:

Iris Kaplan
3205 Lowe Court
The Villages, FL 32163

**APPLICATION FORM and LABEL
for the front of the Artwork
are on the website.**

<https://ocalaartgroup.org/marion-theatre>



Iris Kaplan. Chairperson

Please note that there is **NO COMMISSION** for artwork sold at Marion Theatre exhibits.
Please note the **exhibit requirements** listed above.

Choose one of the Movies listed to inspire your artwork.

Application Deadline is **MARCH 15, 2022.**

DROP-OF is THURSDAY, Date TBA

PICK UP is THURSDAY, Date TBA

Acrylic Workshop with Cindy Vener

Loosen up your paint style!

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

AT BRICK CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For work



We had such a great Acrylic Workshop today with instructor Cindy Vener at the Brick City Art Gallery. We had seven members attending the event and all left with great artwork.

Thank you Cindy for the great instruction and the kind encouragement while getting us to loosen up our paintings!

Photos and Commentary provided by Gail Bannock
Thank You Gail

Member SPOTLIGHT

Linda Deluca



Linda's interest in painting began in kindergarten when she would race off the bus to be one of the first to get to an easel until the teacher arrived. Later, as an elementary school teacher, herself, she wondered how kids that age could be allowed to paint without supervision.



Drawing was always a given and she would draw on any piece of cardboard or paper that was available. As a high school student it was the most important part of the day and she ended high school as her class yearbook's Best Artist and the chairperson of her senior prom, for which she created her first mural. After which she would be allowed to decorate her homes' walls with decorative scenes.

As a college student in Connecticut she minored in art and became a watercolor and acrylics painter, later receiving an M.S. in Art Education. In her new career as a Nuclear Specialist, she was able to attend nearby Wesleyan University's Fine Arts Graduate School. While still employed by the nuclear company, she began traveling to wall painting technique schools around the country, run by several internationally

known teachers. This eventually inspired a mural and wall décor business called "WONDERFAUX WALLS", at a time when large scale murals and trompe-l'oeil wall decoration was the trend.

When climbing scaffolding and ladders became too difficult, she opened a studio in her town's community cultural center, which she helped to establish. In addition to entering shows with landscapes, seascapes, florals and still life, she began painting more pet portraits. Since moving to Florida almost four years ago, she continues to enjoy painting the many dogs in her community for the benefit of the South Lake Animal Shelter.



Watercolor Workshop

Offered *FIRST* to OAG Members

Hosted by the Village Art Workshops

(10935 SE 177th Place, Suite 406, Summerfield, FL)

Anne Abgott

DARING COLOR



May 1, 2022 Noon-1 p.m. – Meet and Greet Mimosa Reception with Anne Abgott
(Exclusively for OAG Members) Free

May 1, 2022 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Free Demonstration

WORKSHOP 9 – 4 p.m. (one hour lunch break), \$120 for each day; \$240 for both days

May 2, 2022 (Poppy Painting) and
May 3, 2022 (Teacup Still Life)

May 4, 2022 Group Critiques with Anne Abgott \$30 per person
(9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.)





presents:

Field Concert

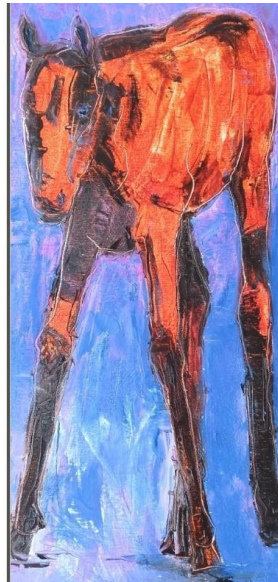
A One-Woman Art Exhibit featuring Artworks by **Kay Deuben**

Opening Reception: 03.04.22 (5 - 6:30 p.m.)
Exhibit Dates: March 4 - 26, 2022

at Brick City Center for the Arts
23 SW Broadway St. Ocala, FL.

A percentage of all exhibit sales will benefit the Mill Creek Farm, Retirement Home for Horses.

For a list of exhibit events, visit mcaocala.org



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Landmarks

MCA Members Exhibit

CALL TO ARTISTS!

Deadline: 04.24.22 midnight
On Display: May 2022
APPLY NOW:
MCALANDMARKS.ARTCALL.ORG

Description of Exhibit: From local landscapes to global destinations, from the downtown gazebo to the Eiffel tower - A landmark can be any recognizable landscape feature, or an important event, discovery or change that marks a turning point. In modern use, the term can also be applied to smaller structures or features, that have become local or national symbols.

AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

STATE OF THE ARTS

in Marion County

MARCH 16, 2022 • 10 - 11:30 AM
LIVE OAK HALL • 8395 SW 80TH ST., OCALA, FL 34481 • MEMBERS: \$3; NON-MEMBERS: \$8 • REGISTER TODAY!

Rainbow Springs Art Festival

March 19-20, 2022

Historic Downtown Dunnellon
W. Pennsylvania Ave. and Cedar St.

Fine Art, Fine Craft

Free Admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raffle to Benefit Art Scholarship

Information:
(352) 445-8547
www.rainbowspringart.com

Poster Design: Erin Sorensen

OCEAN Art Gallery
Fine Art

Presents

Art Opening Reception for
March Featured Artist
Ronda Richley

"Passionate Musicians"

Opening Reception March 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Meet Ronda & Other Artists
Music by Dr. Cash Band-Light Refreshments
Talk: "Finding and Creating Passion"
March 10 at 5:30 pm

197 E Granada Blvd.
Ormond Beach, FL

386.317.9400
oagart.com

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

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



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Please Consider a Position on the OAG Board



We will be looking in the coming months for some positions on the OAG Board that will become available on June 1st. Some Board members have served for several years and it is always great to have some fresh ideas going forward. We will be looking to replace the First Vice President, the Second Vice President and the Recording Secretary. Several of the outgoing Board members are very willing to work with any new members that want to move into these needed positions.

The First Vice President oversees either directly or through committees the major art shows and exhibits.

The Second Vice President plans the monthly programs and workshops (usually one per year).

The Recording Secretary keeps minutes of all Executive Board meetings and membership meetings when a vote is taken and emails them to the Board.

OAG Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

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**

