



*Established* 1950

*June* 2022  
**Newsletter**

*Celebrating 71 Years*

# President's Message



**EUREKA!!!!** I always wanted to say that word and never had a reason. Remember a year ago when I took the role of President of OAG? I had sent our existing membership a challenge: To see if we could gather a total of 71 members for our 71 years in existence. GUESS WHAT? For those of you who couldn't make our May Meeting. This is what you missed: We were holding our breath as we opened the meeting with 69 members. Thanks

to some of our members, two new friends were brought in to the Brick Art Center and they said they wanted to join OAG , , , bringing our group up to 71!!! (*I wish I had stashed some confetti up in the ceiling yo be dumped on all of us . . . Along with some bottles of champagne to add to the festivities!*)

I must admit . . . I did have my doubts! I even confessed to some members that if we missed our goal by two I would feel so pathetic! I realize now that it is not the number that is so large and impressive, but rather the spirit that came along with it. It was like *Times Square on New Year's Eve!* We were all so happy with our accomplishment. I probably squeezed the poor girls to death. They will always be known as #70 and #71! They are . . . Drumroll . . . #70 Cathy Burnside and #71 .... TADA!!!! . . . . . Alice Blanco! WELCOME LADIES! Hopefully they will attend the June 8th luncheon and you can meet them.

So what does the future year hold for OAG and me as your President? Some more challenges for sure!!! First we need the two vacancies on our Board filled so we can continue onward with all our cool Artventures and accomplishments. These are our Recording Secretary and our First Veep. They are not difficult jobs but necessary to fulfill our Bylaws requirements. Please meet this challenge so we can expand our horizons for bigger and better things to come.

I want to thank the outgoing Board Members (Lynn King, Gail Bannock and Joanie Ford) . Our old friends have offered to stay on in the background to help the new people . . . such a generous bunch. Can we meet this challenge of two new Board Members? I HOPE SO!!! Once those are filled, we can then move forward with some fun and interesting venues to show our art to Ocala, but I cannot do this alone - please come forward and share the work

Call me....Lee Asta, Your President 352-223-7687

# Inaugural Luncheon



Ocala Art Group invites you to the

## End-of-Season Luncheon

- Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
- Small group Round-Table Discussions and Brainstorming about OAG's future events and direction. Have a say!

*Optional... Bring a gift, preferably art-related for a gift swap.*

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 12 pm

**RSVP Requested**

Contact Gail Bannock for your Reservation.

Email: [gailbannock@gmail.com](mailto:gailbannock@gmail.com)

We look forward to welcoming all of our members to this Special Event. The Installation of our officers for the 2022-23 Year will be performed by Linda DeLuca, our fellow member and this is a great time to get to know each other and to **talk and be heard** about any of our own ideas.

We are still appealing to our members to fill the Officer Vacancy of First Vice President and Recording Secretary. Any help we can get will be greatly appreciated.



## CALL TO ARTISTS

Location: South State Bank 1632 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, Fl. 34470  
Upstairs Gallery

Ocala Art Group is proud to announce an upcoming nonjuried, three month long art exhibition open to members of this 72 year old club. Artists are invited to submit paintings, photography, mixed media and 3D This themeless show hopes to challenge the artist to deeply explore personal originality and creativity. The show will be professionally judged with generous awards presented during reception on July 14<sup>th</sup> 4-7PM.

Please take time to read the following requirements carefully.

1. Dues must be current as a member of OAG

2. Send check, made out to Ocala Art Group and application form to Lynn King  
420 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
Ocala, Fl. 34470

Artist may enter 1 or 2 pieces of art \$20. for one entry  
\$25. for two

Check with filled out application form to be received or postmarked by June 8<sup>th</sup>

3. Please include a short, written, Artist Biography, background, interesting facts about the artist, their work and inspiration for the current submissions Susan will prepare a file with artist's Bio, snapshot of their work which will be available to view in the gallery.
4. Paintings to be framed or gallery wrapped, mounted appropriately and ready for hanging with wire and D-hooks, Size limitation is 42". No sawtooth hangers. Tracking Label attached to the back, including Name of Artist Phone# Title Medium Size Price Alternate contact # {someone to pickup art if artist is unable to do so}
5. Artwork must remain in the exhibit for the duration of the show, unless sold.
6. South State Bank expects no commissions from sales of artwork. 100% of sales funds remain with the artist.
7. Insurance will be the sole responsibility of the artist. South State Bank and OAG accept no responsibility for loss or damage to works of art displayed.
8. South State Bank reserves the right to refuse an entry deemed inappropriate for public viewing. Entry fee for a refusal is non-refundable.
9. Each work of art displayed will be accompanied with a tag placed alongside the artwork and listing the Title, Artist's name, Medium, Price and phone # This tag will be provided on Installation day.

# *A Look Back at our* **MAY MEETING**



Model , Jan Tindall



**May 9, 2022**

**a Portrait Demonstration by Justin Alsedeck,  
Ocala Award Winning Artist**





A reminder from your Membership Chairperson – If you are a NEW member who joined since January 2021 you are paid up until June 1, 2022. If you are a member who paid dues for the 2021-2022 year, you will renew your membership June 1, 2022.

Email me – Heather Doherty at [jmdhld@aol.com](mailto:jmdhld@aol.com) and I will be happy to check the records.

Please plan to attend some of our summer fun activities and our exciting shows and demos that we have planned for 2022. Invite your friends to join us during this 71st year of the Ocala Art Group

**We Did It!!!**



Cathy Burnside – Member #70-  
with president Lee Asta



Alice Blanco – Member #71-  
with president Lee Asta

Proudly welcoming our 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Members and reaching our GOAL!



## "ARTrageous ART"venture

### Saturday, May 14th Outing

Saturday, May 14th was an

exciting day for me. Not knowing who was joining me for the Luncheon and Show at the Reilly Theatre, I entered Braised Onion like I was going on a BLIND DATE. Lo and behold, I met one member, Marion Savage there. I kinda knew we would have a small group and that was fine. We actually not only enjoyed our lunch, but managed to talk for two hours before proceeding to the theater for the exciting show, "ARTrageous."

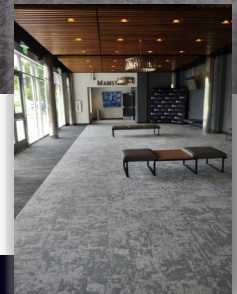
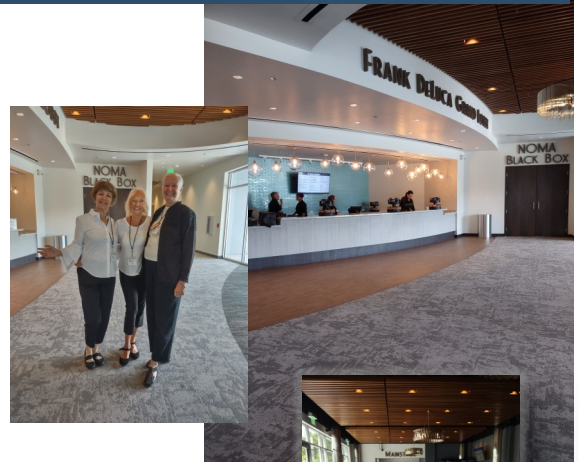
The Reilly Theatre was beautiful and has recently undergone some updating. In spite of the largeness of it, we were greeted by very friendly people at the door....selling and collecting tickets. They made us feel right at home....and welcome.

Upon entering the Theatre itself, we were pleasantly surprised by the lively scene that confronted us. There was laughing, yelling, singing, dancing, popping, flashing lights, hand waving, strong vibes . . . and that was from the audience! Looking on the stage we saw the same things with painting pictures thrown in. You didn't dare blink or you would miss a crucial happening. The colorful paintings that were painted by dancing and singing artists

were amazing and I would have liked

to learn any special secrets they had to produce them ....and how the artists managed to stay so clean! Marion and I said we would definitely come back the next time they are in town and perhaps they would even consider giving a "Back Stage Tour" sharing their secrets behind the scenes for producing their beautiful art!!!

The Reilly Theatre is a beautiful theater and the Ocala Community is lucky to have such an affordable venue to bring art and culture to its people and those from the neighboring communities as well.



Watch for our next outing to the Reilly to see the "Nutcracker Suite Ballet". It will be a great way to start off the HOLIDAY SEASON!!! It will be there December 7, 8 and 9th . Watch for the details in our September Newsletter and on the Website as well.

Yours truly, Lee Asta, President

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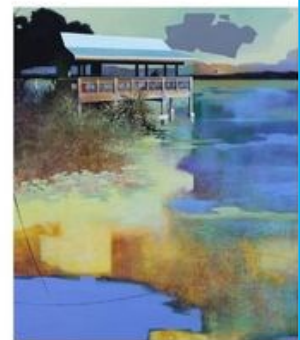
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June 7 - August 27

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# AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**OAG MEMBERS SUMMER ART SHOW** EXHIBITION SCHEDULE Application form/ check due or postmarked by JUNE 8TH SENT TO LYNN KING Installation/drop off day at South State Bank is JUNE 23RD 11-2PM Opening Reception/Awards Presentations JULY 14TH 4-7PM Encouraged to attend reception Closing Day/Pick-up SEPT. 29 11-2PM Each artist to pickup or make arrangements to pick up all works no later than 3 days after conclusion of exhibit. The gallery is upstairs..elevator available and the bank welcomes visits to the gallery anytime during bank hours.

**First Friday Art Walk** - The Art Walk will resume in September 2022 thru May 2023 and takes place in Ocala's historic downtown.

**First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission**

**Brick City Center for the Arts June 2022 | "Music Moves Marion"**

*Celebrating Music, Art & the 2022 Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series!*

at The Brick City Center for the Arts (23 SW Broadway Street)

**Description of Exhibit:** Throughout history, MUSIC has been credited with the capacity to reflect and evokes our creativity in unpredictable ways.

In honor and celebration of this year's [Levitt AMP Ocala Music Series](#), MCA invites artists working in all mediums to let MUSIC be your main inspiration for your creation. #MusicMovesMarion

**Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)**

Meet 3rd Monday at Library Headquarters. To request the Zoom Link , email [info@ocalacalligraphy.org](mailto:info@ocalacalligraphy.org)

**The Villages Workshops** [villageartworkshops.com](http://villageartworkshops.com)

Spruce Creek Professional Center , 10935 SE 177th Place - Ste 406, Summerfield, FL 34491

Ultimate Beginner Watercolor: Instructor Wand Boyd - Eight Week Class, June 3,10.(no class June 17), 24, and July 1,8,15,22,29 - 12:30 - 3:30 PM \$200. All supplies included. For questions or registration:

Contact: Wanda Boyd [wboyd2009@yahoo.com](mailto:wboyd2009@yahoo.com) or (804) 536-1794 , Beverly Hennessy

[bbaugh97@aol.com](mailto:bbaugh97@aol.com) or (352) 753-1383

**Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS)** Citrus Watercolor Society meets monthly on second Friday featuring Painting of the Month, Social with light refreshments,. For more information visit [citruswatercolorssociety.org](http://citruswatercolorssociety.org).

**Classic Movie Challenge at Marion Theatre** has concluded at this time,

*Please send news items, awards and happenings to Jan Kisonak by the 20th of the month. [kisonakjan@gmail.com](mailto:kisonakjan@gmail.com)*

*Send any changes of contact information to Heather Doherty at [jmdhld@aol.com](mailto:jmdhld@aol.com)*