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Newsletter *July* **2022**

Celebrating 72 Years



President's Message

Dear Friends:

Usually, I spend time bragging about our FANTASTIC Executive Board (I LOVE THEM SO!!!), NOW, however, I am starting this President's Message out with me bragging about our FANTASTIC MEMBERS...new and old!! As things are progressing (not 71 but 72 PLUS Members!!!), we are increasing our numbers with NEW AND INTERESTING ARTISTS.

Catherine Burnside (Member #070) has stepped up to be our Recording Secretary (XOXOXO) and is already helping out with improvements. Vivian Drawneek has not only made some suggestions but is helping to implement them.... meeting with Barbara Fife and ALREADY making some changes to our WEBSITE. Vivian is also busy setting up a BRAINSTORMING SESSION for our SEPTEMBER 12th meeting. MARK YOUR CALENDARS and DO NOT MISS THIS CHANCE TO HELP MOLD OUR FUTURE TO WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE!! (Details on our WEBSITE [Click here.](#))

Since June, our Board has been busy working on ways to NOT ONLY improve and shorten our meetings but also provide you all with a clearer picture of what is happening for (and to) OAG. WE ARE WORKING HARD FOR US ALL and if you have a suggestion, please bring it to the Brainstorming at SEPTEMBER'S Brick City meeting. ([Details on WEBSITE](#)). Jan Tindall and others are DILIGENTLY trying to establish an Art Show at the Ocala Civic Theater with the theme of Dracula for OCTOBER...WAIT FOR CALL TO ARTISTS / DETAILS BEFORE YOU START PAINTING!!!...and maybe we may even MAKE BATS???? Contact Jan Tindall if you want to help with scenery at the theatre also...as well as the BATS!!! The Artistic Director of the Civic Theatre has invited INTERESTED Members to join in the SCENERY PAINTING in AUGUST!!! We will also try to set up a Matinee Outing for about 20 Members... (Details on our WEBSITE by August).

Then we have our Juried and Judged Fine Arts Show at the Brick City Center in FEBRUARY...BUT DONT THINK THAT IS THE END OF OUR PLANS!!!! WE ARE ALWAYS THINKING OF PLACES TO SHOW OUR ART...so keep checking our WEBSITE to see what we are up to next!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE COME FORWARD TO HELP WITH THESE NEW AND EXCITING PLANS! WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR MARCH TRIP....SAVE THE DATE...SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MARCH!!!

SEE YOU SEPTEMBER FOR BRAINSTORMING!!!!

SINCERELY,

LEE ASTA- PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Your Family, and Friends of OAG,
We cordially invite you to join us to
Celebrate OAG's

SUMMER ART SHOW

RECEPTION

AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

JULY 14, 2022

4-7 PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 6 PM

At South State Bank



Vivian Drawneek

LOCATION:

South State Bank

1632 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

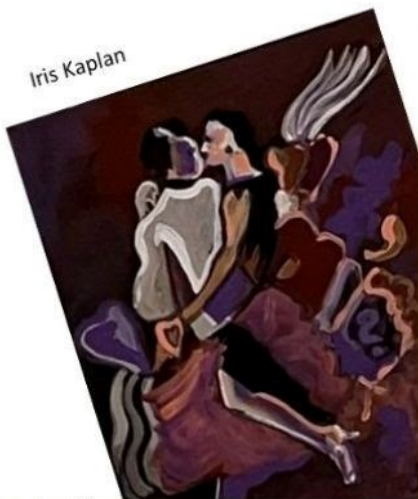
Ocala, FL 34470



We think you will be impressed with this beautiful venue and the OAG Members' art work on exhibit in the upstairs Gallery.

A few random photos of works are shown here....

An elevator is located on the right side of lobby for access to the second-floor gallery if you prefer not to use the winding staircase.



Iris Kaplan



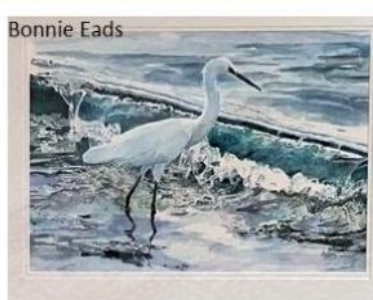
Susan Fink



Jan Tindall



Jan Kiszonak



Bonnie Eads



Linda DeLuca

A Look Back at our

June Inaugural Luncheon and Meeting



Members Enjoying Lunch and Inauguration of Officers at Braised Onion Restaurant , Ocala, Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Elected Executive Board June 2022 - May 2023

OFFICERS

President	Lee Asta
1st Vice President of Exhibitions	Iris Kaplan
2nd Vice President of Programs	Susan Silverman Fink
Recording Secretary	Catherine Burnside
Treasurer	Marcelle Schvimmer
Past President	Sharon Harris
MCA Liaison	Lynn King

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Membership	Heather Doherty
Publicity	Iris Kaplan
Newsletter	Jan Kizonak
Website	Barbara Fife and Vivian Drawneek
Corresponding Secretary	Marion Savage
Instagram	Cindy Vener

Message from Our Membership Chairperson,
Heather Doherty



*Thank You to the MANY of you who
have already renewed
your Membership*

REMINDER – 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 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 72nd year of the Ocala Art Group



**THANK
YOU**

“ARTrageous ART”venture



Wednesday July 13,
2022



DOCENT TOUR 10:30 –11:30 AM

Followed by *LUNCH at MOJO'S

*RSVP—Lee Asta for Luncheon Reservation

We are very fortunate to be the guest at the Appleton and to have our very own “DOCENT”, Ruth Dexheimer. Ruth has the wherewithal to lead us through the Shows and some of the permanent collections of the Museum which most visitors will not be able to have.

Lunch is scheduled at Mojo's Restaurant which is directly across Silver Springs Boulevard, and those who haven't been there will be pleasantly surprised from the unique visuals and atmosphere to the very good food.

Let Lee know that you will be coming aa she will arrange luncheon reservations.

Villages Daily Sun

ARTS and MUSIC Topic

By Michael FORTUNA,

Staff Writer

Villagers add a storied art group to their roster as the Ocala Art Group, celebrating their 72nd year, features several Villages residents, including its president, Lee Asta.



Article by Michael FORTUNA, Daily Sun Staff Writer

Several Villages residents have spread their artistic wings, heading a few minutes north to join the ranks of the Ocala Art Group.

During her first year with the group, Lee Asta entered one of her paintings into an exhibition at the Appleton Museum of Art, where it won best in show. At the time, Asta was in New York visiting when the winners were announced.

When she came back to The Villages, she stopped in Ocala on the last day of the art show. “I have to see my painting in a museum,” Asta said. “That will be etched in my memory. It was cool.”

The Ocala Art Group, entering its 72nd year of existence, is made up artists from Ocala, as well as Leesburg and The Villages. “They brought an energy that only Villagers could bring to a group,” said Asta, of the Village Palo Alto. “They do a lot of volunteering. If they were closer, they would be more involved in the workshops of the group. *(continued on next page)*

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It's hard to get them involved because they're so far away, said Asta. She joined the OAG in 2003 and became its president in 2021. When she joined, she had a few years of making art under her belt. She started out in the Visual Arts Association during the late 1990s, leaning toward making mixed media pieces with acrylics. With the OAG, she helped out in the hospitality department, working her way up to vice president, followed by president. "The people that volunteer are just phenomenal artists through and through and they're caring," Asta said. "I've made such nice friends. We enjoy one another's company." Since becoming president, Asta has met several local dignitaries, including Ocala Mayor Kent Guinn. It was the first time she had met any mayor.

"I shook his hand," she said. "That was impressive to me." In February, the OAG rents out the Brick City Center for the Arts, where it hosts an art show, invites an outside artist to critique the paintings, and hosts an artist mixer co-hosted by the Marion Cultural Alliance. "Everybody came in and hung out," Asta said. "I'm looking forward to doing this again. Iris Kaplan joined the OAG about a year ago after judging one of the group's shows during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I like the idea of being able to show art in some galleries outside of the Villages", said Kaplan, of the Village of Pine Ridge. "The group is smaller, more intimate." Kaplan, who has created art for a good portion of her life, including as a fashion designer, enjoyed being a part of the Stroke of Genius exhibit in February, where works were inspired by masters of the art world. "They just try to do interesting – creative shows," Kaplan said. "We're creating different, exciting venues so the artist can show their work at the best level." She also became a member of the OAG's board. "I can contribute a lot more," Kaplan said. "It makes me feel like I'm doing something special." For information on the OAG including how to join, visit ocalaartgroup.org. All members must pay a \$35 annual fee. "There were times when the group was struggling but it recovered," Asta said. "I'm seeing a good sign, but we need people willing to come help the group. The potential is so great."



Messages *from* Members

Dear Community Arts Leaders,

Greetings again. I admire the incredible works you are doing. As you might remember, I have a bit of a limitation due to a vertigo condition so I don't go to a lot of meetings. BUT I AM WORKING WITH MY ART. Presently doing some regular fine art for participating in upcoming shows.

In the midst of that I have been producing several FEW MINUTE VIMEOS "SAMPLES" with music of the chalk art on the larger custom easel...with INVISIBLE image theme illumination at the end.

I hope to participate more soon!

Glori Kohlmann

You can see my latest one here...3 minutes. [Click on the link below:](https://vimeo.com/717164268)

Land of the Free!

<https://vimeo.com/717164268>



Message from JanTindall

Bats, bats, bats! I am getting bats in my

belfry from thinking about bats! Can you imagine all the great images I am thinking about to paint on bats??? It looks like we will be able to use foamboard to create bats to hang from the ceiling in the lobby of the Ocala Civic Theatre. Send me your ideas for decorating bats (gothic images mainly, but keep it simple --- we want your main effort to go into dynamic paintings based on the Dracula theme). Send ideas to jtindall01@gmail.com. I am currently looking for a site where we can get together and create the bats in early October so the theatre will have them in plenty of time to hang.

Start thinking about your painting themes now. It can be anything Gothic or scary related or even something like the white nightgown the heroine wore. If you come up with something that can be appropriate for other venues, so much the better.

The artistic director for the show is out of town right now so details are on hold, but that shouldn't keep us from getting a head start on what looks to be a great show and possibly a venue to show and sell our art in years to come.

Jan Tindall

Don't forget: if you are a frustrated Thespian or have any experience painting sets, helping to paint sets is a great way we can cement relationships with the Civic.



Hi again,

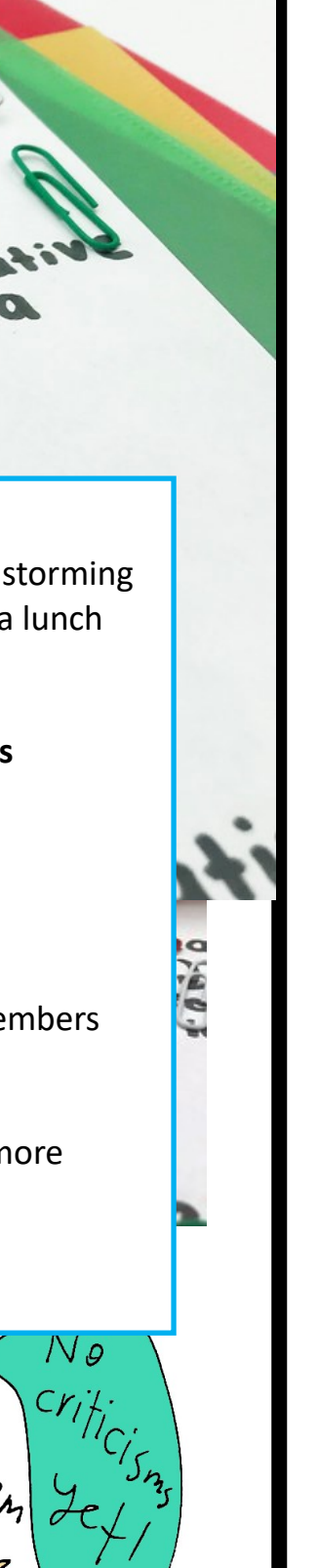
Lee and I spoke about the September 12 meeting and the brainstorming session. The exec committee, that meets from 11-noon, wants a lunch break before the members meeting.

Therefore, **the Sept 12 meeting at Brick City Center for the Arts will be as follows:**

- 11-noon OAG Executive Committee meeting
- 11-noon Members meet and lunch in courtyard area
- 12 Brick Art Gallery Doors open to members
- 12-12:30 Socializing and Exec committee lunch break – all members
- 12:30-1:00 OAG Members Business Meeting
- 1:00 – 1:30 OAG Brainstorming Session
- 1:30 - Creative Sparks Program– guest presenter, Patt Gilmore

Vivian Drawneek

941-927-2609



everyone!

Bad
Brainstorm

No
criticisms
yet!



AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OAG MEMBERS SUMMER ART SHOW EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Opening Reception/Awards Presentations JULY 14TH 4-7PM All are encouraged to attend the 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 is 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. **Notify Lee Asta** if you would like to participate to sell your art.

First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

Brick City Center for the Arts July 2022 | "Glimpses of India"

(23 SW Broadway Street) Opening Reception July 1st 5-:30 pm

Description of Exhibit: A Unique Immersive Experience of the Arts, Music, Culture and Traditions of India

Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG) (Summer hiatus)

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

The Villages Workshops villageartworkshops.com

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

Kathy Manet Batik Watercolor Workshop July 19, 9:30 am - 3pm. Kathy's knowledge about batik and her fun teaching style will have you leaving with a beautiful finished painting, and a spring in your step!

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 meets monthly on second Friday featuring Painting of the Month, Social with light refreshments, Next Meeting in August. For more information visit citruswatercolorsociety.org.

Lecture by Barbara Kerr, Watercolor Teacher, Inverness,

at Lakes Region Library on the Topic of :Understanding Nonobjective Art , July 22 , 2022 3-4PM

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

Send any changes of contact information to Heather Doherty at jmdhld@aol.com