



Established 1950

Newsletter

August 2022



Celebrating 72 Years



President's Message

Being President of Ocala Art Group has been such a rewarding experience for me. It has given me an opportunity to meet such talented and wonderful people. YES... it is work, BUT I AM DOING WHAT I TRULY ENJOY!!! It is so rewarding to me each time I meet a new member or see a potential new venue....it's a good thing I don't get a salary, because I would really feel guilty !!!!

As your President, I am continuing to cherish our dear OAG and its image in our community. Each time we complete another venue, I feel our group impresses the public with its art as well as its CLASS!! Our current Fine Arts Show at the South State Bank is a prime example. You have until September to see it in person, but our Website also has a wonderful presentation of it and its Award Winners.

Our October Dracula festivities at the Ocala Civic Theatre will also blow people's minds with our funky creativity. I hope all members will support this venue with their art and their bats but also their attendance at the October 23, Sunday Matinee—details being worked on.

In the works we also have some ICE CREAM inspired art possibilities, as well as another Matinee for Nutcracker Ballet in December maybe? I would love it if someone would offer to collect the checks for a Matinee for me, so I can move forward with some other venue ideas. . . I cannot do both.

Mark your calendars for the September 12th Meeting at the Brick for a very important meeting that will include a Brainstorming Session led by Vivian Drawneek to give you an opportunity to see some additions or changes possibly developed to improve OAG. This will be in addition to a wonderful Demo.

FINALLY, My goal for the coming year is to try to help our organization develop roots in the Ocala Community. Think about how you would like to see this done for our almost 75 year old organization. I have an idea and it is phenomenal -if we can do it. I'll share it soon!

To me, a President works a lot, but does not do all the work. I need you all to offer me whatever little help you can give me to help OAG continue to become an outstanding organization in the Ocala community that will be admired by ALL!!!

I have several jobs for people who can only help with making phone calls. If you could do this call me please. I would tell you which jobs I need phone calls made for. This would be so helpful for me.... Please call me and offer your help!!! My cell is 352-223-7687.

Lee Asta, your President

ARTrageous ART"venture

Wednesday August 10, 2022

ITINERARY

1 Meet at **Leesburg Center for the Arts at 10:30am.**

There is ample parking and a short walking distance to the galleries on Main Street.

429 West Magnolia Street

Leesburg, Florida 34748

The gallery exhibit are "The Florida Highwaymen"

A family's Perspective from The private collection of the Stokes family.



2 **Uncommon on Sixth..(gallery)**

www.uncommononsixth.com

3 **Gary Lee Sligh Fabric Art**

And much more

609 West Main Street

4 **Artist With a Purpose**

411 West Main Street

www.theartistwithapurpose.com

5 **Lunch at Ellen's Cafe on 3rd.**

6 Then a short car ride to **Plaza Lincoln Gallery**

8925 US Highway 441.

Leesburg

Marjorie Dodrill

"Florida Flora"

www.Marjoriedodrill.com

7 Then a trip to **DK Art**

Art Supplies.

Thank you

Susan Fink

845-649-8651

Please let me know who is coming

so I can make reservations

for lunch at Ellen's.

Vertepurple77@gmail.com



ARTrageous ART"venture

July 13, 2022



Well, this could be a statue of me, your President, Lee...but it is the Appleton's THE THINKER by Rodin!



I returned from our OAG trip on July 13th brimming with new knowledge....thanks to our *in-house* Docent , Ruth Dexheimer. Never underestimate her! She prepared well to not only provide us with lots of Art history , but also lots of Art principles, performing arts costumes and scenery details AND farm facts....and it goes on! There were even jokes and humorous antidotes!!!



ARTrageous ART"venture Luncheon

We were 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.



*I can not emphasize
enough what an in-
teresting afternoon
we 14 members
experienced
at the Appleton!!!*

Then we headed to a FUNKY local restaurant, MOJOS, and had a delish luncheon. I was ready to continue with more ARTSY adventures till I had a dental emergency (not serious...Thank God!!) I then had to leave the festivities and head to my Dentist for some aid!!! I am sure the others headed on to do some ART exploring!!!!

Comments by Lee Asta, President



DAAG art show summer

AWARD WINNERS



Thank You, **Lynn King**, for securing this beautiful venue for this fantastic show and organizing it to perfection including a wonderful reception and Award Presentation Event.



BEST OF SHOW "Golden Girls" – Watercolor 14" x 20" by BARBARA FIFE



"Farm Fresh"- Acrylic – 24" x 30"
by MARCELLE SCHVIMMER FIRST PLACE



"Stained Glass Flowers" – Watercolor Collage – 16" x 20"
by HEATHER DOHERTY SECOND PLACE



"Forever" – Mixed Medium- 24" x 36"
by CATHY BURNSIDE THIRD PLACE

September 12 Demonstration

Patricia Gilmore
Creative Sparks

Monday, Sept 12 2022

Members Meeting —12:30 PM
Program —1:30 PM

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

Patt's Bio

Patricia "Patt" Gilmore began her professional art career in her early 20s in the creative departments of large advertising agencies in southern California, continuing with interior design and later her own accessory design company in Massachusetts. Her sculptural work has appeared in galleries in Cambridge, Providence, and central Florida. In the 2000s, as a lover of the outdoors, she began combining her design and engineering skills as an award-winning Environmental Artist. She used natural materials to create individual and interactive installations for historical properties, state parks, and city festivals.

After 8 years of pretty steady travel, Pat landed in Ocala Florida with her wife and son, where her art career has unexpectedly blossomed. After more than a decade of commissioned-based portrait work, she is finally making a living with her own work. She travels to art festivals, shows in galleries and creates large public murals. She also manages and curates at the 8th Avenue Gallery in Ocala, where she showcases not just her own work but of Artists she has met during her travels. She is currently Program Director at the Leesburg Center of the Arts.



Patt instructs in several areas of The Arts; visual, written, and performance. She focuses on the processes and techniques that allow a student to create art pieces that are uniquely theirs. She is an Environmental Artist, Photographer, and an Instructor of Meditative Art. In addition, Patt is the developer of "Creative Sparks" - Activities to Release Your Genius.

"Creative Sparks" activities are designed to help unlock the mind, remove artistic blockages and get participants open and receptive to out-of-the-box thinking. As a graduate of the Commercial Actors Studio in Los Angeles with a background in Improvisational Theater, and as a Certified Therapist and Artist, Patt leads groups in creative activities that get their brain cells firing through imaginative fun. Release Your Genius.

Come to learn and participate to release your creativity!

BATS!! BATS!!!

for Dracula – August 6



NOTE from Jan Tindall

It has come to my attention that many members aren't aware of the importance of the bats. They serve a two-fold purpose: **one is a gift to the Civic for their decor and the second is that we can sell the bats at that first weekend performance and the Civic gives the money to us as a group. What a great and fun way to make money for our club to use as we please!**

We are hopeful that we can establish a good relationship with The Civic Theatre and perhaps get a yearly exhibit there. They also want to use pictures of bat-painting parties in their promotional materials so really turn out for these and show what a fun and active group we are! By the way, the bats are fun, simple projects like clip art and not great works of art. Anyone can do this!

Email me (jtindall01@gmail.com) to let me know which party you intend to sign up for so I can plan accordingly.

We hope to also have one at The Civic, but no date yet for that one.

Thanks,

Jan Tindall

FYI...

Several of you have been worrying about how we are going to paint bats. This is going to be a BLAST! The bats should be simple but well done. Remember that the bats are black and colors are painted on.

We will be using glow-in-the-dark paint for at least the outside bats (how cool will that be!). If anyone else has spare acrylic paint that they could donate, it would be appreciated. Bring your own brushes and have a ball!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for painting BATS as a group

SATURDAYS

August 6 and 13

at All About Art

5162 US-441, Belleview, Fl

from 10:30 AM to 3:30PM.

Come for part of the time or all day. It should be a blast!

Fun art and fellowship all at the same time.

Bring brushes for acrylic paints and any spare acrylic paint
you may have to use.

There is a reasonable restaurant right there
where you can buy lunch.

Please send your name and which days you plan to attend
to Jan Tindall at jtindall01@gmail.com

Members SUGGESTIONS



I thought this might be of interest to some of our members. I just found a really interesting podcast to listen to while I walk in the morning. **ART CURIOUS** by Jennifer Dasal. I have only listened to one so far but found it very interesting. It was Episode #98 The Woman behind the Art— Rose Valland. She was known as a Monument woman, behind the scenes to recapture all the beautiful artworks that Hitler stole during WWII. I am excited to listen to more episodes. Hope you will enjoy them also.

Cathy Burnside

Sharon Harris, former OAG President, award winning artist and judge of many exhibits in North Florida, has been invited to present a discussion to the Villages Colored Pencil Painting Guild about “What Judges Look For.” The 9:30 am, August 10 meeting is held at the Lake Miona Recreation Center, 1526 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages.

BBC: World's largest watercolour revealed after £50k conservation appeal.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-birmingham-62319019>



AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OAG MEMBERS SUMMER ART SHOW

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

New Exhibit: The Art of Aging: The Secret of Life August 5 - 27

in partnership with Marion Senior Services at The Brick City Center for the Arts (23 SW Broadway Street)

Opening Reception Friday, August 5, 5 - 7 PM

WORKSHOPS

8/10 Discovering Mindful Art and Meditation when Managing Stress

8/17 Sneaky Sodium: Tame Your Salt Habit

8/24 Why you need to have the conversation

Ocala Calligraphy Guild (OCG)

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

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,. For more information visit www.citruswatercolorsociety.org.

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

30 Holidays

To Celebrate In August

- 8/1 National Raspberry Cream Pie Day
- 8/2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 8/3 National Watermelon Day
- 8/4 Coast Guard Day
- 8/5 National Underwear Day
- 8/6 Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 8/7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8/8 Collector Car Appreciation Day
- 8/9 Book Lovers' Day
- 8/10 Lazy Day
- 8/11 Play in the Sand Day
- 8/12 National Vinyl Record Day
- 8/13 Left Handers' Day
- 8/14 National Creamsicle Day
- 8/15 Relaxation Day
- 8/16 National Roller Coaster Day
- 8/17 National Thrift Shop Day
- 8/18 Poetry Day
- 8/19 National Aviation Day
- 8/20 National Radio Day
- 8/21 National Spumoni Day
- 8/22 Be an Angel Day
- 8/23 Ride the Wind Day
- 8/24 National Waffle Day
- 8/25 Kiss and Make Up Day
- 8/26 National Dog Day
- 8/27 Just Because Day
- 8/28 Race Your Mouse Day
- 8/29 National Chop Sue Day
- 8/30 Frankenstein Day

