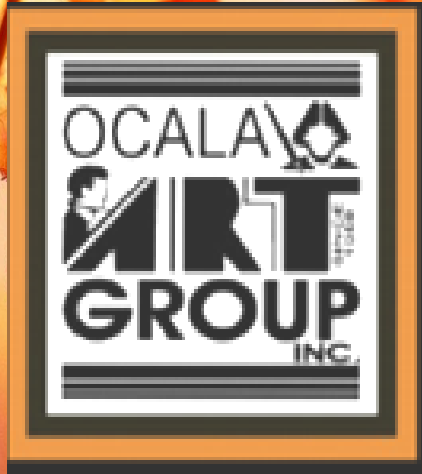


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Newsletter

Celebrating 72 Years



President's Message

Once again, I am challenged with subjects for my monthly President's Message. That is NOT to say I can't find anything to write about, but rather, I find myself challenged to figure out a way to include all that's been developing in a concise manner. I want you to make an effort to keep consulting not only our Newsletter, but also our great Website as we will be using them more and more to communicate with you all about the things we are trying

to develop to make OAG so very exciting for our members.

Of course, first on our menu is our fantastic Bat project...we had our doubts, but so far they are developing better than I ever expected! Jan Tindall and several members have been concentrating on our upcoming dreary Gothic Fine Art Show at the Ocala Civic Theatre in October with the inspiring theme of Dracula. This is a challenge that is sure to impress the Ocala community and perhaps earn us a yearly show there? If you don't support this show by your art that will be out of your comfort zone, you have only yourself to blame for not earning us additional shows at this venue! I've seen what you did with those bats, so I know you can come up with outrageous gloomy art! CHECK WEBSITE TO SEE PHOTOS OF BATS!!!!

Thanks to those members who have come forward to cover the duration of our Civic Theatre art show to handle sales of Bats and our Art! Contact Jan Tindall to help with this project. .

Once again, First Veep , Iris Kaplan , has got us going with another OUTSTANDING possible venue that involves music AND mural painting. This is another venue to take us out of our comfort zone once again!!!! Wait till you hear about this as we develop more details! We NEED helpers to make this get started!!!!Let Iris know you want to help her!!!!

Susan Fink and Sandy Fox did such a great job with our August ARTventure to Leesburg, they were asked to put together another ARTventure sooner than our scheduled March trip. We had almost 20 attend and we are getting so good, we are getting to know one another WITHOUT our Nametags!!!! CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS.

I hope you managed to see our terrific Fine Art Show at South State Bank! I'm going back to see it again, as I want to savor each work of art as if I were standing in the Louvre. That's how good a show it is!!! Pick out 3 of your favorites and be sure to tell their Artists when you see them at our September Meeting , how much you liked them! Also thank Lynn King and Susan Fink for all their hard work on this show!!!!CHECK WEBSITE FOR GREAT PHOTOS OF THIS SHOW.

Speaking of September, our meeting on the 12th will be at NOON at the Brick City Art Center. Bring your lunch to socialize . . .AND YOUR IDEAS TO OFFER DURING VIVIAN'S BRAINSTORMING at our meeting!!!!

Thanks to the hard work of Jan Kiszonak, Barbara Fife and Vivian Drawneek, we not only have an improved Newsletter and Website, but are looking to add some new FEATURES to them. We would like to get a few "Reporters" to call members for articles in our Newsletter. Contact Jan Kiszonak...if you like to make phone calls and talk to people about their ART and their activities. .

Since this MEETING will be the start of the new season, I will share with you my dreams AND goals for OAG for the coming year.....maybe you would like to help with them?

I CAN NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU! AS YOU ALREADY KNOW.....OAG is a relatively small group, but we are strong and talented !!!! Let's act it AND show it!!! Get involved!!!! OAG IS DEPENDING ON YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT FOR A STRONG FUTURE FILLED WITH LOTS OF ART, FUN AND CREATIVITY!!!

With Love,
Your President,
Leona (Lee) Asta



Brainstorming Session, September 12

As part of the Ocala Art Group September business meeting, members will have the opportunity to participate in a brainstorming session. For those not familiar with brainstorming, a definition is:

A group problem-solving technique that involves the spontaneous contribution of ideas from all members of the group. One of the major objectives of brainstorming is to *withhold criticism and welcome all sorts of ideas*.

The purpose for the brainstorming session is to generate new ideas and ways to improve the following:

- Meetings
- Art-Ventures
- OAG Website, Newsletter and Social Media
- Call to Artists

Come ready to participate in this fun session to help our amazing group become even more amazing!



Presented by Vivian Dwarneek

**Starts after the Business Meeting
and before the Demonstration**

Cathy Burnside (our new secretary!) and Marion Savage offered to help me with the brainstorming session.



PLEASE NOTE: This will be audience involved so please bring a clipboard to write on and everything else will be provided.

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!

PARKING – "By Florida Law, vehicles displaying a disabled parking permit or license plate are allowed to park for free up to 4 hours in any on-street metered space, unless signage posted restricts the time to park."

A Look Back at our



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, for putting this
wonderful trip together
for our group!

TO SEE PHOTOS OF THE TRIP
CLICK THE LINK BELOW

[Leesburg Art-Venture Aug 10, 2022 –
Ocala Art Group](#)



Dracula Exhibit

October 20-23, 2022



4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL 34470
Located in the
Appleton Cultural Center

Ocala Art Group Members

This is a non-juried exhibit to be shown at five performances of the play "Dracula".

Members are invited to submit Original Artwork ONLY! (NO Copies, No Prints, No Glceles accept-ed!!!!); 2-dimensional art no larger than 16" x 20", framed or gallery wrapped.

(Please no nudes, religious, political or overtly patriotic themes).

The artwork should be loosely based on the theme of the Dracula story

(Gothic, Horror, Supernatural, Sinister, Decay, Bleak, Dark Humor, Spooky, etc.).

Exhibition Schedule

- **Application Form** from OAG website and **check for \$25 made out to OAG must be postmarked by September 15** and sent to **Janice Tindall, 1406 Arbor Trail, The Villages, FL 32162.**
- **Installation/drop off** at Ocala Civic Theatre Wednesday, **October 19 from 11 AM to 2PM.**
- **Opening Night and Meet the Artists Reception** by Ocala Civic Theatre on **Thursday, October 20, 6:15 PM.**
- **Pick up art Monday, October 24 11AM to 2PM.** Each artist is responsible to pick up or make arrangements to pick up all art works at that day and time.

- **Attend Matinee performance of Dracula with OAG members—Sunday Oct 23, 2022**
- **Purchase tickets through Lee Asta before Sept 10, 2022.**

Send \$30 check made out to: LEONA ASTA. (NOT OAG please!!!) Mail your \$30 check to her house at: L. Asta 1941 Palo Alto Ave., Lady Lake, Florida 32159. PLEASE NOTE: she will do her best to have us all sitting together or nearby. an ...sorry I split this but need to Aldo add: DEADLINE for PAYMENT: September 12th. Wear your red shirts.



Bat Painting Luncheon at BD Beans



Lee Asta has “People she knows“ at this restaurant also: BD Beans in Belleview has been involved in the art scene and Lee met up with an old friend there, Elaine , the waitress....Lee (being Lee) could NOT help recommending to Elaine to ask the owner , Becky, if maybe OAG could set up an art show there like for “old times”? She is checking it out for us!!!!

Some more NEW friends are made for OAG!!! You will hear the results from Lee soon!!!

Attending delicious lunch are:

Left to right: Gail Bannock, Jan Tindall, Dorie Sullivan (not sure of last name?), Cathy Burnside, Heather Doherty, Iris Kaplan, Jan Kiszonak and the photographer, Lee Asta. One latecomer was left behind in the classroom to work on her Bats . As we were going out to eat, she walked in!!!Our dedicated member: Marge Picard stayed and worked on her Bats!!! Thanks Marge!!!!

Check website for October’s Dracula inspired fine arts DARK Show at Civic Theatre. We have potential to possibly hang this show afterwards at another venue. Keep your fingers crossed AND Stay tuned!!!! Lee



Check the POSTS on the WEBSITE: [Posts – Ocala Art Group](#)

Member Spotlight



Vivian Haberfeld Impressionist Landscapes

Vivian Haberfeld Impressionist Landscapes Background: A New York City dweller for 30 years, Vivian felt deprived of the sights and sounds of the country. She was struck by the beauty of the Mid-Hudson Valley, and began a search for a way to get closer to nature. She left the city and started her new life. Through that highly personal and emotional process, she discovered the artist within herself. It is a sentimental journey that continues

to motivate her work as a painter. Vivian is influenced by the Impressionist movement, but adds her own contemporary style characterized by textures and bold use of color. Inspired by the land, she takes photographs to use as a guide to unleash her imagination. She chooses to paint in oil on hard surfaces which gives her work a unique look. Galleries and Exhibits: Uncommon on Sixth

Gallery, Current exhibit (May 2022 to present) Visual Arts Assoc. La Galleria Winter Show (1st Place) (2022) Resident Artist The Barn Gallery and Frame Shop, New

Fairfield CT (2019-2021) Putnam Arts Council Member show (2019) Great Hollow Juried Art Show (1st Place and chosen for press release) (2019) Front Street Gallery Juried Show (chosen for press release) (2018) Somerfield's Restaurant 6 Month Solo Exhibit (2017) Kent Public Library Solo Exhibit (2015), Look Art Gallery (2012) Annual shows...belong Putnam Arts Council, Arts on the Lake, Friends of the Great Swamp Education: Vivian holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, and after a 20 year career, started to paint. Vivian has studied at The Art Students League of New York, The New School for Art and Design, Arts on the Lake, Putnam Arts Council, and Silvermine Art Center. Artist statement: "I am moved by striking skies, distant vistas, intricate foliage and bold colors. My intent is to create an idealized place for myself and my viewers. I use reality for reference, but let my imagination and brush dictate the outcome. I am not afraid to explore and discover harmony in nature and life." ... Vivian Haberfeld Contact: Tel:

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Sandra Fox Silk Painting

Monday, October 10, 2022

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

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

Sandra's Bio

Sandra Fox first studied art in New York City. She graduated from the High School of Art and Design and Queens College with a degree in Education and Art. After receiving a Master's Degree in the Education of the Deaf from New York University in 1970, she taught art to deaf children from 1st grade to 12th grade at the School for the Deaf in New York City. In 1985 she studied Painting on Silk at the School of Visual Arts in NYC which changed the direction of her artistic endeavors.

Silk painting has become her favorite medium. She loves the organic way the paints or dyes mix and flow across the white silk, and the challenges it presents to complete her vision.

Recently Sandra started experimenting with collage, primarily using her own hand painted papers and pieces of her painted silks. She manipulates the painted silk to create 3-dimensional art which is hardened with a special solution. She sometimes adds her silks to wood painted to match the silk.

She continues to further her collage and silk art creating impressionist and abstract pieces. Her art can be found on Etsy at www.etsy.com/shop/SandraFoxDesigns and also on FineArtAmerica.com.



AREA EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OAG MEMBERS SUMMER ART SHOW EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

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.

There is still time to see this beautiful show and be amazed by the talent of our fine artist members. It will enlighten you to the variety of styles and mediums and the excellence of the entries in this show.

First Friday Art Walk - The Art Walk will resume in September 2, 2022 thru May 2023 and takes place in Ocala's historic downtown. **On Display at The Brick—Spanish Heritage Art Exhibit**

First Saturday at the Appleton Museum - FREE Admission

MCA

Description of Event: Marion Cultural Alliance invites you to join them at their Block Party on Broadway fundraiser. The event will take place at the Brick City Center for the Arts. The exhibit kicks off on Friday, November 4th through Saturday, November 26th, and will showcase art created and donated by celebrities, national, regional & local artists, designers, creators, students, youth, and more. Funds raised benefit MCA, its programs, and initiatives.

Artist participation is FREE. Each artist may claim up to three (3) 12x12" blocks/canvases to be completed by the artist in their medium of preference. Open to local, regional, and national artists of all levels and ages. Youth, students, and other creative participants are encouraged! Must confirm participation by registering at mcaocala.org/block-party

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 citruswatercolorssociety.org.

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

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

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Dracula Matinee Ticket money due—send to Lee Asta

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Meeting [Click for details](#) [Calendar – Ocala Art Group](#)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

BRAINSTORMING [Click for details](#) [Calendar – Ocala Art Group](#)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

CREATIVE SPARKS [Click for details](#) [Calendar – Ocala Art Group](#)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

SUMMER ART SHOW Pick up 11-am—2pm

OCTOBER

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

Meeting [Click for details](#) [Calendar – Ocala Art Group](#)

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

SILK PAINTING [Click for details](#) [Calendar – Ocala Art Group](#)

Dracula

[Click for details](#) [Call to Artists – Ocala Art Group](#)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

Drop-off Paintngs at Civic Theatre 11 am—2pm

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

Dracula Exhibit Reception at Civic Theatre 6:15 pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

Dracula Matinee at Civic Theatre 2pm

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

Pick up Art at Civic Theatre 11 am—2pm

CALENDAR

A LOOK AHEAD

MONDAY November 14, 2022 OAG meeting and presentation

WEDNESDAY December 14, 2022 OAG Holiday lunch

2023

MONDAY January 9, 2023 OAG meeting and presentation

MONDAY February 13, 2023 OAG meeting and presentation

March ??, 2023 Art-Venture TBD

MONDAY April 10, 2023 OAG meeting and presentation

MONDAY May 8, 2023 OAG meeting and presentation

June ??, 2023 Luncheon & Installation Of Officers TBD

July ??, 2023 Art-Venture TDB