

—PO Box 1177—Tarpon Springs, FL 34688—E-mail: patsy.renz@gmail.com Meetings - First Monday of the Month at The Community Center. 400 S. Walton -1:30pm

February 2025

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Hello!

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As I am typing this, it seems like we had our January General Meeting just a few days ago...and actually, It WAS just a few days ago! I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting and the demo! At our February meeting, the Demo will be Clifford Kramer, doing pallet knife painting. I have seen a demo he did at the Tarpon Art Guild Gallery some time ago and it was very interesting...think you will really like it!

The Oldsmar City Hall drop off went very well. The exhibit is really good; we have so much talent in our club! The reception is January 28 at 5 pm and I encourage you to plan to be there if you can! If you cannot be there, please plan to stop by sometime to see the exhibit. The City Hall is open weekdays til 5 pm. It is not open on weekends.

The Fine Arts Festival is March 8 and 9 with TSAA registration from 10 am til noon on March 7 at the Community Center. The fee to enter up to three artworks per member is \$10. We will have the same spots as last year; we had quite a few sales last year! Sign up sheets will be at the General Meeting and more information is in a separate article in this newsletter.

This is the time of year that TSAA accepts nominations of officers for the next club year! Some of our officers have said they will continue in whatever capacity they are in now; however, we do need to fill some positions. Vice President is one of those positions. The Vice President's duties consist mainly of scheduling demos and workshops and assisting the President with various projects. The Vice President also fills in for the President in the event the President cannot be at a board meeting or general meeting for some reason.

We have a special April meeting that is being planned...more on that to come. And plans are in the works for after our summer break! As they used to say on the old black and white TV shows (remember rabbit ears with tin foil on them?) stay tuned...more to come!

May your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow, And may trouble avoid you, wherever you go.

Martha Hickey President

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 21, 2025: Date for Oldsmar City Hall Exhibit drop-off

Reception: January 28, 2025

February 27, 2025: Pick up art 10 to noon

February 3, 2025: Regular club meeting, Community Center, 1:30 pm

March 3, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center...includes supply give away: 1:30 pm

March 7, 2025: Set up for Fine Arts Festival: Registration of Artwork, 10 to noon March 8-9, 2025: Fine Arts Festival, Craig Park

April 7, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center, time TBD

May 5, 2025: Regular Club Meeting, Community Center 1:30 pm

The Board Meetings are usually held at 1:30 pm on the last Monday of the month during the club year, at the Tarpon Springs Library. All members are invited to attend.

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Fine Arts Festival 2025:

March 8 and 9 with TSAA Registration March 7, 2025

The 50th Annual Fine Arts Festival will be at Craig Park, on the Bayou, on March 8 and 9. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the festival at this time, however; TSAA started it...50 years ago! And that is why TSAA members can get into the festival free. You will have a name tag or ID as a festival volunteer. We have tent spaces at no charge to TSAA!

Each member of TSAA has the opportunity to submit three pieces of artwork to hang in the tent, and up to 10 bin pieces.

We have a couple of nice spots along the water, near the food and entertainment and last year we had a number of sales. There is no commission taken on sales; however, if a credit card is used for payment thru TSAA, we use the Square and the artist will have the Square fee deducted from their sales amount received. This amount will be paid by check issued by our Treasurer. There is a fee of \$10 per participating member to defray costs some unexpected costs always seem to crop up at the last minute!

Registration is March 7 at the Community Center from 10 to noon. The artwork is to be turned in at that time and later in the day. transported to Craig Park. During the registration the tents are being set up and getting ready for artwork to be hung. Artwork then will be hung in the afternoon; the area is very secure by the way...so depending on weather, artwork can stay in the tent overnight.

Volunteers are needed for: Registration, tent set up, transporting artwork, hanging artwork, staffing the tent during the festival, and taking down the tent at the end of the festival. Sign up sheets are to be at the February and if needed, March meeting.

Where to park during the festival? Behind Tarpon Tower, that big white building visible from US 19, is a large parking lot with free parking. From that parking lot, free shuttles will run on both March 8 and March 9. What if you make a purchase, or two...or three? No problem, you can still ride the shuttle! My first year at the festival, I purchased a cypress, carved seahorse that stands three feet tall...and it was ok to take on the shuttle!

Joanna Rytel and Martha Hickey are coordinating this event for TSAA.

Welcome New Member:

Mary Manos - Tarpon Springs - 727-937-4901

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Sally Fuller's photo titled "Flying Kites" received 2nd place at the Tarpon Art Guild's January back wall exhibit.

Margaret Modjeski sold 3 watercolors in December/January at

her studio in Stirling Arts Studios & Gallery. They were some of her Quirky Critters....."Rocky", "Goliath Grouper", and. "Charlie Crab".



Patsy Renz for the sale of "This is Florida" at the Tarpon Art Guild



Artist of the Month

George Caras was chosen the Artist of the month for January with his painting of Mykonos

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

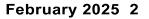
Art Happenings at Brooker Creek Preserve:

New Exhibit: Reflections: Watercolor Notations of Natural Phenomena by Jon Seals On view through February 23; Artist Reception and Talk, Sunday, January 19, 1-3 PM (free to the public).

Workshop: Watercolor Workshop with Jon Seals Saturday, Jan. 18, 1-3 PM; \$25 / person (supplies included) RSVP at info@friendsofbrookercreekpreserve or call 727-934-2680

Upcoming: Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025 See page 4 for details.

If you are interested in **Plein Air painting**, Kathy Detrano's group, Plein Air Irregulars, will start to meet again probably in November when the local parks are safe to walk on grass and debris has been removed. To sign up for email announcements send email to PleinAirIrregulars@gmail.com.





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VENUE NEWS:

Chamber of Commerce:

Stop by the Chamber to see the new exhibit. It will be up until February 14th. Judy Grove, George Carac, Marth Hickey, Susan Duda will be the next exhibitors. Contact me if you want to have your work at the Chamber.

Right now we have Fonda Wirth, Fritz Johnson, Alex Boudreau, Judy Groves.

It is a great exhibit.

Contact Sherry Orr

813 310 9045, 0rr6@verizon.net

Valley Bank, - Vacancies for 2- month displays of 7 to 9 pieces by one artist. .Ljuba Simovic is on display now. Fonda Wirth will be the next artist there. Contact Judy Groves 712-435-9811 judygroves52@yahoo.com

Hampton Inn - Vacancies for 3-month displays of 3 pieces by one artist begin April 2025. Contact Jana Withers artbyjana@aol.com or at 727-271-2787. if you are interested.

Tarpon Springs Library:

Currently, Joanna Mazurek, Joanna Rytel, and Ljuba Simovic have their art displayed until February 18. Then, 3 more artists, Fonda Wirth, Susan Duda, and Alex Boudreau will display their art for 3 months. The next available date to display your art is May 20, 2025. You can sign up at the general meetings or contact Bess King at bking4521@tampabay.rr.com or 727-458-3836.

Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee Looking for Volunteers

The Public Art Committee consists of five members and two alternate members appointed for three-year terms by the Board of Commissioners. The Public Art Committee adopts program guidelines and identifies locations for potential public artworks with the consensus of the Board of Commissioners; recommends a budget and expenditures for public art; and submits an annual plan to the Board of Commissioners.

The committee is currently accepting applications from residents of Tarpon Springs for two openings. An example of the artwork around the city would be the mermaid at Craig Park. Another example is the ligftboxes on Dodecanese.

Interested? The application form can be found on the City's website. Or let me know if you cannot locate it and I will email Diane Wood to get one for you.

Martha Hickey

January Demonstration by

Wildlife artist -Steven Koury



especially for those

of us who are wildlife artists. Learned a lot. Thanks Trish for getting him for a demo.

Tarpon Art Guild's gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, will feature Clifton Moorhead for the month of February 2025.

Clifton started to paint at an early age. He attended DuCretSchool of the Arts in Plainfield, NJ, he moved to NYC where he continued his education at FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology), Pratt Institute and the New School. Clifton had a 30 year career in TV where he designed and created computer broadcast graphics for ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, PBS and music videos. Clifton is retired and living in Dunedin for the past 9 years, where he continue to paint.

Clifton has won several ribbons at the Dunedin Fine Gallery and Art Center, Stirling PAVA. In 2023, he received a grant from Creative Pinellas to use his art on a traffic signal box. It is located in Palm Harbor at the corner of Nebraska Avenue and Belcher Road.

For the month of March the back wall will feature TAG members.

Get Involved!

This is YOUR club!!!

Clubs don't run on exhibits alone and your board of Directors has been and will be busy with several "administrative" things that are coming up in 2025...such as the revision that has been made to the by laws will be in the next membership book. And the nominating committee soon will be making director/officer recommendations for the 2025-26 club year. You may have already decided to get involved and serve on the board...if so, please let a board member know!

And please remember...this is YOUR club!! By being on the board you get "inside" information first! And you can make a valuable contribution to Tarpon Springs Art Association.

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Plein Air 2025 is sponsored by the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve to encourage the use of the Preserve as an inspiration for artists to create nature-inspired works of art. Artists are invited to support Brooker Creek Preserve and show their talent, through any medium except photography, by creating art inspired by the wildlife and natural landscape of the Preserve.

All artworks must be created Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 within the Preserve grounds. Up to two, ready to hang, pieces per artist may be submitted. The resulting works will be displayed in the Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery through April 27, at which time all sold and unsold artworks must be removed following the Artist Reception and Awards program. Sale of artwork is encouraged and 20% of each sale includes a donation to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve.

Cost to participate is a \$20 non-refundable fee. Early registration is strongly encouraged to assure participation. The show will be judged and cash prizes awarded for Best in Show (\$125), First (\$100), Second (\$75), Third (\$50), 2 Honorable Mentions (\$25), and a Visitor's Choice (\$25). Registration forms and more information can be found at: http://www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org/

Friends / of Brooker Creek Preserve

For questions: Call: 727-934-2680 (voice) Email: info@FriendsofBrookerCreekPreserve.org 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688



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Our Mission...

...to promote interest and community awareness of all forms of visual art, to provide opportunities for individuals to associate with other artists, and to share in and learn from artistic knowledge and experiences.

Application for New Member and/or Change of Address	
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Please make check payable to and mail to: Tarpon Springs Art Association Box 1177 Tarpon Springs FL 34688	

"There is no must in art because art is free." Wassily Kandinsky

REMEMBER.....

The next general meeting is Monday, Feb 3, 1:30 at The Community Center.

The next board meeting is Feb, 24, 1:30 at the Tarpon Springs Library.

If you have <u>any news</u> call me at 943-7732 or email me at patsy.renz@gmail.com by Feb 18, Everything that happens in your art is important to us all.

2024/25 Artist of the Month Schedule

November - Pastel, Pen&and Ink, Charcoal, Pencil, Photograph

December - no meeting (Holiday Party)

January - Oil, Acrylic, 3 Dimensional Art

February - Mixed Media

March - Watercolor

April - Judged Show (No AOTM Award)

May - All Media

All artwork must be submitted by 1:15 pm

Voting (balloting) will take place between 1:15 pm and 130 pm

An artist may only win one time in a TSAA year,

i.e., Sept - May

Art must be no larger than 38" wide by 40" long/high, including frame