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Meetings - First Monday of the Month at The Community Center. 400 S. Walton -1:30pm

March 2025

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TSAA President's Message

Hi Fellow TSAA members! Hard to believe February is almost over and March is just around the corner! Summer will be here before we know it, some events are in the planning stages for the 2025-26 club year, and it is almost time for the Fine Arts Festival! We have two tents and a great tent space! More on the Fine Arts



Festival in this newsletter!

Our February meeting demo was done by Clifford Kramer, who does beautiful pallet knife paintings...if you want to see more of his work, he has his own panel at Tarpon Art Guild Gallery.

Our March meeting demo will be done by Melissa Nece and is Colored Pencil, which should be interesting! Also, at the meeting, we will have an art supply give away; a great chance to get those art items you just had to have, but never used, to good use!

In April, a special meeting is planned; the Spring Show will be just before the general meeting. Each member is encouraged to bring a lunch (water and coffee will be provided), one piece of art and an easel. Sign in/registration is at 11:30 til 12 noon. Judging will be done from 12 noon til around 1 pm, while members will have lunch. There will be ribbons awarded for first, second, third place and honorable mention. The general meeting will start around 1:30 and the winners will be awarded their ribbons at the time of the Artist of the Month is usually announced. The first place winner will be able to display their artwork in the Community Center Lobby until the May meeting. The demo will be Jim Reisner who will show us how he makes art out of tin cans, pool noodles and other everyday items. Also at the April general meeting, will be the installation of officers for the 2025-26 club year. While some of the officers have agreed to stay on for the upcoming club year, we are looking for a volunteer to serve as Vice President. Interested? Please contact me or Trish Gregory Hartley.

To all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Martha Hickey
President

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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: Spring Show and Regular Club Meeting, Community Center, time 11:30 am

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.

Fine Arts Festival 2025**March 7, 8, and 9**

The 50th Annual Fine Arts Festival will be held at Craig Park on March 8 and 9. TSAA registration is March 7.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Fine Arts Festival; Tarpon Springs Art Association started the festival...50 years ago! Now the Chamber of Commerce sponsors it. And that is why TSAA members get into the festival free! Also, the tent space is at no charge to TSAA!

Each member of TSAA has the opportunity to exhibit up to three pieces of artwork to hang in the tent and up to 10 bin pieces. Hanging artwork must be properly wired with artist name, email, phone number on the back. Bin pieces must be flat and have name, phone number and email as well as price visibly displayed. We ask that artwork be no smaller than 8 x 10 and no larger than 18 x 24.

Registration is \$10, and will be on Friday, March 7 at the Community Center (where we have our general meetings, but in a different room) from 10 to 12 noon. Registration will include completing a form listing the artwork, prices, medium and completing tags for artwork. The tents will be set up as the registration is going on and artwork will be left at the community center to be transported to Craig Park and hung in the tents once registration is done. The area will be guarded, and secure so artwork can be left in the tents overnight.

We have a couple of spots along the water, near the food and entertainment. These spots were new to us last year and we had a number of sales! If the artist is not present when a sale is made, unless we know the person (like maybe a member of TSAA), no checks will be accepted...only the artist will be able to say yes to accepting a check. We can accept credit cards — and of course cash is always good!

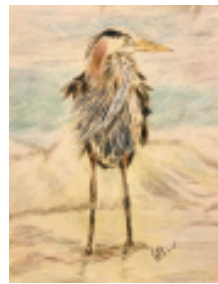
The Square is what TSAA uses for credit card sales. In the event the square is used, the artist will receive the amount of the sale minus a small fee that the Square charges. No commissions will be taken by TSAA.

Where to park? Behind Tarpon Tower, the 6 or 7 story white building you can see off US 19 and Martin Luther King St. There is a free shuttle for transportation to Craig Park. It will run til 5 pm... but probably not later!

Pick-up of unsold artwork: 5 pm at the Festival at the tents...or around 6 or 6:30 pm at the Community Center parking lot.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Kathy Detrano recently won a Signature Merit Award from the Pastel Society of Tampa Bay for her painting, "Optimism", based on her photos of a foggy morning in the Wylie Preserve near Puget Sound.



Patsy Renz for the sale of a pair of blue herons at the Tarpon Art Guild. The buyer bought the one on the left and decided she wanted another one to match it.

**Artist of the Month**

Fonda Wirth was chosen the Artist of the month for February for her beautiful Alcohol Ink painting.



Artist Kevin Grass was killed on February 7 while commuting to work on his bicycle and was hit by a truck. A great loss to his family, friends, students, to all who knew him, and to the entire art world! We will all remember his cute yellow rubber duck paintings as well as all the rest of his wonderful work.

TSAA has a Facebook page and we encourage all members to join the group. Please remember that in order to join the Facebook group you need to answer 3 questions basically saying that you will only post art related posts and not post to promote an unrelated business or post anything political.

VENUE NEWS:**Chamber of Commerce:**

On February 14th we will take down the current exhibit and hang the new one at the Chamber. A reminder that I am requesting a brief biography of you, your art and training.

Thank you so much for the beautiful exhibit to **Alex, Cynthia Maus, Judy Groves, Fritz Johnson, and Fonda Wirth.**

Next we will have a display of art by **George Caras, Martha Hickey, Susan Duda, and Judy Groves.** Each can hang 5 pictures.

The art will go up on February 14th and stay until May 9th. We will then look for a new show from May 9th until August 9th.

Contact Sherry Orr...813-310-9045, orr6@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 : The venue is now scheduled for 2025 & 2026.

Exhibitors are:

2025

Jan-Mar - **Jean Kelly**

Apr-June - **Sally Fuller & Ann Fitzgerald**

July-Sept - **Fonda Wirth**

Oct-Dec - **Rachel Harris**

2026

Jan-Mar 2026 - **Ann Cody Joyce**

Apr-June - **Jean Kelly**

July-Sept - **Mary Manos**

Oct-Dec - **Maria Bouris**

Jana Withers

727-271-2787

Tarpon Springs Library:

Currently, **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.

On behalf of Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc., thank you to all the TSAA members who participated in the Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025 (you can still sign up to participate Saturday, March 1st - go to the Friends of Brooker Creek website for details).

Please visit the exhibition on view in the Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery (open Saturday and Sunday from Noon-3) beginning March 8 and mark your calendars for the Artist Reception and Juried Awards Program on Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm - free and open to the public.

With appreciation,

Lynn Whitelaw

January Demonstration by Clifford Kramer

Cliff showed us how he does his wonderful paintings with a pallet knife. He made it look so easy to do. Stop by the Tarpon Art Guild to get a good look at his work.



Tarpon Art Guild's gallery, 161 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon will feature Tarpon Art Guild's members for the month of March 2024. The Featured members are Heather Risley, Mary Louise Pollock, Patsy Renz, Ruth Lovett, David Fontaine Radden, Jane Collier, Don Naumann, Susan (Sue) McCubbin, and Clifton Moorhead. A Reception will be held Saturday March 22nd, 5-7pm. Please come and meet TAG members and celebrate their incredible art. The General public is welcome.

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 will be coming up in the 2024-25 club year and even into the 2025-26 club year!

The election of officers is coming up and a Vice President is needed. Trish Gregory Hartley is the current VP. Trish was President of TSAA for FIVE years and now Vice President for one. She has gone way above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you Trish!

The main duty of the Vice President is to coordinate demos for the monthly meetings. Also, if, for some reason, the president is unable to be at a meeting, the Vice President will step in and take over for the president. By being on the Board, by being Vice President, you get "inside" information first, you get to help plan events, express your opinion on various functions...and you can make a valuable contribution to Tarpon Springs Art Association.



TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION
PO Box 1177
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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.

Julia Schoenstadt
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Application for New Member and/or Change of Address

(Please write clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Dues **\$40.00**

Medium of choice _____

Please make check payable to and mail to:

Tarpon Springs Art Association
Box 1177

Tarpon Springs FL 34688

REMEMBER.....

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

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

If you have any news 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 1:30 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

"Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye.. it also includes the inner pictures of the soul."

Edvard Munch