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Annual Report 2022 - 2023

“Our Mission is to Inspire, Explore, Create, and Promote the Visual Arts”

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Visual Arts Center began this past year with a new Executive Director. Lisa Gallucci was hired in June and began her term with the VAC on July 1st, 2022. During this first year, she and the center survived through Hurricane Ian. This was a devastating event in our community, but our new Executive Director handled it with patience and professionalism. Having to postpone and cancel two major events, we still ended the year on a positive note. A special thanks to her, her staff, and the VAC Board Members for delivering solid results in a very challenging environment.

With a long-term vision of expanding the reach of the VAC, our new leader with her team has updated our advertising branding, expanded our social media reach, and is active in the chambers in our community and county. Even with some turnover due to retirements this new group of dedicated people has produced creative and thought-provoking exhibits and events with more to see and do in the upcoming year.

The Visual Arts Center (VAC) reached 61 years young this year and is still going strong. Thank you to everyone for your contribution in time, talent, treasure, and spirit, for keeping this incredible community art center improving and growing.

Donna C. Peterman
President of the Visual Arts Center



2022 -2023 Board of Directors

Donna Peterman	President
Becky Bovell	Vice President
Kathy des Enfants	Treasurer
Gwen Zanakos	Secretary
Susan Hill	Director
Beverly Yankwitt	Director
Roswitha Hergenhan	Director
Alexia Martin	VACET President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wow, what a year! I am so happy to have been named as the new Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center. This first year was a true learning experience. I pledged to my team at the onset, that I would learn about each event, exhibit, and class we have, to understand the true workings of the VAC. Change is hard, so I appreciate the knowledge and history the staff educated me with during this transition.

Being interrupted by Hurricane Ian was difficult. All the momentum we had, went by the wayside. As a new transplant to Florida, Ian was my first experience with a hurricane. "Welcome to Florida." Thankfully, the VAC survived with minimal damage, and we were able to open after a week of solid cleaning. I was surprised but pleased to see a full parking lot on that first day back. The Visual Arts Center at that moment, became a place for the community to come and forget about their reality at home. We were happy to be a place of peace and art for our neighbors and friends during the recovery.

It has been a pleasure this year meeting such creative and talented artists in Southwest Florida. I have enjoyed becoming active in the chambers, collaborating with other arts organizations, and forging new friendships along the way. I am looking forward to the many new and exciting ventures we are bringing to the community in the coming year.

Special thanks to the VAC board, staff, instructors, and volunteers who work tirelessly to make the Visual Arts Center a very special place for all to enjoy.

Lisa Gallucci

Executive Director



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023

REVENUE

Community Support	\$ 236,943
Membership Dues	64,010
Program Services	283,009
Retail Products	105,945
Investment Income	(24,393)
Other Revenue	7,802
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 673,316
Less Cost of Goods Sold	(187,977)
GROSS REVENUE	\$ 485,339

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$ 25,027
Banking & Credit Card Fees	10,796
Depreciation	38,321
Insurance	23,100
Operating Expenses	81,986
Repair & Maintenance	27,000
Scholarships	1,000
Supplies	48,802
Wages & Payroll Taxes	238,754
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 494,786

NET ORDINARY REVENUE \$ (9,447)

OTHER INCOME

Restricted Funds Current Income	68,444
Net Other Income	\$ 68,444

NET REVENUE \$ **58,997**

Statement of Financial Position
31-May-23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	\$ 296,930
Accounts Receivable	620
Inventory	17,113
Prepaid Expenses	26,927

Total Current Assets \$ **341,591**

Fixed Assets

Equipment	\$ 90,606
Building Improvements	359,924
Building	565,202
Furniture & Fixtures	131,481
Accumulated Depreciation	(729,267)

Total Fixed Assets \$ **417,945**

TOTAL ASSETS \$ **759,536**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Current Liabilities \$ 14,990

Fund Balance

Unrestricted Net Assets	609,185
Restricted Funds	76,365
Change in Fund Balance	58,997

Total Fund Balance \$ **744,546**

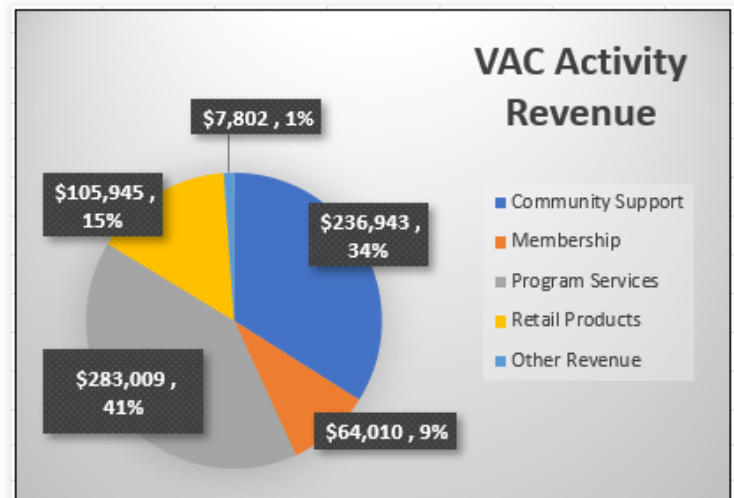
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TREASURER'S REPORT

We began the fiscal year on solid financial footing, as we began to put COVID-19 behind us. Fall classes were robust, and we had several fundraisers planned for the first half of the fiscal year. Unfortunately, both our classes and fundraisers were disrupted by Hurricane Ian, which hit Punta Gorda in late September. Ian caused delays and cancellations of classes and events, as well as damage to the facility, which led to a disappointing first half. In true VAC style, however, we picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off, rolled up our sleeves and got on with business. Although we fell short of budget, our successful second half enabled us to finish the fiscal year in a positive net revenue position.

Despite the challenges posed by Ian, the VAC remains in a good financial position as it enters the next fiscal year. With continued support from its loyal members and patrons, the addition of a new classroom and promising fundraisers on the horizon, we are optimistic that the 2023-24 fiscal year will be a financial success.

Kathy des Enfants



2022 -2023 Staff

Lisa Gallucci
 Barbara Ann Wikoff
 Shawn Schofield
 Bonnie Walker
 Karyn Warner-Hammock
 Autumn Carter
 Belinda Duclos
 Georgia Garrett
 Jannette Rodriguez
 Patricia Doyle
 Adam Egan

Executive Director
 Education Coordinator
 Community Engagement Manager
 Communications Manager
 Exhibits Coordinator
 Gift Gallery Coordinator
 Front Desk Coordinator
 Front Desk Coordinator
 Front Desk Coordinator
 Bookkeeper
 Facilities Coordinator

2022 - 2023



September 2022 & March 2023
 The Battle of the Brushes



March 2023
 18th Annual Peace River
 National Arts Festival



Other Activities and Exhibits

VISUAL ART CENTER
 Galleries • Gifts • Classes
Small Business Saturday
 November 26
 10am-2pm
 Shop in the Gift Gallery

- Drawings
- Hot Chocolate
- Candy Canes
- Artist Made Gifts

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November 2022

VISUAL ART CENTER
VALENTINES DAY AT THE VAC
 Bring your Love to the Visual Art Center on
 February 14th 5pm-7pm

Private Table for Two Includes:

- Champagne
- Roses
- Candy
- 2 Cupcakes to Decorate
- 2 Valentine Cards to Make
- Live Music

\$50 per Couple
 Reserve Your Spot Today
 only 20 spaces available
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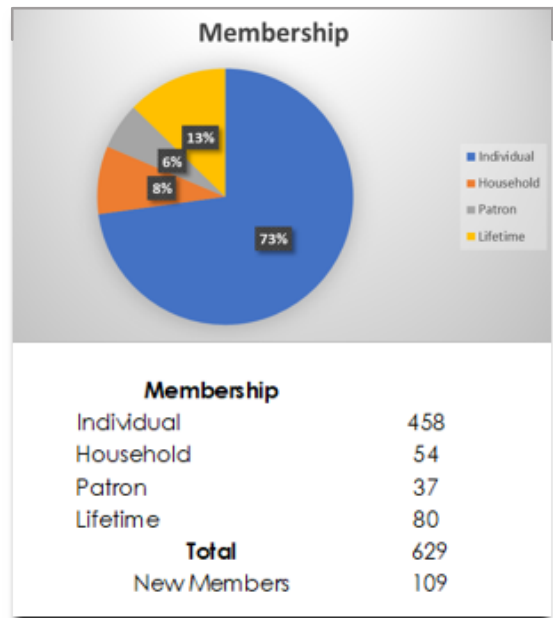
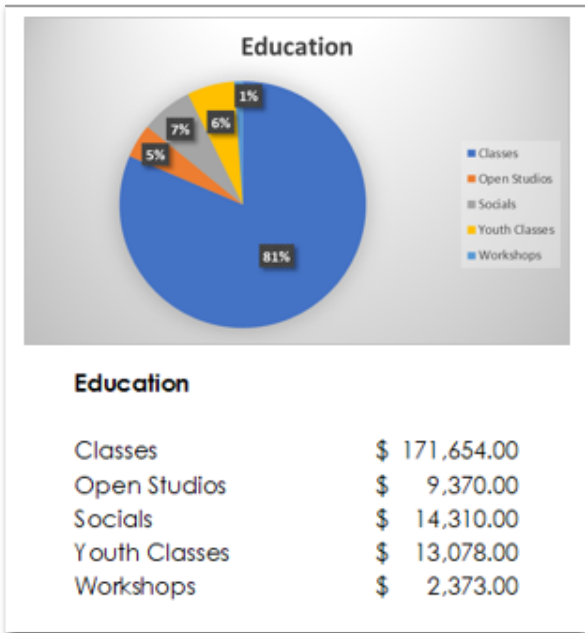
February 2023

VISUAL ART CENTER.ORG
 2D & 3D Art
 On Display in
 the Main Gallery
 May 24 - June 20, 2023
 Awards Reception
 June 1, 2023

Water, Water, Everywhere

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May 2023



The Visual Arts Center holds three, 12-week sessions of classes each year. Some of the classes include watercolor, resin, stained glass, photography and jewelry.

Memberships are an important part of our revenue stream. We offer “member only” prices for such things as classes, exhibit registrations, and open studios. To sign up for membership, go to www.visualartcenter.org

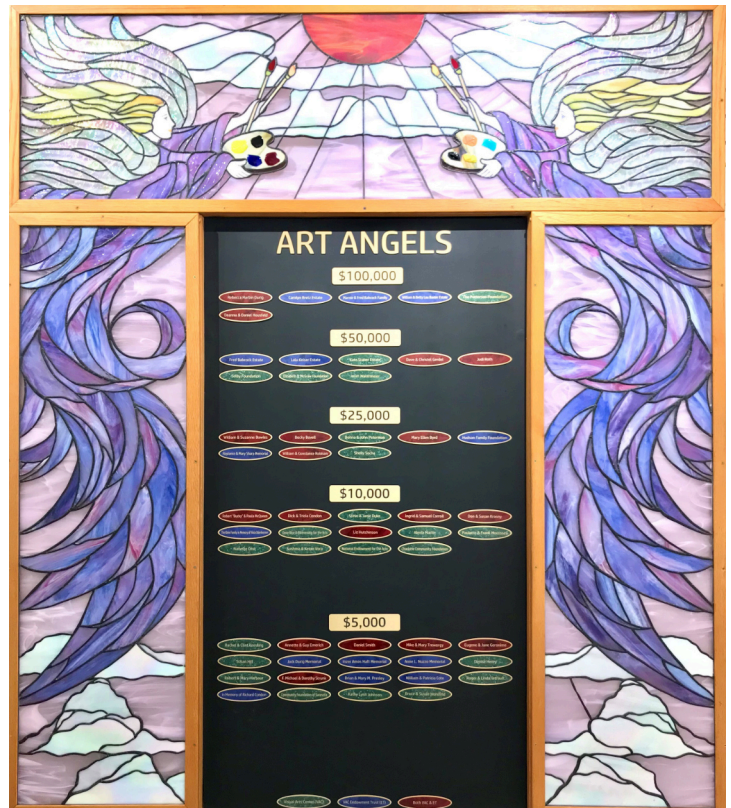
Art Angel Wall 2022-2023

Donors moving to new levels or added this year:

Beverly Yankwitt	\$5,000
The Purple House Salon	\$5,000
Susan Hill	\$10,000
Bruce & Susan Wohlfeld	\$10,000
Michelle (Shelly) Socha	\$50,000
The Wyvern Hotel	\$50,000



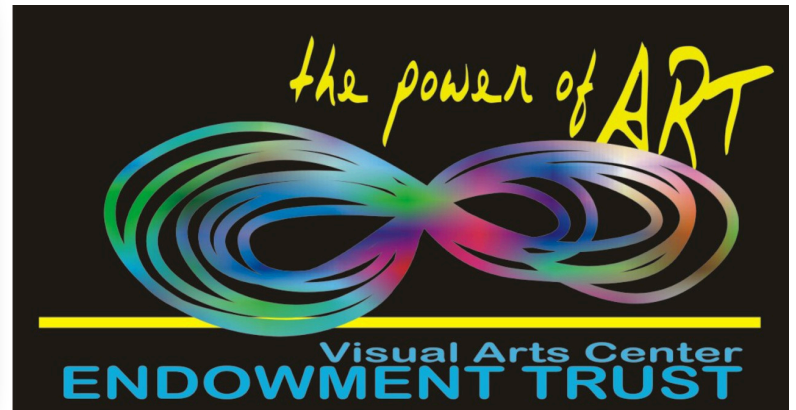
At each Annual Meeting, donors who have contributed to the higher level are moved from one level to the new level and new donors are added to the wall and unveiled in October, at the Annual Meeting.



VAC Endowment Trust Annual Report

2022-2023

VAC ENDOWMENT TRUST, INC FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
	5/31/2022	5/31/2023
Contributions & Grants	4,499.00	4,158.00
Grants Paid	42,750.00	117,266.00
Other Expenses	(2,749.00)	(1,458.00)
Total Expenses	45,499.00	118,724.00
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Total Assets	1,094,810.00	1,023,980.00
Total Liabilities	-	-
Fund Balance	1,094,810.00	1,023,980.00



Leave A Legacy

Consider including the VAC Endowment Trust in your Will, Trust, or Estate Planning. You will be helping to ensure the future of art for generations to come.

ENDOWMENT TRUST 2022 - 2023

Alexia Martin, President

Susan Krasny, Vice President

Ron Olsen, Treasurer

Denise Henry, Corresponding Secretary

Kelsey Veitengruber, Trustee

Constance Robison, Trustee



The Entourage by David Kelley

Alexia Martin-Comber / President

As stewards of creativity and champions of artistic expression, we stand united in our mission to support and preserve The Visual Arts Center. As a challenging year draws to a close, we remain focused on our mission to make sure that the Visual Arts Center carries out its mission to Inspire, Explore, Create & Promote the Visual Arts. This year, the Visual Arts Center needed financial help after recovering from the Pandemic followed by Hurricane Ian damaging the facility but because of all the wonderful donors over the years, we were able to contribute \$75,000 to the repairs along with funding our annual contribution of \$42,266. I look forward to the incredible journey ahead, knowing that, as members, we will continue to make an indelible mark on the world of art. I also want to thank our dedicated volunteer board members who help guide our endowment. Thank you for your continued support of the Visual Arts Center Endowment Trust.

A Huge Thank You to our 2022-2023 Corporate Partners



Artisan Village

We are so happy to be a part of the Artisan Village at History Park. We rent the Quendau-Hindman House for our Fiber Classes that we lovingly refer to as the “Yellow House”. Classes held here include weaving, loom, indigo dyeing, felting, and wearable art to name a few.



Art Book Cozy Corner

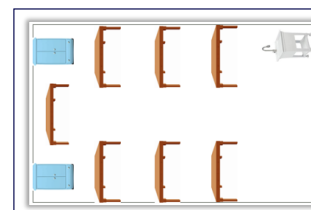
Thanks to a grant from the Charlotte Community Foundation and some of our dedicated donors, we were able to move the library into the hall and establish a cozy corner space for art inspiration. Stop by and sit in the comfy chair or bench and flip through the pages of your favorite Master.



Classroom 6

This grant also provided us with the means to set up a 6th classroom to hold year-round youth art classes. This room gives us the space to add additional instructors and classes to our already diverse list of offerings.

Thank you to Alexia Martin-Comber, Kathy des Enfants, Christel Gerdel, Constance Robison, Beverly Yankwitt, Shelly Socha, Susan Fraley, and Robert Weitz for your generous donations to this new space.



Partnership for the Arts Podcast

We are continuing our partnership with the PFTA Podcast “Where We Talk Art” in a new space at the Yellow House at History Park. Many of our own Instructors and Artists have been guests on the show.





What's Happening at the VAC....

September - October 2023

- 5x5 Mural Fundraiser
- Hurricane Ian - The Healing
- VAC Student Showcase



October 2023

- Faces & Figures
- Goblins, Witches, & Ghosts



Vladimir Chapko



Fiber Studio

November - December 2023

- Holiday Showcase
- Holidays in the Hall
- Small Business Saturday
- Giving Tuesday



Pam Nayden



Mary Cavanagh

January 2024

- Through the Fire
- Ice
- Fire



Laura de Spain



Birgit Tode



Belinda Duclos

February - April 2024

- National Art Exhibition
- Peace River National Art Festival (March)

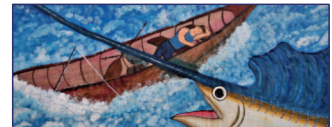


Tony Reinmann



April - May 2024

- Charlotte County School District Student Shows



June 2024

- Ignite Imagination
- Back in Time



Bev Yankwitt



Anne Boulier

July - August 2024

- Members Showcase



Kelli Nash