

A New Season of Classes

Register on our website where you can find a new Fall Class Schedule, as well as new art supplies and class supply kits, including Acrylic, Oil and Watercolor. Buy them online and they will be waiting for you on your first day of class! Introducing several NEW classes and instructors:

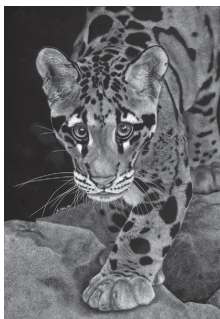
JEWELRY - Join Belinda Duclos in our recently remodeled Jewelry Studio for a new Introductory to Jewelry class: Learn the basics of 4 different jewelry making techniques: chain maille, enameling, silver & copper & wire wrapping.

FUSED GLASS - Introducing Fused Glass and two new VAC Instructors, Cynthia Newcomb and Janie Duke. Join them in our new Glass Studio with introductory classes to working with fused glass.

OIL - Welcome new Oil Portrait Painting instructor Laura Pommier and welcome back Margret Egli with Oil Painting in the Neo-Impressionist Style

COLLAGE, MIXED MEDIA, SCRATCHBOARD & INTRO TO ACRYLICS - Welcome Patti Presseller and Sheryl Unwin as new instructors with new twists on some old favorites.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Join Clyde Sweatt in a new Intro to Photo Editing Class.



New Instructors L to R: Sheryl Unwin, Laura Pommier, Cynthia Newcomb, Patti Presseller, Janie Duke

New Classes Begin Soon

VAC Open House September 5 - 7th

The Visual Arts Center is closed through August 25. We will be open August 26 to September 4 for class registrations (no exhibits). Join us for our official new season opening after Labor Day beginning Thursday, September 5 at 1:00pm for our Open House to meet our Instructors, sign up for classes (seating is limited) and learn about all the exciting events and activities for this season.

THURSDAY
Sept 5

1pm - 7pm
Wine from 5-7

FRIDAY
Sept 6

9am - 3pm
Mimosas

SATURDAY
Sept 7

10am - 1pm
Mimosas



IN THE GALLERIES

Annual Call to Artists, hanging requirements and receiving dates are online at VisualArtCenter.org.

COLOR

September 10 - October 3

In the Main Gallery

Receiving: Mon Sept 9, 9a - 12p

Reception: Thurs Sept 12, 5:00pm

Removal: Fri Oct 4, 9a - 12p



Inspired by Jill Lindsay

BLACK & WHITE

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The Lion Bridge by Antonio Soares

WINE & Painting

Anything BUT Canvas October 9, 6pm

Paint wine glasses!



Let's Get Splashed! October 16, 6pm

A fun new painting each month!

Etched Wine Glasses October 23, 6pm

Create a set of playfully etched, dishwasher safe wine glasses!



Reserve your seats at
VisualArtCenter.org

Partnership

For The
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Talk Show

"Where We Talk Art"

Listen to radio hosts Dave Bise and Chris Fankhauser talk about art from around the world. Partnership for the Arts (PFTA) is a weekly online radio show focused on the arts and broadcasts from the Visual Arts Center library.



To listen to podcasts or for more information, visit Partnership For The Arts Group on Facebook or on the web at <http://pftatalkshow.org/>

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Learn something new in a day, or several days. Featuring Nationally recognized artists. Lunch available for full and multi-day events. Register for Workshops at VisualArtCenter.org.

Plein Air: 2-Day Workshop with Dan Graziano

Pastel: 2-Day Workshop with NAE Judge Dawn Emerson

Hot Wax Encaustics: 1 Day Workshop with Beverly Yankwitt

Alcohol Ink: 2 ½ Day Workshop with Jill Lindsay

Color: 1 or 2 Day Workshop with Mike Grecian & lots of free art supply samples

Pine Needle Baskets: ½ Day Workshop with Katheryn Ericson

Mosiacs: 1-Day Workshop with Judy Tame



NAE Juror Dawn Emerson will present a Pastel Workshop February 11 & 12, from 9am - 3pm

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The VAC Annual Membership Meeting will be Thursday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. followed by a reception. We will introduce proposed new Board members, elect the 2019-20 Board, present the budget, review the year, and present upcoming events.

FUN ARTS FESTIVAL

The 2019 FUN Arts Festival: Battle of the Brushes Paint-Off!

Six local celebrities will be paired with six professional artists to create six unique pieces of artwork while helping to raise funds to benefit the VAC. This year's participating Celebrities are Marjorie Benson, Keith Callaghan, James Coalwell, Diane Hoffer, Rachel Keesling and Bob Miller who will be matched with Artists Nancy Colby, Lionel Lewis, Jill Lindsay, Rosalie Mack, Marquelynn Raposa or Joanne Stramara.

Save the Date!

Celebrity & Artist Match-Up

Reception September 26 at 6:00pm

FUN Arts Festival & Exhibit Ribbon Cutting

November 4, 12 Noon

FUN Arts Festival Exhibit

November 4 - December 4 in Goff Gallery

Battle of the Brushes Finale (Ticketed Event)

Friday, November 15 at 6:00pm



Vote with your dollars online at www.Crowdrise.com/fun-arts-fest-2019 to help your favorite Celebrity have the chance to select their artist at the Celebrity & Artist Match-up on September 26th. The Celebrity who has raised the most money will be able to select his or her artist. The FUN Arts Festival Exhibit will open on November 4 with a Ribbon Cutting at Noon and feature artwork from the six Battle of the Brushes Artists. Celebrity artwork will join the exhibit after it is unveiled at the Battle of the Brushes Finale on Friday, November 15 at a ticketed night of dinner, dancing and FUN, where those in attendance will have a chance to bid for their favorite Celebrity's artwork. December 4 in Goff Gallery.

Upcoming EXHIBIT Opportunities

Prospectus available at VisualArtCenter.org

"Color" is our next judged exhibit open to all, on display in the Main Gallery September 10 - October 3. This exhibit will accept all 2D and 3D art. Artists have total creative freedom to express themselves through "Color". Receiving is September 9, from 9am - 12pm. Reception is Thursday, September 12 at 5pm. \$800 of awards and merit ribbons anticipated.

"Black & White" will be featured in Goff Gallery, September 10 - October 3, at the same time Color is presented in Main Gallery. "Black & White" is open to VAC Members only. There is no fee to enter. All artwork must be for sale and may have been previously shown in other VAC Exhibits. Receiving is September 9, from 9am - 12pm. A VAC Member may participate in both Color and Black & White simultaneously. Reception for both Color and Black & White is Thursday, September 12 at 5pm.

"Harvest of Art" is Charlotte County's oldest annual juried exhibit and will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. This is not a themed exhibit. Bring in your best work of 2D paintings and drawings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, colored pencil, graphite, pastel and mixed media. Computer generated art, photography and fiber/fabric are not eligible. Receiving is Friday, October 4 from 9am - 12pm and the exhibit will be open from October 7 - 31 with more than \$1,200 of awards and ribbons anticipated at the Reception on Thursday, October 10 at 5pm. This is a juried and judged exhibit with the expectation that entries will be reviewed and some eliminated prior to hanging.

"Off the Wall" is a different type of exhibit to be displayed in Main Gallery from December 10 - December 20 and is open to members and non-members. Enter any size 2D or 3D artwork. This exhibit will not be judged, so artwork may have been exhibited at the VAC previously. All Artwork must be for sale and priced at \$200 or less. Artwork will come "Off the Wall" as soon as it sells. Exhibit is open to members and non-members. Receiving is December 9, from 9am - 12pm.



"3D Member Show" is a totally 3D show (pottery, jewelry sculpture, basketry, fiber, glass) on display at the same time "Off the Wall" is presented in the Main Gallery, December 10 - 20. The possibilities are endless! This exhibit is open to VAC Members only in Goff Gallery. There is no fee to enter this exhibit. All artwork must be for sale and may be removed as it sells. Artworks are allowed to have previously shown at the VAC. Receiving is December 9, from 9am - 12pm.

Plein Air Festival with Plein Air Exhibit, Plein Air Workshop and Punta Gorda Quick Draw: Celebrate the new year with Plein Air Paintings by entering the Plein Air Exhibit, taking a Plein Air Workshop, participating in the Punta Gorda Quick

Draw and other festivities the first two weeks of January. Plein Air Exhibit Receiving, Monday, January 6 from 11am - 2pm. Plein Air Workshop with Dan Graziano January 6 & 7, from 9am - 3pm. The Punta Gorda Quickdraw is Monday, January 13.

The 2020 National Art Exhibition: The Biennial National Art Exhibition is one of the nation's most prestigious juried exhibitions of two-dimensional media. Entry into the 2020 NAE will be open until midnight on December 15, 2019. This exhibition is limited to two-dimensional paintings and drawings in oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, charcoal, colored pencil, graphite, and mixed media. Media for the Bowles Award for Portrait Excellence is limited to drawing, painting and pastel. More than \$8,000 in awards will be presented. All entries must be entered digitally via Juried Art Services at www.juriedartservices.com. JAS provides a comprehensive "help" menu as well as telephone and email support. Artist notification will be made by email in early January. If accepted into the 2020 NAE, you will receive further instructions by email regarding receiving and other important information.

Before you enter, download a prospectus from our website: www.VisualArtsCenter.org. Some VAC Exhibit entry and selling terms have recently changed and vary show to show.

Welcome new members

for JULY & AUGUST

To renew, visit visualartcenter.org

Peggy Douglas

Shelli Green

Claire Jubb

Raven Skye McDonough

Elizabeth (Lisa) McLean

John Olson

Ruth Quigg

Ruth Renshaw

Melissa Smith

Effie Sheppard

Join Us!

FRESH ART UNVEILING
AT THE WYVERN HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AT 6:00PM

Find it in the library

Many VAC members are artists who love to make art, but some members are just fans of all things art. And for those art lovers we have many books and DVDs available that are filled with all the beauty of art, old and new! "Art of the Western World" by Bruce Cole is a magnificent art journey, taking you from Ancient Greece through to post-modernism. This is the companion volume to the PBS nine-part series hosted by Michael Wood. Over 300 pages of color pictures with descriptions of the art and artist for the painting, sculpture, and architecture contained in the book. In "National Gallery of Art, Washington" with text by John Walker, you will find over 1,000 full color photographs that includes works from the Italian & Northern Masters through those of the 20th century. Mr. Walker contributes a lively & informative commentary to each piece. Whether you are an artist or just a lover of art, you'll find plenty of books filled with beautiful art. Check one out! See you soon.

AFFILIATE NEWS

Affiliate groups are organized by VAC members, for members - one of membership benefits. For a detailed list of groups, meeting times and contact information visit visualartcenter.org.

Artists in Action Join an eclectic group of painters, jewelry makers, and other crafty artisans who come together to create and share constructive advice every Saturday morning from 10:00am - 12:00pm. All VAC members of all media and levels are welcome. Suggested donation of \$2 per meeting attended.

Common Threads is a fiber arts group of VAC Members with a passion for creating art with fiber! Get together to share ideas and inspire each other -- knit, weave, spin, sew and felt. The group meets twice monthly on Friday afternoons during season.

Life Drawing for VAC members is finished for the season. Life Drawing will pick back up again in November.

Peace River Painters are on hiatus for the summer. Will resume the schedule in October. Record your summer in paintings/sketches and we can post in the Fall with an online show on the PRP Facebook page. To be included on our mailing list, send your contact information to peacriverpainters@gmail.com



Portrait Studio meets every Thursday from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Join other VAC Member Artists and work on your portrait skills, in any medium, with a live model (\$5/session).

Attn Group Coordinators: Please send updates and meeting dates/times to communications@visualartcenter.org.

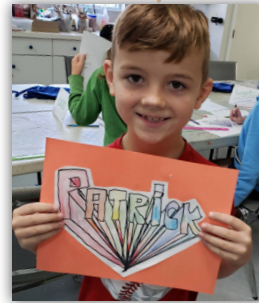
Over four weeks of **Summer Camp**, the Visual Arts Center hosted 130 kids for art lessons, along with the Cooper St students!

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Thanks to Instructors:

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Beverly Yankwitt



Enjoy the day at Fishermen's Village as we host elite artists from the Visual Arts Center for the 3rd Annual **Arts in August**! Explore original creations by local artists of all trades **Saturday, August 24 from 10am - 3pm**. Enjoy live demonstrations in pottery and more! Artists will line the promenade throughout Fishermen's Village, so plan on browsing, shopping and dining during this eclectic event!

WE APPRECIATE OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS!



SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US

Do you have art-related news to share with our readership? Submit announcements, images, call to artists and any art-related news to communications@visualartcenter.org. Please note: we are not able to promote classes or workshops not hosted by the VAC