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Complimentary Docent Tours:

- Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 am
- Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11 am & 2 pm
- Thursday, March 1, 2 pm
- Sunday, March 4, 2 pm
- Saturday, March 10, 11 am

GALLERY & GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm
Saturday, 10am - 2pm

The Visual Arts Center is a non-profit art center open for the entire community.

I11TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

JURIED BY STEVEN J. LEVIN

More than 135 works of traditional 2D media created by artists across the country come together for one of the nation's most prestigious exhibitions, on display **February 2 - March 20 only at the Visual Arts Center**. Admission is free; the impression is priceless!

Fun Facts About NAE

- We received 574 digital entries from 218 artists from across the United States, Austria, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong and the UK.
- Our juror is Steven J. Levin from Minneapolis. He is a contemporary realist who is most inspired by Andrew Wyeth and Vermeer.
- Mr. Levin reviewed the 574 digital entries and selected the works for the show. Approximately 25% were chosen for inclusion. Mr. Levin then came to the Visual Arts Center and judged the works "live" to select the award winners.
- Prize money totals \$7900, with the Best of Show winner taking home a check for \$2000.



Yvonne by Sandra Kuck

Vote for the People's Choice Award

The People's Choice Award is \$1 per vote, with the proceeds being split between the winning artist and the Visual Arts Center. You can cast multiple votes for a single work or vote for multiple works.

Toast the Winners

Help us raise a glass to the winners at the Awards Reception on February 8 at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5 per person at the door.



The Reading Chair by Ginny Lasco

Poetry Night

An evening of art and poetry will be Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m. This free event will feature readings of ten selected poems inspired by paintings in the National Art Exhibition.

Special NAE Exhibit Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dinner with an Artist



Join us for the Endowment Trust's biennial fundraising event to support the arts. Palette to Palate is an elegant artistic evening featuring sumptuous dining accompanied by original art works and dazzling centerpieces created by a variety of talented artists. Palette to Palate is at the Visual Arts Center on April 7, 2018. Tickets are \$150.00, purchase your tickets online or at the VAC Front Desk.

IN THE GALLERIES



Roller Girls by Keith Thomson

Currently on Display in the National Art Exhibition

Join us after NAE for *Primavera*, on display **March 24 - April 26** in the Main Gallery. Receiving for *Primavera* will be **Friday, March 23 from 9am - 12pm**. Primavera is now open to all 2D and 3D media, a new guideline in 2018. As always, both VAC members and non-members are welcome to enter. Check the prospectus for up-to-date details before entering.

Goff Gallery will feature *Copper and Clay*, a unique collection of pottery and copper by Judi Roth and Belinda Duclos, with *Artists in Action*, an eclectic group of VAC members who gather Saturdays at 10am to create in their medium of choice and share constructive criticism, tips and tricks of the trade. Artists in Action will be on display **March 24 - April 5**.



PRIZE MONEY INCREASED FOR 'A TOUCH OF SPRING'

An increase in the top prizes have been announced for the Art Council of Southwest Florida (ACSWF) Spring Art Show, 'A Touch of Spring' at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, running March 5 to March 27. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awards are now \$400, \$300 and \$200 (\$100 more). Additionally, a \$100 prize has been added for the President's Choice award, selected by the presidents of the Council's affiliate organizations. Prizes will be announced at the show reception on March 13. The deadline for entries by mail is not too far away on Feb. 15. The show is open to all members of the Council's affiliate organizations.

The Prospectus is posted on the ACSWF website www.acswf.org (fill in and mail with the required information). Local artist Peter Garon, Naples gallery owner and former Director of the Council's Co-operative Art Gallery will judge the show.

FIND IT IN THE LIBRARY

We've already had 4 weeks of class; can you believe it? We hope you have been taking advantage of the library, a wonderful resource and benefit of your VAC membership. It can help you choose and prepare for your next class. If you're a budding artist, be sure to check out the following topics and books in the library:

- "How to Draw & Paint Portraits" by Stan Smith gives demonstrations in oils, pastels, watercolor, pencil, acrylics, pen & ink and gouache. He shares a materials list and painting techniques for each demo.
- If you're an oil painter, "Painting Portraits" by Everett Raymond Kinstler, one of America's foremost portrait painters, provides details about his working methods. He provides step-by-step demonstrations in full color portraits and addresses topics such as setting up the studio, planning the composition, and painting on location.
- "Portrait Painting in Watercolor" by Charles Reid will guide watercolorists through a complete tour of watercolor materials and methods.
- For something "out of the box", explore the technique of Chiaroscuro. It is an Italian term for light (chiaro) and dark (oscuro). "The Artist's Complete Guide to Drawing the Head" by William L. Maughan is a total guide to this drawing method, materials needed, and bringing it full circle to putting it all together. The last chapter covers working in color, from drawing to painting.

We hope you will stop by and explore the many books that can help you create your own "Mona Lisa." See you soon!

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

During the National Art Exhibit, **we need greeters** for easy two hour shifts to welcome people to the exhibit, hand out programs and encourage visitors to vote for the People's Choice Award. There are several slots to be filled. People interested in helping out can contact Jane at naegreeters2018@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed at the NAE Awards Reception on **Thursday, February 8**. This biennial exhibit is one of our biggest events. We host about 200 guests and serve desserts, coffee and drinks. Please contact Constance Robison at csrobison@me.com if you can volunteer. We need the following help:

- Dessert platters of 50-100 pieces (finger food only) delivered to classroom #3 on Thursday, February 8 before 3:00 pm. Remember, you can borrow one of our dessert platters found in our kitchen. If you bring your own dessert platter please label it.
- Bartenders are needed starting at 6:00 pm.
- Set up volunteers to start the coffee, place the desserts, cups, glasses, plates, napkins starting at 4:00 pm.
- Clean-up volunteers starting at 8:00 pm to clear away used plates, glasses, organize kitchen, wash dishes, take out trash, etc.

FASHION SHOW

“Kaleidoscope of Color”

Featuring Galina Lambert's Kostanda Collection
Wearable Felted Art

February 10 at 1:00 pm
at the Visual Arts Center

- Fashion Show
- Q & A with Galina
- Kostanda Collection Sale



Brought to you by Common Threads Fabric Arts Group

Tickets are \$15 per person, available at the Visual Arts Center -

Call (941) 639-8810, stop by or visit www.visualartcenter.org to purchase tickets

JOIN THE MINI ART MOVEMENT

Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo) is proud to announce the return of the international small art phenomenon **6x6!** You can be a part of a growing community of participants from all over the world in an exhibition of artworks made and donated by celebrities, artists, students and children. Each artist may send up to four artworks of any medium. Artworks must be six inches square and are accepted now through April 15 at no cost. All artworks will be exhibited for sale to the public for \$20 each to benefit RoCo. So be a part of 6x6! For more information visit roco6x6.org.

SweetheART Sale
At the Visual Arts Center Gift Shop

\$5⁰⁰ OFF OF \$50⁰⁰
\$10⁰⁰ OFF OF \$100⁰⁰

WHEN YOU BRING IN THIS
VAC NEWSLETTER AD

Valid February 7 - 14, 2018 on a Gift Shop purchase

Create & Paint Socials



Corks n' Canvas with Kathleen Kelly
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:00pm

Join our wine and art evening adventure!
Sessions begin with a glass of wine at 6:00 pm
and end before 9:00 pm with a finished piece of
art. \$40 per person. Paints, canvas, wine
and snacks are all included.

Etched Wine Glasses with Belinda Duclos
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:00pm

Create a set of playfully etched wine glasses that
are dishwasher safe and won't fade over time!
All materials included to make a set of 4 glasses,
which make fantastic gifts! \$45 per person.
Each additional glass is \$5.

Let's Get Splashed! with Marki Raposa
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:00pm

Join our wine and art evening adventure!
Sessions begin with a glass of wine at 6:00 pm
and end before 9:00 pm with a finished piece of
art. \$40 per person. Paints, canvas, wine
and snacks are all included.

Call 639-8810 to register today!

Welcome New Members

December New Members:

Linda Alesi
 Adrienne Andreae
 Helen Benard
 Roy Belleville
 Ed Briggs
 Cindy Briody
 Mary Byrski
 Beth Contreras
 Mariela Crocker
 Karen Davis
 Gloria Dean
 Tim Ehrich
 Debbie Ford
 Judy Grosvenor
 Sally Gormley
 Pat Hass
 Dana Immordine
 Lucinda Leblanc
 Cheryl Larson
 Evelyn LeVasseur
 Jeanette Long
 Patricia Mangriotti
 Richard Marsters
 Lacy Nayden
 Marsha Pettit
 Edward Pritchard
 Susan Quill
 Ellen Rubin
 Debbie Silvan
 John Sarria
 Aline Sbraga
 Kathleen Whitney
 Susan Williams

Affiliate News

Affiliate groups are organized for members, by members. For a detailed listing of groups and meeting times, including contact information, visit our website.

Artists in Action meet Saturdays from 10am - 12pm. Join an eclectic group of talented VAC Member Artists who come together to paint and support each other with friendship and constructive advice. All painters at all levels and media are welcome. (\$2 per week donation).

Common Threads Come and join us February 16 from 1-3. Bring your projects finished or not. Come to the fashion show February 10 at 1:00 pm. We still need workers to help. Join the fun! Email Suzanne Patton at zannegar@gmail.com for information.

Peace River Painters meet Mondays at 8:00am at various locations to paint en plein air. Coming up Feb 5: Veterans Memorial Park (2195 American Legion Dr, Arcadia, 34266) Feb 12: Matlacha Art District, Matlacha Community Park (4577 Pine Island Road N.W., Matlacha, 33993). For more info visit peacriverpainters.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 per session)

Life Drawing meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Goff Gallery. Live work with a nude figure model with your medium of choice. (\$10 per session)

Artist Opportunities

- Display your work in an offsite exhibit. Contact busdev@visualartcenter.org for info.
- We are seeking artists to demo, sell your work and mingle with people at the rooftop bar of the Wyvern every Tuesday evening from 4 - 6pm. Contact busdev@visualartcenter.org to participate.
- Rebecca Hall is available for rent for \$25/week to our members. Contact programs@visualartcenter.org for info.

Congratulations Barbara McCurdy



The People's Choice Award in the Plein Air Exhibit goes to "Boatyard Blues".

WE APPRECIATE OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS



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