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VISUAL ARTS CENTER

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MAIN GALLERY

PLEIN AIR & QUICKDRAW

January 9 - 25, 2018

Receiving: Jan 8, 9am - 12pm

Reception: Jan 18, at 5:00pm

Removal: Jan 26, 9am - 12pm

NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

February 2 - March 20, 2018

GOFF GALLERY

INSTRUCTOR SHOWCASE

January 3 - 25, 2018

Reception: Jan 18, at 5:00pm

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REBECCA HALL

ALL BOXED UP

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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.



A New look!

Renovations have gone smoothly at the Visual Arts Center and we are happy to reveal updated, more modern building improvements that we're certain our artists and visitors will appreciate! The Gift Shop has a whole new layout and reception area with new light wood floors in the galleries and hallways with more to come. Just as our building was receiving a 'lift', so was our website. We are excited to roll out a brand-new www.visualartcenter.org, that will allow you to:

- Register and pay for classes and workshops
- Purchase tickets for events
- Log in to receive member discounts... and more!

A New Resolution!

Most of us resolve to exercise more, improve our finances or start a new hobby in the New Year. If you love art, resolve to try a new class, workshop or evening social at the VAC. We've got exciting activities for the whole community; not just artists! Experienced artists will appreciate our Master Workshop Series, featuring Nationally Acclaimed Instructors. Those new to art will enjoy trying their hand at our evening socials, fun wine and painting adventures!

AND New Opportunities!

There are so many ways to get involved at the VAC. We always have a need for volunteers and will appreciate any amount of time or resources you have to offer. Several affiliate groups meet monthly at the center. Affiliate groups are created by members, for members of a common artistic interest. Join a group and share your skills while learning from our local community of artists.

If the Visual arts Center is *New to You,* we invite you to come explore, be inspired and get creative!

IN THE GALLERIES

The Visual Arts Center is excited to begin a new year of exhibitions, starting with a Plein Air Exhibit. Receiving (for 2D outdoor works only) will be **Monday, January 8 from 9am - 12pm**. View the Plein Air Exhibit January 9 - 25 in the Main Gallery.

The Instructor Showcase also debuts at the start of the new year. View works by our talented instructors January 3 - 25 in Goff Gallery.

Finally, All Boxed Up will be on display in Rebecca Hall January 8 - 25. All Boxed Up features outsider-inspired assemblages created by mixed-media artists S. Laurence Hutchins and Pamela Jones.

Join us at the wine and cheese reception celebrating the opening of all three new exhibits **Thursday, January 18 at 5pm**. Exhibits are always free and open to the public, and feature a fantastic selection of original art for sale.

NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

More than 140 of the finest 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**. Don't miss it!

Special 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

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Looking to have fun and meet interesting people?

Volunteer with us! Your commitment would be 3 - 4 times per month, for a morning, afternoon or Saturday. No need to be an artist, or even know about art! All that is necessary is to be comfortable using a computer, be friendly and outgoing and willing to learn new things. Leave a message at 639-8810 and we will get back to you.

We've got the Keys to YOUR ART!

Classes in all media begin the week of **January 8**. A class schedule is available online, or in the VAC lobby. Registration is now open, and seating is limited so make sure to reserve your seat ASAP. New to art classes? Join us at the Open House **January 4 - 6** to learn more.

Classes

- **Begin the Week of January 8**
- **Schedule available online - Register today!**

Open House

& INSTRUCTOR DEMOS

- **January 4th, 5th and 6th at the VAC**
- **Instructor displays**
- **Demonstrations in acrylic, abstract, apoxie sculpture, doll artistry, drawing, jewelry, pottery, oil, photography, stained glass and watercolor**
- **Refreshments**

If any of these classes sound interesting to you, stop by to learn more! Our Open House is free and open to the community. If you're a regular at the VAC, stop in to see how our building renovations are coming along!



PALETTE TO PALATE



Join us for the Endowment Trust's biennial fund-raising 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. The next Palette to Palate event is at the Visual Arts Center on April 7, 2018. Tickets are \$150.00 and go on sale beginning January 15, 2018. Purchase your tickets online or at the VAC Front Desk.

Master Workshop Series Painting En Plein Air With Dan Graziano

January 19 - 21 (Friday to Sunday) 9:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$500.00 (\$450.00 VAC members)

Limited seats still available - Register Today!

CALL TO ARTISTS: ACSWF SPRING ART SHOW

The Prospectus for the biennial Spring Art Show of the Art Council of Southwest Florida is now posted on the Council website, acswf.org, under Council-sponsored Exhibitions. Also provided is a Word link to the printable document. The Spring Art Show, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, will run from March 5 to March 27, 2018, with a reception March 13, 5:30 - 7:00p.m. Show receiving is Feb. 27, 10a.m. - noon.

This juried show is open to all members of the Art Council's affiliate organizations (members of the Visual Arts Center) and all media can be entered. Prizes, for both 2D and 3D, are as follows: 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200), 3rd (\$100). Also (non-monetary) Judges' Choice Awards in 2D and 3D categories, and Presidents' Choice Award, one winner in 2D or 3D.

2018 Punta Gorda Quickdraw

The 2018 Annual Punta Gorda Quickdraw will be a fun and friendly competition where artists have three and a half hours (8:30am - 12:00pm) to depict picturesque historical Punta Gorda in the medium of their choice!

This competition is open to all 2D artists. Registration (\$20) is limited to 50 artists on a first come, first served basis. You may register in advance in person at the Visual Arts Center, or on the morning of the event IF there are spots left.



One painting may be submitted per artist. Prizes are in the form of ribbons and cash. Awards are provided by our sponsors for \$300 First Prize, \$200 Second Prize and \$100 Third Prize plus Merit for Best Non Oil Medium, Merit for Best Architectural Subject, and Merit for Best Use of Light. There will also be a Best of Show award for the combined Plein Air Show and Quickdraw paintings. Our Judge: Heather Arenas.

A Collector's Preview starts at 1pm in the Main Gallery. Enjoy a meet and greet with participating artists and preview the freshly finished paintings and the current plein air show. A Sandwich Buffet will be available for purchase (\$15 per person). **Please**

RSVP to the VAC if you plan to purchase a lunch.



FIND IT IN THE LIBRARY

Happy New Year! **Be sure to stop by during our January Open House for a special surprise.** We have a new year upon us and it's time to make your New Year's resolutions. If improving your skills or exploring a new art medium is on your to-do list, visit your VAC Library and explore the recent addition of books to our shelves through a large donation. Members will have access to these books starting in the new year. If your interest is in abstract art, you will want to stop by to explore the books we have about this most freethinking art form. Visual artist Rolina van Vliet has four books to help teach and inspire you to discover freedom of expression. Her book "Abstracts, Techniques & Textures" offers over 50 studies covering a wide range of techniques and textures in a step by step format. Another of her books, "Abstracts, 50 Inspirational Projects," will help answer the questions "what shall I paint and how shall I paint it"? She offers suggestions for projects to explore your creativity in a practical way. Her other books are equally as inspirational. Sue St. John offers "Journeys to Abstraction", which contains insights into 100 contemporary paintings and featured abstract artists share their working processes. "Creating Abstract Art" by Dean Nimmer offers ideas and inspiration for the passionate abstract artist. Each chapter offers a learning process from start to finish with subjects about icebreakers, basic elements, taking advantage of art history, and your artistic license to help you step by step. These are just a sampling of the abstract art books we have for you to check out on your next visit to the VAC Library, a great benefit of your VAC membership. See you soon.

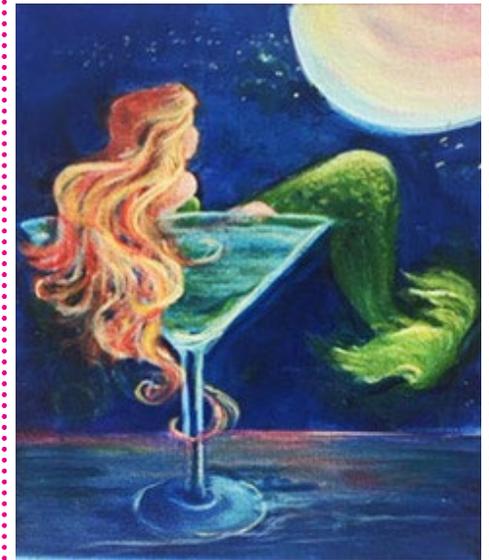
CREATE & PAINT SOCIALS

Corks n' Canvas with Kathleen Kelly
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 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, Jan. 17, 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, Jan. 24, 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!

STILL LIFE DEMO

Juror Steven J. Levin will give a still life demo **February 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** In the demo, Steven will talk about his basic method and materials including palette, brushes, composition, etc. He will demonstrate his process of drawing, laying in and finishing a still life and generally discuss how he goes about translating the colors, forms and textures of nature into paint. Cost is \$40 (\$30 for VAC members).

Welcome New Members

November New Members:

Irene Bassett
Janice & David Cordani
Mary Beth Doonan
Jeanne Ells
Chase Kennedy
Samantha Klotzbach
Maryse Loertscher
Polina Marinova
Linda MacFarlane
Maggie Neal
Sandra Plumb
Betty Pritchard
Catherine Reading
Robert & Elissa Rioux
Margaret Rowlett
Janice & David Shumaker
Reid Woodbury
Carol Young

Is it Time to Renew?

Keep enjoying your membership discounts and benefits! You can renew your membership online at www.VisualArtCenter.org. Choose your membership level and select the "renewal" option.

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 next meeting is Jan. 19 from 1 - 4pm. We will blast off the season with more workshops, fashion shows, and sharing of fiber projects. We are trying to update our mailing list; if you are a VAC member and love fibers just email Suzanne Patton at zanne-gar@gmail.com.

Peace River Painters meet Mondays at 8:00am at various locations to paint en plein air. Coming up Jan 8: Worden Farm, 34900 Bermont Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. Jan 15: Annual Quickdraw Competition at the VAC, 210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda 33950. 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 starts up again Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm. Live work with a nude figure model with your medium of choice.

Woodcarvers & JAG plans to start again in the fall.

Artist Opportunities

- We currently have openings for several works to hang at the Merrill Lynch Punta Gorda Office and the Gettel Lincoln Dealership. Please contact Stacy Calvino: busdev@visualartcenter.org to participate.
- We are seeking artists to set up a demo area to sell your works and mingle with people at the rooftop bar of the Wyvern. We have spots on the pool deck every Tuesday evening from 4 - 6pm. Please contact Stacy Calvino: busdev@visualartcenter.org to participate.
- Rebecca Hall is available for rent for just \$25/week to our member artists. Please contact Kim Phillips: programs@visualartcenter.org to participate.

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