



Inspiration Inside!

# VISUAL ARTS CENTER

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## Happy Independence Day!



Who Needs Fireworks  
by Karen Jacobsen



The Visual Arts Center will be **CLOSED July 4 - 7** in observance of the Holiday. We will reopen Monday, July 8 as a new Class Session begins.



Students are having a blast exploring the arts at Summer Camp! We are blown away by the talent we've seen. If any one has time to volunteer with our FULL summer camp, to just come in. We have 36 kids next week and could use some help.

## NOW SHOWING

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

The Visual Arts Center is a non-profit art center open for the entire community. Exhibits are always free to view! The public is welcome to explore during regular business hours.



Apple Pickin' by Kitt Moran

### THE MEMBER'S SHOWCASE

July 1 - August 9 in The Main Gallery  
Removal: August 8 from 12pm - 4pm  
or August 9 from 9am - 12pm  
Until June 6 In Goff Gallery

## FOLLOWED BY

Annual Call to Artists, hanging requirements and receiving dates are online at [visualartcenter.org](http://visualartcenter.org).

### COLOR

September 10 - October 3  
In the Main Gallery  
Receiving: Mon Sept 9, 9a - 12p  
Reception: Thurs Sept. 12, 5:00pm



The Lion Bridge by Antonio Soares

### BLACK & WHITE

September 10 - October 3  
In Goff Gallery  
Receiving: Mon Sept 9, 9a - 12p

**PICK UP A FEW COMMUNITY BAGS**

Winn-Dixie Pt Charlotte  
3280 Tamiami Trl

We receive a \$1 donation each time either bag is sold!

## DON'T FORGET YOUR Community Bags!

The Visual Arts Center has been selected as a beneficiary of the Community Bag Program for the month of July, by store leadership at the Winn-Dixie in Port Charlotte located at 3280 Tamiami Trail.

The Visual Arts Center will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during July, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

## POSITIONS OPENING SOON

Part of planning for next season is re-looking at the way we staff the Visual Arts Center and its events. This opens up new opportunities for both leadership and support roles as paid part-time staff, independent contractors and volunteers. Some activities are year-round and some will be seasonal. To learn more, please email [info@visualartcenter.org](mailto:info@visualartcenter.org) for the list of positions and an application form.



## Welcome New Members

### JUNE New Members

To renew, visit [visualartcenter.org](http://visualartcenter.org)

Christine Brunette

Karen Dodez

Michael Fish

Judith Jones

Martha Karlovetz

Elaine Lague

Barbara Logan

Clayton Long

Nancy McCune

Mina McEvoy

Evelyn Mineau

JimThomas

Gloria Urban

## ITS OFFICIAL: NAE ENTRY BEGINS SOON

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 begin July 10, 2019 and continue through 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. All entries must be entered digitally via Juried Art Services at [www.juriedartservices.com](http://www.juriedartservices.com). Use of JAS is free for applicants. 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.



Save These Important NAE Dates in 2019:

- July 10: Online entry begins
- December 15: Online entry closes at midnight
- Notification by email will occur in early January

## SINCEREST SYMPATHIES



Rebecca Durig, was one of the early Visual Arts Center pioneers. In the early days, she went door to door to help raise funds to build the VAC. She is remembered for her warm, compassionate personality and sweet southern charm. Rebecca served on the Endowment Trust for many years, and until her passing on June 16th, served as a Director Emeritus. The photograph is from her 95th Birthday Party at the VAC in 2016. Pictured with Rebecca is Becky Bovell, then

Endowment Trust President and Constance Robison, then VAC President. She was an active member and supporter of the VAC until the end. No service has been planned at this time.

Sally Rockefeller, a Visual Arts Center Member and Library Volunteer, passed away on June 10, 2019. Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home at Palms Memorial Park, 170 Honore Avenue in Sarasota will be handling arrangements. For more information, their number is 941-371-4962. Sally's artwork is featured in the Visual Arts Center Gift Shop. Sally lived in Arcadia and enjoyed the friendships she developed at the VAC. The family has graciously donated her remaining Gift Shop and Library artwork to be sold to benefit the VAC and the VAC Library. Sally has been a VAC Member since April, 2018.

Doris Ann Skarvan was a long-time Visual Arts Center Member. She is survived by her husband, Chuck, who will be hosting a Celebration of Life in Indianapolis on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to Nancy Maragioglio at [acqed@aol.com](mailto:acqed@aol.com) or by phone 812-330-9040 by June 30, 2019. For those that cannot attend because of the distance, the family is requesting you please send messages about your memories of Doris, which will be read by her Husband, Chuck at the Celebration. The Photo is from the VAC's Fine Arts Festival featuring Dega in 2007. From left to right features Doris Skarvan, Michael Vires, Judy Malbuisson and Michele Valencourt.

**Partnership**  
For The  
**ARTS**  
PFTA GROUP  
Talk Show  
"Where We Talk Art"

### New Co-host Chris Fankhauser Joins the Show!!!

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/>

## ON DISPLAY: THE MEMBER SHOWCASE



*What So Proudly We Hail by Janet McDaniel*

*The Member's Showcase* features a curated selection of artwork from fifty Visual Arts Center artist members. Each artist has utilized five feet of wall space to express their unique artistic style and medium with their favorite works, which may or may not have been previously displayed or won awards at the Visual Arts Center.

*The Member's Showcase* will be on display in both galleries July 1 – August 9. Do not miss one of our largest exhibits, featuring hundreds of multimedia works created by local artists and members of the Visual Arts Center.

## CALL TO ARTISTS: COLOR



*Inspired by Jill Lindsay*

**Color** is our next exhibit open to Members and Non-members, 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 using **Color**. Receiving is September 9, from 9am - 12pm. Before you enter, download a prospectus from our website: [visualartcenter.org/collections/call-to-artists](http://visualartcenter.org/collections/call-to-artists). Whether you participate or

not, join us at the Opening Reception Thursday, September 12 at 5:00pm.

## NEW PROSPECTUS ON WEBSITE



*Mirror, Mirror by Kathryn Erickson*

We have added three new exhibits to our fall season. Find a prospectus for each upcoming exhibit on our website.

- **"Black & White"**: This exhibit is open to VAC Members only in Goff Gallery. There is no fee to enter. All artwork must be for sale. Artworks are allowed to have been previously shown in the Main gallery and other shows such as NAE, the Members Showcase and Fun Arts Festival. Receiving is September 9, from 9am - 12pm
- **"Off the Wall"**: Any size 2D or 3D artwork may be exhibited. Artwork MAY have been exhibited at the VAC previously. All art must be priced \$200 or lower. Artwork will be removed as soon as it sells; it will come 'Off The Wall'. Open to members and non-members, Receiving is December 9, from 9am - 12pm
- **"3D Member Show"**: A totally 3D show (pottery, jewelry sculpture, basketry, fiber, glass) 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. Artworks are allowed to have previously shown in the Main gallery and other shows such as NAE, the Members Showcase and Fun Arts Festival. Receiving is December 9, from 9am - 12pm.

## GET SOCIAL!

Are you following us on Facebook or Twitter yet? We'll keep you in the Social Loop!

### FACEBOOK:

@VACPuntaGorda

### TWITTER:

@VisualArtsPG

### INSTAGRAM:

visualarts\_puntagorda

## ...find it in the library...

Inspiration is defined as the process of being mentally stimulated to do something creative. What inspires your creativity? Help is as close as the VAC Library shelves. You can get back on track to artist confidence in no time. In "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron, you will find an invaluable guide to living the artists life through a spiritual path to higher creativity. It is a course in discovering and recovering your creative self. An anthology of insights and ideas with 22 articles by 22 contributors can be found in "Inspiring Creativity", edited by Rick Benzel, M.A. It addresses fundamental issues that creative people face at some point in their careers and offers practical ideas to successful creating. If you are looking for daily exercises and inspirations to practice go no further than "Art Escapes" by Dory Kanter. The book is designed to help you discover the joy of creating personal art every day. It contains page-a-day ideas and demonstrations to inspire, as well as discussions on assembling your supplies and some art journaling advise. "The New Creative Artist" by Nita Leland is a colorful book that will push your creative boundaries whether you are a beginner or a seasoned artist. It also contains information about multiple mediums and how to keep yourself motivated throughout a variety of artistic explorations. These inspiring books and many more are available in your VAC library. Please drop by for a dose of inspiration. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@visualartcenter.org).

**FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE**  
VISUAL ARTS CENTER

**Demonstrations**  
**Fine Art & Crafts Vendors**  
**Dining, Shopping**

**Saturday, August 24 | 10am - 3pm**  
**At Fishermen's Village**

Enjoy the day at Fishermen's Village as we host elite artists from the Visual Arts Center for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Arts in August!** Explore original creations by local artists of all trades. 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! Free admission and parking.



## Congratulations!

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER

Congratulations to artist Laura Sobotka, winner of the People's Choice Award in *Water, Water, Everywhere*. Her artwork, "Shimmering Seaglass" won the popular vote- it's beautiful!

## 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](mailto:communications@visualartcenter.org).  
Please note: we are not able to promote classes or workshops not hosted by the VAC