

## FUN Arts Festival: Battle of the Brushes Paint-Off

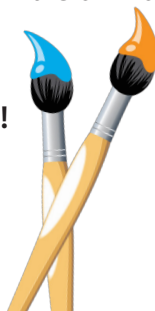
Six local celebrity volunteers have been paired with six Visual Arts Center artists to create a one-of-a-kind work of art that will be presented at the Battle of the Brushes Finale on November 15. Who will rise up to become the greatest artist in just a few weeks? Find out when the art is revealed at the Finale on Nov. 15!



### Battle of the Brushes Finale

Nov. 15, 6:00pm | Dinner, Dancing and Fun!

Tickets at [www.VisualArtCenter.org](http://www.VisualArtCenter.org)



Rachel Keesling  
& Lionel Lewis



Marjorie Benson  
& Jill Lindsay



Marquelynn Raposa  
& Bob Miller



Joanne Stramara  
& James Coalwell



Rosalie Mack  
& Keith Callaghan



Diane Hoffer  
& Nancy Colby

# Vote!

Donate at [crowdrise.com/fun-arts-fest-2019](http://crowdrise.com/fun-arts-fest-2019)

Show your support for all our participating volunteers online at [www.Crowdrise.com/fun-arts-fest-2019](http://www.Crowdrise.com/fun-arts-fest-2019). The FUN Arts Festival Ribbon Cutting will be Monday Nov. 4 at 12 Noon. 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 and more!

Thanks to our Sponsors!



## IN THE GALLERIES

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

### Celebrating 30 Years

#### HARVEST OF ART

October 7 - 31

In the Main Gallery

Receiving: Fri Oct 4, 9a - 12p

Reception: Thu Oct 10, 5:00pm

Removal: Fri Nov 1, 9a - 12p

#### THREE ART GUYS

Larry Palmer, Doug Michalski, Dave Kelley

October 5 - November 8

In Goff Gallery

Reception: Thu Oct 10, 5:00pm



*Bad Apple* by John Hutson,  
Harvest of Art 2017

## FOLLOWED BY

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### FLORIDA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

November 12 - December 2

In Goff Gallery

Reception Nov 21

## CAN ART MAKE YOU SMILE?



Researchers studying how the brain creates and understand humor at Pomona College in Southern California have been using an MRI to see how the brain works when processing information. They found when staring at a blank wall, the brain doesn't burn up much energy. When researchers asked people to look at a series of pictures while their brains were being scanned in an MRI, the works of art tickled the neurons in the subjects' heads (It's the activation of those neurons that light up the MRI scans in bright, almost psychedelic colors). Perhaps the body's natural endorphins can kick off a cascade of brain activity that bathes the neurons in "feel-good neurotransmitters." Another great reason to visit the galleries, with fresh exhibits monthly.

## Partnership For The ARTS PFTA GROUP 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 website <http://pftatalkshow.org/>

## WINE & Painting EVENING SOCIALS

Whether you have never painted before or you're a pro, you will enjoy taking part in our evening Wine and Art adventures, hosted by talented instructors. Each two to three-hour session begins with a glass of wine and ends with a finished creation of your very own. Seating Limited; Register at [www.VisualArtCenter.org](http://www.VisualArtCenter.org).



### Anything BUT Canvas

October 9, 6pm

*Paint wood planks!*

### Etched Wine Glasses

October 23, 6pm

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



### Let's Get Splashed, SPOOKY-STYLE!

October 30 at 6pm

*All treats, no tricks! Paint a not-so-spooky black cat.*

## SHARE YOUR FOUNDER'S DAY PHOTOS



This will be our fourth year presenting the annual Founder's Week exhibit, "Punta Gorda: Then and Now". We need you help infusing our exhibit with new images! We would love to display your photos of founding/early days in Punta Gorda. Contact us if you have a piece to share during the event, happening the first week in December. *Right: First School, Puna Gorda*

## CRITIQUE NIGHT FOR MEMBERS

"Critique Night" will be open to all VAC Members the first Tuesday of each month. Join us Nov. 4 at 4:00pm for the first meeting of the season. The group critique will be led by Beverly Yankwitt and Jill Lindsay. No reservations necessary, just show up with 1 to 3 pieces of your artwork (\$5 per session).

## ARTISTS WANTED: HOLIDAY MARKET

Sell your art and handcrafted items at our Annual Market for handmade Holiday decor and gifts. For three days, the VAC will be transformed into a European-Style Holiday Market! The event will be held December 6 - 8.

Open to all- VAC Members and NON-members. You can reserve up to two 6ft tables. Registration opens **October 1**.







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Harvest of Art 2017*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest of Art

**"Harvest of Art"** is Charlotte County's oldest annual juried exhibit and will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Harvest of Art features 2D paintings and drawings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, colored pencil, graphite, pastel and mixed media. Harvest of Art is sponsored by Centennial bank 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.

## CALL TO ARTISTS - UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**Prospectus Available at [www.VisualArtCenter.org](http://www.VisualArtCenter.org)**

**"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. Receiving is December 9, from 9am - 12pm.



*Merchant Brig Volante 1853 by David Kelley*

**"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, 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.

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

## NAE ENTRY CLOSES DECEMBER 15 | MORE THAN \$8K IN PRIZES

**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](http://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.



2-Day Pastel Workshop with Dawn Emerson  
February 11 & 12, 2020 from 9:00am – 3:00pm

## Welcome New MEMBERS

for SEPTEMBER

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

Judy Armstrong  
Cathy Boeckeler  
Connie Bush  
David Cichy  
Robert Collins  
Phyllis Copelin  
Jill Dratler  
Diane Fortunato  
Kelley Frohlich  
Karin Hadley  
Dan Hicks  
Carol Kartanys  
Carrol Kay  
Steve Knight  
Jan Koudelka  
Carolyn Livingston  
Nancy Mayer  
Pamela Stalvey  
Debi Scholtes  
Teresa Sabatini  
Struss Shirk  
Mary Spencer  
Gene Stout  
Robyn Strobel  
Don White

## Artists in the SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Karol Wyckoff, whose watercolor "BAXTER'S" not only won "Best of Show" but it also won the "People's Choice" award in the Cape Cod Art Center's latest exhibition "Doors & Windows". Karol's painting has been donated to the Hyannis Rotary Club for their "Karol B. Wyckoff Art Scholarship" which has been a tradition for 28 years.

## 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** will meet October 07 at Osprey Junction Trailhead. Painting starts at 8:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) with an optional critique at 11:30 a.m. 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).

## 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](http://VisualArtCenter.org).

### Lunch & Lecture with Baila Miller

Oct. 11, Noon-2pm: Norman Rockwell

Nov. 8, Noon-2pm: Andy Warhol Pop Art

Join us for Lunch and a fun art and history lecture with Baila Miller.

### Mosaics with Judy Tame

10/21 from 9a-12p

Assemble a variety of materials to create decorative, interesting artwork with mosaics.

### Alcohol Ink Workshop with Jill Lindsay

For Beginner/Intermediate: 11/18-20, from 9a-3p, and 3/30-4/1 from 9a-3p

For Advanced: Feb 17-18, 9a-3p

Learn how to create both abstract and realistic pieces with a unique and versatile medium.

### Pine Needle Baskets ½ Day Workshop with Kathryn Erickson

Saturdays from 10am-2pm on 11/23, 1/25, 2/1 and 3/28

If you can sew, you can learn how to form pine needles into a piece of art. Learn to coil pine needles and finish basket on your own. Nothing but patience is needed!

### Plein Air Oil Workshop with Dan Graziano

January 6 & 7, from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Paint outdoors from life (en plein air) along with basic art fundamentals of color temperature, value, edges, composition and paint handling. Paint "wet on wet" (alla prima) every day at a different location.



Learn how to weave Pine Needle Baskets with Kathryn Erickson

## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

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.

## WE APPRECIATE OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS!

