

September 2014

Another Art Season has arrived, with a wonderful group of GAC members showing up for the September 12, 2014 meeting. This was a show and tell event. Member's shared a variety of their own pieces. They also explained their pieces, their style, technique and hints! Mary Ann Tucci organized refreshments this month.

A bright start to the year with 7 new members; Shari Gaine, John & Sharon Baldetti, Lynn Morgan, Barbra Massey, Phoebe Chidester and Kathy Lerche.



Roster

Anita spent her summer working tirelessly on our new and current Roster and members be notified as soon as it is ready.

“Art in the Park”

- ❖ New additional dates to Pioneer Art in the Park. We have been able to add October and April
- ❖ The first Art in the Park show for CAG members at Pioneer Park will be held on October 12. Cost is \$20 for members- Contact Sue Whalen if interested.
- ❖ “Art in the Park” now has a wonderful brochure, showing the dates, location and descriptions. Hopefully members will take some to hang for patrons of the arts to see!

Tuesday October 14th @1PM will be the next Creative Artists Guild's meeting.

Demonstration for October meeting will be: Lee Canalizo (Loose Florals)

At the First United Friendship Hall in Dunedin. Corner of Wood and Douglas

Bring your art for "Artist of the Month" competition!

Florida Chapter of International Society of Acrylic Painters (ISAP-FL)

Annual juried 2014 exhibition will be held at the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg, and deadline for entries is October 14, 2014. Ten cash awards will be given including \$2,000 Best of Show.

Juror is acclaimed artist Robert Burridge. Prospectus is attached to email

CAG Plein Air Group

Creative Artist Guild Plein Air Group will meet on Tuesday mornings in September and October, at the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo. The gardens open at 7 AM, if artists want to arrive early to set up. The group usually meets around 9 AM at the main plaza near the rest rooms, stopping for lunch around 11 AM. All are encouraged to pack a lunch and come to paint or take photos in the beautiful gardens.

Updates:

- Due to the illness of Francine Henderson we are in need either a Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer
- Need ideas for publishing and marketing our events in local publications
- We will be looking for a new location for this year's Christmas and Spring Luncheon, so please let the board know of any suggestions.

Steve Whalen's

Steve Whalen's Dragonfly Picture was selected as one of the winners in the Tampa Bay Magazine's Annual Photography competition.



It can be seen in the September/October Issue. During the month of September his photography is on display at the Art Gallery in the Largo Library, Indian Shores Municipal Building and at J.A. Vassels in Dunedin.

Things to do- Art in the Area



Stirling Art Studios & Gallery

730 Broadway, 2nd Dunedin, FL

Pinellas Park Art Society will have a show at Stirling this month.

The reception taking place there on Second Friday, which is September 12, from 5:30 to 8 PM 8

Art Trysts Studio

Welcome to Fantasy Land: Acrylic Abstract Landscapes" Lee Canalizo

September 23, 2014 12pm – 3pm Cost: \$35 Take your art on a trip to a landscape in your imagination! With a brush and paint and a fresh point of view, we can go anywhere we can dream up! Join Lee for this fun workshop that will tap into your creativity!

First Friday! October 3, 2014 4pm – 8pm

Happy Anniversary to Art Trysts! Joins us as we celebrate our third anniversary!

See our website for more information www.arttrysts.com

Studio 1212

Black and White Show on Sunday Oct 12

Critiques are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am and are open to the public. Studio 1212 invites all artists to bring in one or two unframed, unfinished paintings for a free critique.

<http://www.studio1212.net/home.htm>

7 Arches Art Gallery & Boutique

7 Arches is hosting a "FUN" CRUISE EVENT

Friday Sept 19th and Saturday Sept 20th Noon to 3pm

Great Captains Table.... Food, Prizes, Fun, and Greeter will take your photo Artist will be attending to entertain guests. Fine framed artwork for sale

1248 Main St Dunedin in the Winn-Dixie Plaza Independence Square. 727 -724-4278 **Free**

Gallery 1356

**All are invited to this opening reception for the new gallery. Thursday Sept. 18th 6 to 9 pm
1356 South Fort Harrison, Clearwater Florida**

Beach Art Center with Jim Melton

Beginning: Drawing Friday 1pm-3pm Intermediate to Advanced Drawing Tuesday 6pm-8pm

Watercolor Class Thursdays 1:00pm-3pm

1515 Bay Palm Boulevard

Indian Rocks Beach, FL, 33785 727-596-4331 arts1515@gmail.com



Artists Guild General Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Vice-President Pam McFarland. Four new members were introduced and welcomed: Shari Gaines, John Baldetti, Lynn Morgan and Kathy Lerche.

Secretary: Minutes from today's meeting will be published in the next issue of the Brushfire.

Treasurer: Carole Carroll reported that our beginning balance this year is \$1877.06, with expenses of \$412.50, leaving a current balance of \$1464.56. Pam appealed to the members for help in finding a new treasurer, as our previous treasurer resigned this summer due to health reasons, and Carole has been filling in. Carole will continue as assistant treasurer but would like some help.

Committees:

Membership -- Mary Lou Meyer asked that everyone be sure to sign in and also check the roster lists on the sign-in table to make sure that member information is correct.

Historian -- Betty Brunson brought some CAG albums today and will continue to do so at future meetings.

Programs -- Kathy Fessenbecker announced that the October meeting will have Lee Canalizo for a demo. In November Doug Land will provide a demo at our meeting. Kathy also gave information on several local art studios and galleries that are having upcoming events: **Studio 1212:** critique on third Tuesday of the month and the annual Black and White Show on Sunday Oct 12, **Art Trysts Studio:** workshops with Lee Canalizo in September and Melissa Miller Nece in October, and **7 Arches Gallery:** monthly Art Walk on Sept 19 and 20 from 12 to 3 PM. Information on workshops, classes and events at these venues have been placed on the back tables for members to peruse.

Publicity -- Pam asked that members give her any new email addresses for Brushfire mailings. She also asked that if members know where she can list CAG events (for free) to tell her. Pam also announced that Anita Wood has been working on our member booklet and that new members will be listed in an insert if their names are not included in time for the booklet printing.

Venues and Shows -- The first Art in the Park show for CAG members at Pioneer Park will be held on October 12. Cost is \$20 for members. The sign-up sheet is on one of the back tables.

New Business

Carol Crumrine announced that a CAG plein air group has been formed and will meet on Tuesday mornings in September and October, at the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo. The gardens open at 7 AM, if artists want to arrive early to set up. The group usually meets around 9 AM at the main plaza near the rest rooms, stopping for lunch around 11 AM. All are encouraged to pack a lunch and come to paint or take photos in the beautiful gardens.

Carol Grandinetti announced that the Pinellas Park Art Society will have a show at Stirling this month, the reception taking place there on Second Friday, which is September 12, from 5:30 to 8 PM.

Gallery 1356 on South Ft Harrison in Clearwater is having a reception on Thursday Sept 18 from 6 to 9 PM. All are invited to this opening reception for the new gallery.

Mary Lou announced that a Get Well card for Elaine McCormick is available for members to sign.

Note: Steve Whalen, photographer, has been featured in the Sept/Oct issue of the Tampa Bay magazine.

As we did not have an Artist of the Month contest this month Pam asked that all who brought art work for "Show and Tell" to bring it to the front of the meeting, where members can see it after the break for refreshments. Mary Ann Tucci organized refreshments this month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Brunson, seconded by Barbara Connelly. The meeting was adjourned by Pam at 1:30 PM.

Submitted by Mary Beth McDonell
September 9, 2014