

# Fine Arts Society of Sarasota

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc., hereinafter referred to as FASS, is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that was founded in 1969. FASS provides cultural and educational opportunities for its members, and organized projects which benefit the entire community and its many visitors. **It expects each member to participate and volunteer to help attain the vision of the organization.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota is dedicated to supporting and stimulating the arts in Sarasota County.

## OBJECTIVES

- Encourage a greater understanding of the Arts: Painting; Sculpture, Literature, Theater, Music, Dance, Architecture, and all other related branches of the Fine Arts.
- Establish a permanent collection of qualified works of Florida artists which will be placed on public exhibition for the enjoyment of Sarasota residents and visitors.
- Provide scholarships for talented and qualified residents of Sarasota County in the field of Fine Arts
- Provide grants to local organizations that are congruent with the Fine Arts Society mission.

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY

- Attend monthly general meetings which are held October through May.
- Participate in activities and fundraisers, including the Celebrate the Arts event and the annual Creators and Collectors Tour.
- Pay annual membership dues and purchase four tickets to the annual spring fundraiser.
- Become familiar with the FASS art collection. Attend a guided backstage and art tour at the Van Wezel. Tours are held monthly.
- Work at least one shift during the two-day annual Creator & Collectors tour.
- Participate in at least one backstage tour of the Van Wezel to familiarize yourself with our permanent art collection.

Membership dues are \$55.00, payable by May 31 each year. New members accepted after February 1 and having paid their dues will be paid through the next year.

The Fine Arts Society membership is a diverse group of individuals from many walks of life. Each member supports the Arts in Sarasota County. Benefits of membership include monthly programs and luncheons, monthly newsletters, cultural, education and social events, tours, travel opportunities, and voicing your vote on art collection acquisitions. We are proud of our programs and successes.

Please complete the application form attached. There is an application fee of \$25 which covers your badge and membership yearbook. Dues of \$55 are payable when membership is accepted.

**FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**Last Name** **First Name** **Spouse/Partner**

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**Florida Address**

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**City** **State** **Zip** **Email**

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**Telephone** **Cell Phone** **Smart Phone?** **Y** **N**

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**Other Address** **State** **Email** **Telephone**

**How long have you lived in the Sarasota area?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Full time resident?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you know any FASS Members?** **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, who?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Explain why you are interested in becoming a member** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Give a brief history of your participation in other organizations and activities**

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Active members are required to participate in all FASS projects which include monthly meetings and luncheons, fundraising projects and to become familiar with our art collection at the Van Wezel.

# FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota is an active organization. Members are expected to participate in at least one committee and our two major fundraising events. General programs run from October to May, unless otherwise indicated. Your interests are important to us. Please tell us what committee (s) you would like to serve on, or which committee(s) you would like to know more about.

- \_\_\_\_ **Art Collection:** Make art acquisition recommendations; requires strong art background, occasional commitment
- \_\_\_\_ **Education:** Plan tours, trips, community outreach. Occasional commitment.
- \_\_\_\_ **Finance:** Bookkeeping, accounting, and computer skills
- \_\_\_\_ **Hospitality:** Arrange monthly meeting luncheons in the fall, but coordination throughout the season.
- \_\_\_\_ **Membership:** Process and integrate new members; collect dues.
- \_\_\_\_ **Newsletter:** Publish monthly newsletter. Computer background important.
- \_\_\_\_ **Outreach/Grants:** Review grant requests for funding and present recommendations, usually at the April Board meeting
- \_\_\_\_ **Programs:** Arrange and coordinate speakers/programs for monthly meetings.
- \_\_\_\_ **Publicity:** Promote the organization and provide the media and membership with information about programs
- \_\_\_\_ **Scholarship:** The Scholarship committee reviews and selects scholarship winners based on talent, academic ability, future plans, and need. Membership is limited to twelve people, and this committee is currently full.
- \_\_\_\_ **Special Events** Our two main fundraising events are (please indicate your interest):
- \_\_\_\_ **Celebrate the Arts Luncheon** held in December: a gala luncheon which may honor a particular contributor to the arts scene in Sarasota.
- \_\_\_\_ **Creators and Collectors Tour (C&C Tour)** held in March: a two day tour of artists' homes and studios, open to the public. Members **must** commit to at least one shift for this tour
- \_\_\_\_ **Tour Docents:** Become knowledgeable about and be available for occasional art and backstage tours of the Society's art collection at the Van Wezel.
- \_\_\_\_ **Yearbook:** Publish annual member directory; mainly a summer/fall commitment

Please let us know your special interests and skills

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I am fully aware of the obligations of Active Membership in the Fine Arts Society of Sarasota and I am happy to comply with them in order to further the goals of the organization.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

There is an application fee of \$25. Please send a check, made out to FASS along with this application to:

Martha Ballard

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