

November 1, 2016 Newsletter

November Luncheon

Date

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Time

9:30: a.m. Coffee & Tea
10:00 a.m. Program
12:00 Noon: Lunch

Location

Bird Key Yacht Club

Menu

Cranberry Brie Stuffed Chicken
With Julienne Vegetables
Assorted Rolls
Pumpkin Crème Brûlée
Coffee, Tea, & Iced Tea

Cost

\$26 includes Bayfront ambiance, tax, & tip.
(You may purchase tickets at the registration desk for wine,
soda, or mixed drinks)

Deadline For Reservations:

Friday, November 11, 2016

Make checks payable to FASS and mail to :

Nancy Andrews

When sending your check, please note any dietary restrictions (gluten free, allergies, etc.) for the lunch choice. Chef needs this information by the Friday deadline. If bringing a guest, note the guest's name for his/her name tag and please wear your name tag. We are requesting no walk-ins for lunch the day of the meeting.

Feel free to choose where and with whom you want to sit. We have "open seating" this year.

Program: Actor, Artist, and Storyteller

Mary J. Kelly

"Midnight Train: Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad"

Mary portrays Harriet Tubman during her years as a slave, her journey to freedom and her endeavors to help others flee northward. Harriet's story is one of triumph and survival under the harshest conditions one can imagine. Mary brings Harriet's story to life with her uniquely expressive vocalizations and visually exciting physical movements creating a cavalcade of characters that reflect historical and contemporary attitudes.

Mary J. Kelly, MFA has 30 years' experience as a professional actress, storyteller, teaching artist and creativity consultant. She makes use of expressive vocalizations and visually exciting physical movements to create a cavalcade of characters that reflect historical and contemporary attitudes. Mary believes that the universality of us all comes to life in the oral traditions. We share similar or the same joys and tears – that oneness comes through in our stories. Storytellers are keepers of our cultural history, traditions and values. Mary states, "Everyone has a treasure house of stories to be told."



Welcome New Members!

We are delighted to welcome Kristin Gardel, Ruthy Hyatt, Mona Jacobs, and Elizabeth Van Riper to the Fine Arts Society of Sarasota.

President's Message



Dear Members,

November is our month of Inspiration and Celebration!

We help to "Inspire Sarasota".

We "Celebrate the Arts"!

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota will participate in the "Inspire Sarasota 2016" Festival, sponsored by the Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota. Bobbie Hamilton and her "Inspire Sarasota 2016" ad-hoc Committee have helped organize our participation in this city-wide event.

On Tuesday, November 1, our Docent Tours, of the Fine Arts Permanent Art Collection housed at the Van Wezel, will be a highlight of the Inspire Sarasota Festival. Thanks to Peg Williams, our Docent chair, and Bobbie and her committee, our name, The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, will be brought to a broader audience.

On Saturday, November 5, the Fine Arts Society will have a Booth at the "Inspire Sarasota Cultural Court" at and around Fine Points Park in downtown Sarasota. Our thanks to Jean Owen for donating the fee for the Booth and to all of our selfless volunteers who agreed to 'man' the Booth during this day-long event! They will be handing out printed publicity materials for upcoming events and general information about The Fine Arts Society. Yet another way we are able to enhance our visibility in the greater Sarasota community.

Now comes our highlight of the month! Please join us to Celebrate and Participate.

On Wednesday, November 30, our annual Celebrate the Arts luncheon will be held at Michael's on East. Ellie Stoddard and her outstanding committee have arranged this important fundraiser to usher in the Holiday Season! The 2016 Luminaire Award will be presented to Richard and Rebecca Hopkins and the Florida Studio Theater.

The Celebration begins at Michael's on East at 10:30 A.M. with our Art Boutique and Silent Auction. Your participation will benefit both our Scholarship Fund and Community & Educational Outreach Grants, key elements in The Fine Arts Society's dedication to our mission of supporting and stimulating the arts in Sarasota County!

Of course, in the meantime, don't forget to attend our General Meeting at The Bird Key Yacht Club on November 17.

Your support, creative ideas, talent, time, and commitment make it possible for The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota to be successful in its mission!

Thank you so very much,
Carole

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Inspire Sarasota 2016:	Roberta Hamilton
Bayfront 20/20:	Carole Crosby/ Anne Jones
Community Foundation - 24 Hour Giving Challenge:	Nancy Andrews
Art Collection - Task Force:	Judy Fiala/ Kathleen France



Celebrate The Arts Luncheon : Save The Date!

November 30, 2016

Michael's on East

10:30 A.M.

We are delighted to honor Richard and Rebecca Hopkins and Florida Studio Theatre with our Luminaire Award for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Sarasota County.

Deadline for reservations: Monday, November 21, 2016

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction Committee needs your help! Many of you have given gift certificates to your favorite restaurant, salon, or spa in the past. A bottle of wine for a wine basket is always appreciated. Perhaps you have a work of art you'd like to donate.

Please call Suzanne Weitz and she will make arrangements to collect any contributions for the auction.

Are You Interested in Hosting a Table at our Celebrate The Arts Luncheon?

Please consider inviting your friends and associates to our luncheon. Hosting a table will make a huge difference in making this year's luncheon a success! A table of eight or ten would be wonderful! Please contact:

Martha Ballard or Joan Emrich

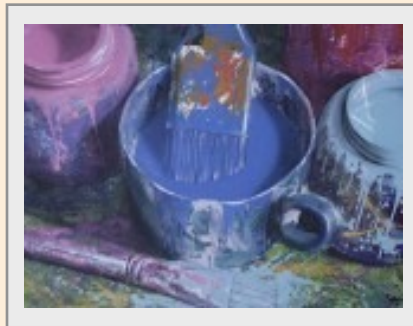
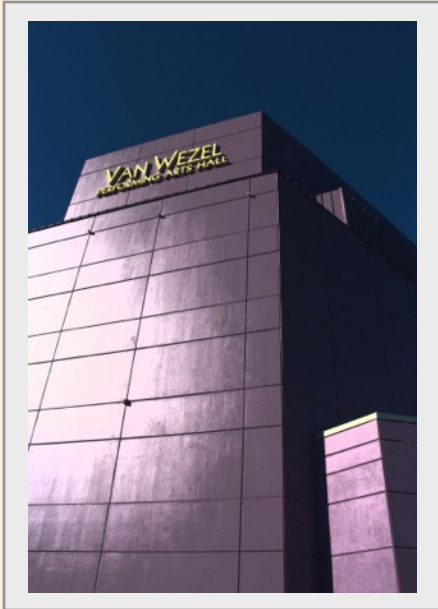
Boutique Vendors: Sandy Black (Sandy's Sensational Silks), Elise Elliott (Children's Books), Melissa Erlenbach (Erlenbach Enamel Studio), Nancy Faris (Fiber Artist), Gaby Gadah (Pave' Chocolatier), John Henry (Woodturning), Clara Ricker (Jewelry), and Theresa Stone (Gypsy Gardener).

Holiday Gifts

The 2017 Creators & Collectors Tour tickets will be available for you to purchase for holiday gifts at the November membership meeting. Remember to bring a check or cash to purchase these gift items for the price of \$15 per ticket. You, as members, have this *special opportunity* to purchase tickets for gifts. The distribution of your usual required 4 tickets will take place at the January meeting.

Van Wezel Art & Backstage Tours

The art tour costs \$5.00 for general admission and is free to our members wearing their members badge. The tour is offered on the first Tuesday of each month October through May and begins at 10:00 a.m. Tours may be scheduled on any Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. Please encourage any organization with which you are familiar to utilize our tours. Contact Peg Williams at: herdpeg@yahoo.com or call Janet Arena at: 941.953.3368



Take The Tour!

Inspire Sarasota Festival

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota is participating in *Inspire Sarasota Festival* on November 5, at Five Points Park. We will be one of many arts groups who will have booths at this event. We will promote our forthcoming events and the Creators and Collectors Art Tour.

"The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery." Francis Bacon

"The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web." Pablo Picasso

"No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist."
Oscar Wilde

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Tuesday, November 1 - Art & Backstage Tour - Van Wezel

Thursday, November 3 - Bronzart Foundry Tour

Thursday, November 10 - Board Meeting

Friday, November 11 - Deadline for luncheon reservations

Thursday, November 17 - Membership Luncheon and meeting

Monday, November 21 - RSVP Deadline for Celebrate the Arts Luncheon

Wednesday, November 30 - Celebrate The Arts Luncheon at Michael's on East

Education Committee Tours

January 25, 2017 Elling Eide Center - 10:00 a.m.

February 13, 2017 Sarasota Orchestra & Youth Orchestra "Side by Side Rehearsal" 5:15 p.m.

March 22, 2017 The Hermitage - 10:00 a.m.

An optional meal will follow each tour.



January Education Tour

Elling Eide Center
8000 South Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida 34231

Elling O. Eide Library is home to one of the largest private collections of East Asian library materials in the US. Guy Peterson designed the spectacular \$7.5 Million dollar building, which provides a beautifully modern facility to house the collection. The library, which had its grand opening in October, is closed to the public.

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota truly has a unique opportunity to view the exclusive Elling Eide Center and will be given a docent tour of the library collections.

Attendance is limited to 25. The charge is \$10.00.

There will be an optional lunch following the tour. Your check for the tour is your reservation.

Please mail to: Barbara Blackburn

For additional information call:

Barbara Blackburn, Kristi Bundrant, or Miqui Lora



Fine Arts Society of Sarasota
 PO Box 1432
 Sarasota, FL. 34230-1432



November 17, 2016 Luncheon Reservation Form

Name: _____
 \$26.00

Guest: _____
 \$26.00

Please check () if you would like the vegetarian meal option.

*Changes to your menu can't be made the day of the luncheon.

All special requests must be made when you make your reservation.

Deadline for Reservations: Friday, November 11, 2016. Mail your payment to:

Nancy Andrews

For your convenience, visit our website www.fineartssarasota.org to make your luncheon payment via Paypal. Click on *About Us* and click on *Lunch Reservations*. The cost of lunch is \$27.00 due to a \$1.00 service fee.