

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's a new season – filled with exciting new ideas!

During the summer, the Board and other volunteers gathered to brainstorm and design some new activities for us all. I'm delighted to share them with you today. Some are fresh and brand new and some are restyled. Please read this carefully—it includes LOTS of

updates about the upcoming season!

Here is the brief overview to bring you up to speed:

Creators & Collectors Salons – Up to 10 small, intimate group events with discussions about many types of art: sculpture, painting, ballet, opera, music, drama, and of course eclectic art collections. Fine Arts Society members, with their guests, friends, and families may reserve spaces and participate.

All the Salons will be space limited – depending on the venue, they will range from 15 people to 40. Do reserve early to secure your place; in most cases, wait lists will be maintained.

And – NEW!! Metamorphosis – A new Fall Fundraiser—designed to give our Members a chance to take the weekend off! Its objective is to raise funds for our scholarships, outreach, and art collection—but to skip the hours of volunteer work!

The Fine Arts Society is evolving with the times.

Join your Fine Arts Society friends, old and new, as we create new ideas for supporting the ARTS...

This year, replacing the commitment of volunteering for one, two, or three committees, AND buying 4 C&C tickets for \$60 – we ask you to simply donate the same amount of money for scholarships and other programs by writing a check. Yes, it's a simple idea—and our straw poll of members responded with tremendous support! We hope that you agree.

More Community Building! Getting to know our Artist members better is one of my goals for this year.

Please send me an email if you would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, or if you have a favorite artist member you would like to propose. The column will be titled "Member Artist of the Month" and will help us get to know our members better—both old and new. I know many of our artists already, but occasionally I've been surprised to find out that my luncheon partner is a sculptor or a poet! The selection process is being refined—more information soon.

Mark your calendar! Our first monthly meeting is October 19th! We will have a terrific program, and I encourage you to stay for lunch – where there will be a surprise!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all then, if not before. We will be creating and sharing new experiences this year, and getting to know each other even better. I'm excited about these initial ideas, and other new ones. As always, there is room and excitement for new ideas—email me your suggestions! We're having conversations and gathering a list!

Looking forward to a marvelous Fine ARTS-filled season for us all!

The Fine Arts Society Launches Creators and Collectors Salons

The term “Salon” has several meanings, but for many of us the word evokes visions of elegant drawing rooms in Paris where artists, collectors and patrons came together to share their passion for the arts.

This is precisely what the Salon Committee had in mind as they planned these exciting events for the enjoyment of Fine Arts Society members, family and friends. In this newsletter, you will find a schedule of opportunities from which you are invited to select the Salons most closely matching your interests. Attendance at each Salon (first come, first reserved) is limited so that you may enjoy new discoveries and share your knowledge in small group settings. A wait list will be maintained for most Salons.

To confirm your reservation, tickets may be purchased online at fineartssarasota.org. Click on the Creators & Collectors Salons, select your Salon and number of tickets. Tickets will be available on line as dates, prices and details are confirmed. You may also send a check made out to Fine Arts Society of Sarasota

(FASS) indicating the Salon number on the check, and mail it to Norman Meunier, our registrar. Details about driving directions and parking will be provided in your confirmation email.

Co-Coordinator, Liz Trostli and Donna Maytham, are assembling an “all-star” committee to plan and implement this series of fund raising events. The funds raised by these events will help us to support the arts through scholarships and community outreach. If you would like to join this committee, host a Salon, recommend an idea for a Salon, or assist with one of these events, please contact Liz (etrostli50@gmail.com) or Donna (pavlova03@comcast.net). Volunteers may attend the Salon where they are assigned at no cost. So be among the first to get involved in this exciting new series.

Currently, Salon Committee members are Martha Ballard, Renee Crammes, Marsha Eisenberg, Kathy Elias, Judy Fiala, Carol Kopeck, Norman Meunier, Joan Ochs, Elizabeth Van Riper, Marjorie Sayer, Dale Sprintz, Pat Talbott, and President, Vern Weitz, Ex Officio.



1. The Addiction of Collecting Saturday, September 9, 2017

Postponed

One of our most dedicated “collecting” members, Judy Fiala, with her husband Fred, are opening their Lido Shores home both at 10 am for coffee and 3 pm for wine and cheese.

They have a great collection—of collections! Paintings, sculpture, antiques, photography, and more. 20 guests maximum at each, \$50 am session; \$75 pm session

2. Fine Art and Fine Food Monday, October 16, 2017 11 am – 2 pm

Explore this exceptional Longboat Key home, filled with the many Fine Art treasures collected for half a century by Dale and Alan Sprintz, your knowledgeable hosts. Learn about the artists in their collection, make new friends

while enjoying a light, chilled luncheon buffet handmade by your hostess, creative artist, and former Chicago caterer. 30 Guests Maximum, \$45

3. Sarasota Youth Opera: Reception and World Premiere Sunday, Nov 12, 2017

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Hosted by Fine Arts President Vern Weitz, the Salon begins with a reception in lovely room inside the famed Sarasota Opera House. Sip Sunday mimosas and enjoy delectable snacks while “Rootabaga Country” composer and librettist Rachel J. Peters personally introduces you to her vision for this whimsical and magical modern opera. Attend the production that follows, conducted by Youth Opera Music Director Jesse Martins and directed by Martha Collins. Your ticket entitles you to choice seats for the only matinee performance.

35 guests max., \$45 tickets

4. Tea and Tiffany TBA

An elegant afternoon Tea Party, complete with British teas, traditional scones, finger sandwiches, and cake tastefully served on fine china.

This fabulous Longboat Key Salon is hosted by Marsha Eisenberg—a collector of Tiffany and Art Glass from the 1890-1910 era. She is eager to share her knowledge and passion for the arts. Ladies in fancy hats encouraged. 30 guests maximum, \$40

5. TBA January 2018

6. Sculpture, Savories, and Sunset Tuesday, February 20, 2018 5 – 7 pm

Prosecco and savories will be served with famous local sculptor Robert Wilk, who will regale you with his wildly entertaining stories and many talents. This intimate Salon takes place at the artist’s Golden Gate apartment with its

fabulous views of the Sarasota sunset. Hosts are Patricia Talbott and Elisabeth Trostli. 20 guests maximum, \$35

7. Ballet and Bon-Bons Monday, March 12, 2018 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Here’s your chance to attend a live rehearsal, closeup and personal, with the gifted dancers of the Cuban Ballet School. This Salon is hosted by Donna Maytham, our own Fine Arts Society “Ballet Aficionada.” The rehearsal is preceded by a very special dessert buffet of genuine Brazilian sweets and strong Cuban coffee. 30 guests maximum, \$35

8. Private Lives, Private Collections Mid-April 2018

Walking tour of homes of collectors and artists all within the beautiful grounds at Glenridge. Hosted by Carol Kopeck. More details TBA. \$40

A huge Fine Arts Society thank you to members who volunteered to craft new activities!

Wheels have been turning behind the scenes at the Fine Arts Society!

After our great scholarship luncheon in May, people started to discuss how we might bring new ideas and excitement to our fundraising – for both community grants and scholarships. Increased engagement and involvement of the membership was also a key objective.

Many members have expressed fatigue with the Creators and Collectors Tour. A group came together over the summer and put a great deal of time, thought, and energy into brainstorming and refining ideas for new activities.

Specifically, moving new activities forward that would still fulfill our core mission of supporting the arts in Sarasota County, while also providing interesting art-focused activities for our members and guests.

Many of your Fine Arts Society friends were involved in the brainstorming sessions, producing ideas and filling in the details over six weeks – more than 10 hours in all!

Heartfelt thanks to Joan Emrich, our facilitator and scribe; the Board of Directors for contributions of ideas and review of suggestions, and those who participated in some or all of these intense, but enjoyable, working sessions: Duch Adams, Alice Allen, Nancy Andrews, Martha Ballard, Larry Brown, Linda Bruemmer, Kristi Bundrant, Patrice Burkhardt, Mary Alice DeVirgilis, Kathy Elias, Marsha Eisenberg, Nancy Fairchild, Judy Fiala, Valerie Fini, Bo Galford, Kristen Gardel, Stacey Goes, Bobbie Hamilton, Donna Karambelas, Elaine MacMahon, Donna Maytham, Penny Mathews, Joanne McCobb, Lynne Meskey, Norman Meunier, Linda Milberg, Pam Olin, Patti Reskin, Elizabeth Rose, Judy Rush, Marjorie Sayer, Elizabeth Trostli, Kim Warren, Peggy Williams, and Cindy Woodling. And, a warm thank you to everyone who contributed either in person or with email suggestions whom I may have overlooked.

With sincere thanks,

Vern

Yearbooks

This is a reminder that at the October and November General Meetings, members will be able to pick up their 2017-2018 Fine Arts Society Yearbook inserts. During the summer months, the Yearbook Committee collected current information concerning Board and Committee members, reviewed the existing text and edited the materials for this annual publication. Our thanks to Carole Crosby, Kathy Elias, Judy Fiala, Valerie Fini, Donna Maytham, Linda Milberg, Patti Reskin, and Helen Spindler for generously giving their summer hours to see this project to fruition.

SAVE THE DATE

- + POSTPONED**
2017 Creators & Collectors Salon #1
- + October 16**
2017 Creators & Collectors Salon #2
- + October 19**
General Membership Meeting
- + November 7**
Art Collection Tour
- + November 16**
General Membership Meeting

Education Committee 2017/2018 Events

Be certain to note the following dates for the Education Committee's exciting events! Some events will have size limitations, so SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Art focused tour of Patriot Plaza just before Veteran's Day

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Sarasota Ballet Class with the Director

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Ringling College/Basch Gallery/
Goldstein Library

METAMORPHOSIS



The Fine Arts Society announces
a season of change.

The Creators and Collectors tour
has been reimagined.

This year we invite you to kick off
your shoes and put up your feet.

NO VOLUNTEERING!

No selling tickets.
No Galleria set up.
No working studio shifts.

JUST WRITE A CHECK

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Invitations available: Oct. 19, 2017 at the General Meeting

Checks please by: Nov. 17, 2017 at the General Meeting!

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