

# Fine Arts Society of Sarasota

The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Fine Arts Society is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that was founded in 1969. The Fine Arts Society provides cultural and educational opportunities for its members and organizes 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 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. Members are strongly encouraged to remain for luncheon following the general meeting.
- Participate in activities and fundraisers, including the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations and major fundraising events.
- Pay annual membership dues.
- Become familiar with the permanent Fine Arts Society art collection. Attend a guided backstage and art tour at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Tours are held monthly.
- As a member, volunteer for OR chair a committee. (See Page 3.)

Active membership dues are \$55.00, payable by May 31 each year. New members accepted after February 1 and who have paid their dues will be paid through April of the following year when the next year's dues are collected.

The Fine Arts Society membership is a diverse group of individuals from many walks of life. Members support 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.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES AT [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) OR BY CALLING TOLL FREE 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

# 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 Fine Arts Society 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 Fine Arts Society projects which include monthly meetings and luncheons, fundraising projects and to become familiar with our art collection at the Van Wezel Hall.

**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 major fundraising events. General programs run from October to May unless otherwise indicated. Please tell us on which committee/s you wish to serve or which committee/s are of interest and you would need more information.**

- 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 Event/Salon:** Planning a series of small community arts awareness events (artist's studios, tours, rehearsals, concerts, etc.)
- 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:**

**Roberta "Bobbie" Hamilton  
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