



The Art Center Board 2023-2024. MaryBeth Vansickle, VP of Performing Arts; Karrie Jo Mast, President; Dianna Haynes, Executive Director; Jim Houle, Senior VP Visual Arts; Don Taylor, Treasurer; Deb Newman, VP Visual Arts. *Photo credit – Jim Houle.*

The September 9th Gala Celebration of our 50th anniversary was an evening of fun, prizes, food, and fellowship. It was a time to recognize founding members, benefactors and volunteers who got us where we are today. It was also a time to thank outgoing board members Mac Harris, Past President and Edwin Martin, Past VP of Performing Arts for their many years of devoted service. Incoming officers Karrie Jo Mast, President and MaryBeth VanSickle, VP Performing Arts both have a passion for the theatre arts, the youth program and boundless energy.



President's Message

October 2023

Dear Members and Supporters of the Art Center,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits, as we step into October.

It is with great humility and excitement that I enter as the incoming president of our esteemed Arts Center. I am deeply honored to have been entrusted with this role, and I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my predecessor, Mac Harris, for his outstanding leadership and dedication to this organization. He has set a high standard for me to follow, and I am committed to upholding and building upon the legacy he and the board have created.

As we look ahead, I envision a future where our Arts Center continues to flourish and evolve. We will nurture emerging talent, support our artists, and provide a platform for innovation and experimentation. Our goal is not only to showcase the arts but to be a catalyst for social change and a source of inspiration for our community.

I also want to take a moment to thank our dedicated volunteers and board members for their tireless efforts in making the Art Center thrive.

Please let me express my deep appreciation for your unwavering support. Together, we can continue to foster creativity, inspire minds, and celebrate the beauty of art.

As always, your feedback and ideas are invaluable to us. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or thoughts you may have. We are here to serve you and our community.

Karrie J Mast, President
The Art Center of Citrus County

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – JOHN BESCHER



John has been the coordinator for the portrait group at the Art Center for many years, affording the artists the opportunity to paint, draw and sketch a different live model every Friday. Watercolor is John's main medium, and he has ribboned many times at our exhibits. Over the years, John led the plein air group on a variety of outings. John is a proud veteran of the Navy, and a ham radio operator. What you may not know is that John purchased an abandoned tree farm and planted 7,000 Ocala Sand Pines, BY HAND! We thank you, John, for your dedication to the Portrait Group and look forward to many more years.

Want to recognize a hard working and dedicated volunteer? Email Dianna Haynes, Executive Director at artcenterofcitruscounty@gmail.com

VISUAL ARTS

The Girl with A Pearl Earring workshop, conducted by Lisa Russo on October 7th was a great learning experience in oil painting. Attendees gave it 5 stars ★★★★★

Please support upcoming Workshops and events. They help support the Art Center while providing exciting opportunities to learn with fellow artists.



EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2023-2024 – INTAKE & PICK-UP FROM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
Themed submissions are optional.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Pick-up</u>
#2 – 1940's	Nov 1	Nov 3, 6:30-7:15	Dec 13
#3 – PHOTOGRAPHY ONLY	Jan 10	Jan 12, 6:30-7:15	Feb 21
#4 – Theme “Road Trip” opt.	Feb 21	Feb 23, 6:30-7:15	April 10
#5 – Theme “Women Sailing”	Apr 10	Apr 12, 6:30-7:15	June 5

NOVEMBER 1 – JAN 10 NATURE COAST EXHIBIT #2 – THEME, 1940's Intake 11/1,
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Takedown: 1/10/2024 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

 <p>Call To Artist ! Art Center of Citrus County 2023-2024 Season Nature Coast Welcome Back Exhibit No.2</p>	
<p>Continuing our mission to promote local artist's work through exhibitions, we are happy to announce the opening of the Nature Coast Exhibition, No. 2.</p>	
<p>Call To Artist! Nature Coast Exhibit #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take in: Nov 1, 2023, 10 am-2 pmPickup: Dec 13, 2023, 10 am-2 pmEntry Fees: Members: \$15 for 2 works; Non-members: \$30 for 2 works; \$5 for each additional work up to 5.Jurist to be announced	<p>Suggested Theme 1940's All art work will be accepted whether it fits the theme or not.</p> <p>Artist Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday, Nov 3th, 6:30 pm to 7:15 pmRefreshments servedWinning works announcedFree and open to the public
	
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NOVEMBER 15 – HOLIDAY PAINT AND SIP 6:30-8:30 PM

ACRYLIC POUR ORNAMENTS & TEXTURED ORNAMENT



DECEMBER 6 – CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN Watercolor – We Paint Group 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Bring your watercolor supplies and paint. Don't have any and want to try? We'd love to have you. Extra supplies will be on hand – donations welcomed



DECEMBER 6 – HOLIDAY POTLUCK 5:30 PM – ENTRÉE PROVIDED & WINE – BRING SIDE DISH - 50/50 Raffle, door prizes, bid on wine basket, meet the board and new members. \$10 at the door, or buy tickets online, link below.

JANUARY 10 – FEB 21 NATURE COAST EXHIBIT #3 – PHOTOGRAPHY ONLY, INTAKE 10:00 – 1:00 PM

CAMERA CLUB

The Art Center Camera Club held its October Competition recently. Don Kurts and Karen Giaquinto both won top awards for their photographs “Leftovers” and “Luminary Mother Earth,”.



PHOTO CREDIT: KAREN GIAQUINTO



PHOTO CREDIT: DON KURTS

The camera club holds four competitions each year for its members. This competition was an “open” competition where photographers may submit photographs of anything they wish. Pictures are judged on Technicality, Impact, and Composition.

If you’re interested in cameras and photography, join the club at one of its monthly meetings. They sponsor classes, field trips and workshops throughout the year.

For more information, contact club chairman Jim Houle by email at ArtCenterVP@Gmail.com or call 352-422-2838. The club meets monthly from September to June at the Art Center, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. Hernando.



THEATRE GROUP

PLAYS & AUDITIONS:

On Sale Now - **1940’s RADIO CHRISTMAS CAROLE** [November 3, 4, 5; 10, 11, 12](#) 7:30 FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2:00 PM SUNDAY

[November 3, 6:30 p.m.](#) Wine and cheese reception ANNOUNCING EXHIBIT WINNERS

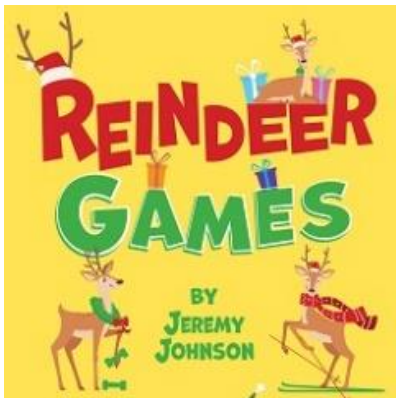
Auditions: Route 66: – Sunday, 12/2 @ 2 pm, and Wednesday, 12/6 @ 6 pm

Four Old Broads on The High Seas: 12/2 @ 2pm, 2/6 @ 6:30 pm

DEC 1 – 7:30 – GUITAR CONCERT WITH RICHARD GILEWITZ. Meet and greet 6:30 p.m. *Tickets available online. Link below*



DECEMBER 8 – 7:30 YOUTH THEATRE “REINDEER GAMES”



Gift certificates are available at the Box Office and online – these make great gifts for the theatre lover.

Buy Tickets online: artcenterofcitruscounty.org and for the full season's offerings.

“The Trouble With Trent”, our most recent play, sold 762 tickets – thank you! Spread the word! Bring a friend!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

POLLING CENTER – The Art Center will serve as the polling place for voting in 2024. The Quality Inn is undergoing renovation and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections approached the ACCC as a potential polling site. The board unanimously approved the request.

SPENCER'S CLOSET – DECEMBER 16th 10:00 am

Donations are being accepted at the Art Center for children in need for our December 16th event. The August “Back to School” event was successful and served over 200 families in the county. This is our President’s community project, so please support this in any way you can.



Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday, December 16th @ 10:00 am
Art Center of Citrus County

Open to Local Kids in Need

Newborn to 18 years of age
While supplies last

ITEMS WE ACCEPT:

- Non-perishable/Non-expired Food
- Hygiene Products
- School Supplies
- Toys (New & Gently Used)
- Coats & Jackets
- Diapers & Wipes
- Clothes (Newborn to Plus Sizes)
- Bottles & Pacifiers (New), Bibs
- Blankets, Comforters, Pillows
- Shoes, ETC.

Please contact **Karrie Jo Mast**, 352-212-7100, if you would like to donate or help during the event.
Thank you!

ONGOING ACCC GROUPS

Camera Club – 1st Mondays @ 7 pm – Challenges, demos & outings

Drawing and Acrylic Painters: 12:00-3:00 p.m., Mondays.

We Paint Group/Open Studio: 9:30 am – 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays.

Portrait Group: Live Model: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, Fridays. **Models needed. Please contact John Bescher @n4dxi@aol.com. Models are seated for four 15-minute sessions and receive a stipend for their time.

HELPFUL LINKS.....

BUY TICKETS for SHOWS and CLASSES ONLINE:

<https://secure.boxofficeavenue.com/ArtsCenterCitrusCounty>

REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT:

<HTTPS://SECURE.BOXOFFICEAVENUE.COM/ARTSCENTERCITRUSCOUNTY/HOME/REGISTER>

MEMBERSHIPS:

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- November 3rd: First Friday – Crystal River
- November 4th-5th: – Inverness Festival of Arts
- November 4th-5th: Walk of Arts, Floral City (ACCC booth)
- November 18th-19th: Ocala Holiday Craft Show, World Equestrian Center
- November 18th & 19th – Citrus Watercolor Society Show and Sale, Ellie Schiller Homassassa State Wildlife Park 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd. 9:00-5:00 on Saturday and 9:00-4:30 Sunday
- November 25th: Rotary's Christmas Tree Lighting, Old Courthouse 5:30 pm
- November 30th: Artist Talk with Kevin Grass. Leeper-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs – 6:30 pm
- December 2nd: Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6:00 pm (ACCC float)
- December 2nd: 28th Annual Nature Coast Wood Carving Show, 9228 E Gospel Island Rd, 9:00 am
- December 3rd: Holiday Music at The Old Courthouse Museum 4:00 pm
- Jan 6: Free Kids Crafternoon 1 pm, Old Courthouse Museum "Creating Cartoons" - ACCC has a large library section for cartooning!! Check it out!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: September is membership renewal time. Annual dues help fund our programs, along with ticket sales from the theatre. Don't delay – renew, today!

Speaking of membership, we need to rebuild to pre-covid levels, so come on back if you took a break, and share this with a friend who would love to be a part of this organization. Tell us what YOU are looking for in an Art Center. Email us at artcenterofcitruscounty@gmail.com

WHO WE ARE –

The Art Center of Citrus County is a member-owned and operated 501c3 organization dedicated to the participation, education, and appreciation of the arts.

Incorporated in 1974, the campus consists of a 6500 square foot Arts and Education building, erected in 1984 and remodeled in 2007, and a 212 seat, 7000 square foot community theater that opened in 2003.

Programs concentrate on using artistic venues to build confidence, self-determination, and problem-solving skills for anyone who wants to learn something new. Please lend your support to this non-profit organization so we may continue to support the residents of Citrus County, and beyond.

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