



NEWSLETTER – FEB 2024



President's Message – Karrie Mast

Dear Members and Supporters,

Happy New Year! As we embark on another exciting chapter at the Art Center of Citrus County, we extend our warmest wishes to you. Your continued support has been invaluable.

In the spirit of community, we're reaching out to invite dedicated individuals like you to join us as volunteers. Your passion for the arts can make a meaningful difference.

We are looking for volunteers in all areas of our organization. As we embrace the creative opportunities ahead, we're calling on our wonderful community for support. We're in need of volunteers in our performing arts, visual arts, and box office. Some examples would be ushering for our productions, concession help, volunteers to teach classes, box office assistance, painting & dressing sets, technical help for shows, etc.

Your involvement is crucial in making our Art Center thrive. If you're passionate about the arts and eager to contribute, please consider joining us in these rewarding roles. Thank you for being a vital part of our artistic journey. 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. Here's to a year filled with creativity, collaboration, and community!

CALL TO ARTISTS:

February 21 – 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. -- Open Exhibit – all mediums



Suggested Theme – Road Trip – to coincide with the production of Route 66

Members discounted rate – two pieces for \$15

All must be properly framed and wired for hanging – no metal claws (they don't work on our hanging system)

Opening night wine and cheese reception, and announcement of winning entries. 6:30 p.m., Friday February 23.

Coming February 23rd, see our new exhibit and the work of featured member artist, Joanne Sherburne on the theatre gallery wall.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS –

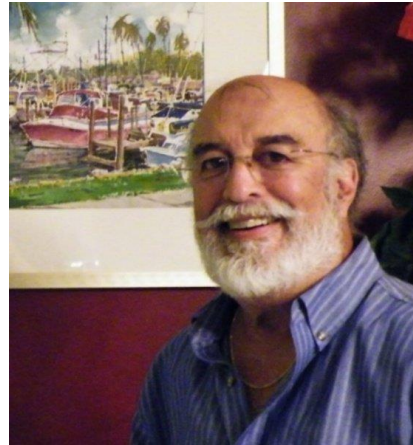
PYSANKA EGG DYING WORKSHOP: Tuesday Feb 27 10:00 – 3:00

With THERESA HROBOCHECK



Local Ukrainian egg dying expert, Theresa Hrobocheck returns to teach students how to create their own unique work of art. Member rate is \$40, and non-member rate is \$55. If you can draw lines and circles, you can make these beautiful eggs. This year's class is different in that the kit is expanded and has supplies for you to make more eggs at home. Please bring 3 eggs; the kit provided contains candle beeswax, 3 styluses and 5 dyes for home use. Registration deadline is February 15. Go to artcentertheatre.org to register.

PERSPECTIVE & COMPOSITION: THURS MARCH 7 – 10 am-2 pm



With LIONEL SANCHEZ

Internationally known artist and instructor, Lionel Sanchez shares the secrets to mastering drawing skills, such as perspective, horizon line, vanishing points, achieving depth in your artwork and elements and principles of design. Member rate: \$40, non-member rate \$55. Register by February 28th at artcentertheatre.org



SCAN TO GO TO THE TICKET PORTAL FOR EVENTS
AND THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

VISUAL ARTS GROUPS

Monday – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Acrylic Painters, with Sharon Harris

Wednesday – 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. – Member’s Open Studio – “We Paint”

Friday - 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Portrait Group – Please sit for us...\$35 for your time.

Camera Club – meets the 1st Monday of the month – mix and mingle 6:30, meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members welcome. Bring a friend! Smartphone photography is a hot subject now.

CAMERA CLUB NEWS

The camera club held its general meeting on January 8, featuring guest speaker Ken Voegele who did a presentation on the five steps to good photography and composition. On January 15th, Dick hosted our challenge using zoom, with holiday spirit as the theme. We viewed and commented on 23 holiday themed shots. January 18th was our outing to Ziggy’s Bird Haven in Inverness. January 22nd was our SIG demonstration with guest speaker Mary Jane Wall, specializing in horse and wildlife photography. Most of her work has been in Europe and the Wilds of the American West. February 5th is our next open competition. The next challenge February the 12th with the theme of fruit. Camera club membership is approximately 72 members.

PERFORMING ARTS

***AUDITIONS – FOUR OLD BROADS ON THE HIGH SEAS: Feb 4 @ 2 pm
and Feb 6 @ 6:30 pm***

ART CENTER THEATRE PRESENTS: ROUTE 66 – A WINTER MUSICAL –

Enjoy the music of the 1950's through 1960's, featuring 34 of greatest Rock N Road hits of the 20th century. Dead Man's Curve, Little GTO, King of the Road, and more! Feb 23, 24, 25, March 1, 2,3,8,9,10.

The holidays were bustling with activity – Richard Gilewitz's Guitar Concert, the Youth Program's "Reindeer Games", The Art Center Youth Program participated in the Crystal River Christmas Parade on Dec 2. 10 people auditioned for Route 66.

The Art Center hosted a Christmas dinner, attended by 65 people. The youth program sang a few carols and the audience joined in. Everyone enjoyed the light refreshments and merriment. We hosted another Spencer's Closet event on the 16th for families to shop gently used items for children of all ages.

Additional theatre ushers are needed, and is a way to support the Art Center while enjoying the shows at no charge. All that is needed is black shoes, black pants and white shirt. A black vest will be provided. Please contact the Art Center at 352-746-7606 for more information.

WINNERS OF NATURE COAST EXHIBIT #3 – PHOTOGRAPHY



TRISH MARZULLO

BEST OF SHOW

BUBBLE FREEZE



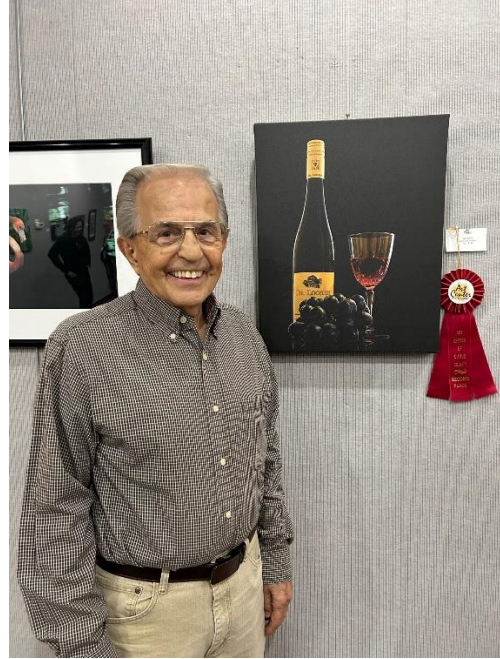
DAVID REED

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

30 YRS ON A GREAT LK FREIGHTER



DONNA DOMONIC
1ST PLACE
ONE BUD LEFT TO BLOOM



JAY MARINO
2ND PLACE
ROMANTIC EVENING



KAREN GIAQUINTO
3RD PLACE
MOTHER EARTH LUMINARY



JIM HOULE
HONORABLE MENTION
IRIS

We hope you enjoyed this issue, and request that you copy and post the workshop notices on your community organization or residential bulletin boards to help spread the word.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Until next time – get out there and create something beautiful!

Deb Newman

VP Visual Arts

Art Center of Citrus County