



## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024



### *President's Message – Karrie Mast*

Dear Members and Supporters:

In the spirit of community, we held our first Volunteer Fair on April 17<sup>th</sup>, to meet dedicated individuals like you and ask you to join us as volunteers. Your passion for the arts makes a meaningful difference. We had a good turn out, and many signed up for theatre volunteer positions. We appreciate that! The only way to keep the organization running smoothly and to thrive is through our volunteers. If you missed this one, we plan to schedule more in the future.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of those in the community and our membership. These volunteer positions can provide purpose to our lives, a commitment to others, a place to make new friends and gain new skills.

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 life filled with creativity, collaboration, and community!

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## **VISUAL ARTS - Deb Newman, VP**

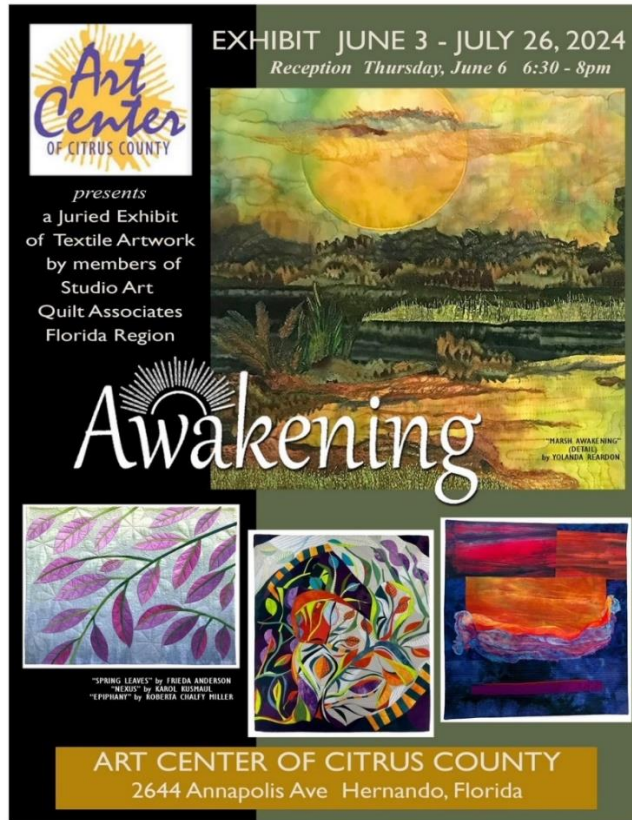
Exhibit #4 opened February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Exhibit #5 opened April 12<sup>th</sup>. Both were a success. Exhibit #5 has 26 exhibitors and 64 pieces. Several potential sales were made. The Art Center requests 20% commission on all sales.

Our judge for Exhibit #4 was Sally Yoder, and Exhibit #5 was the talented JoAnne Sherburne, whose fabulous pastel artwork was featured on our theatre gallery wall during theatre production, Route 66. Our featured artist during the production of Four Old Broads on the High Seas, is Lynn Ferris a highly acclaimed watercolorist and teacher. You will be amazed by Lynn's work.

In March, 18 people attended Theresa Hrobrochek's Pysanka Egg Dying Class. This class is a hit! Also in March, JoAnne Sherburne provided a pastel demo, attended by twelve people.

Mark your calendar for **May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm**, for a one-night only memorial exhibit being held for the late **Carol Perry**, a local botanical artist. Carol's vibrant watercolors will be on display and are priced surprisingly low to sell. All proceeds donated to the Art Center in her name. Light refreshments will be served.

The **SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Association, Florida Region)** presents its art in fabric exhibit **June 3-July 29, with reception on June 6 at 6 p.m.** You do not want to miss it!



## “Awakening” Fabric Artworks to Exhibit at Art Center Citrus County

How could an artist respond to the idea of “awakening?” Florida artists who create with fabric and textiles will reveal their answers with the artworks exhibiting in “Awakening,” a juried exhibition by Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) Florida Region, displaying at the Art Center of Citrus County June 3 – July 26.

SAQA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt: a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this structure. Over the past 30 years, SAQA has grown into a dynamic and active community of artists, curators, collectors, and art professionals around the world. Their vision is that the art quilt is universally respected as a fine art medium.

The artists represented in “Awakening” work in rich and varied techniques. The exhibit includes works that are stitched by hand, stitched by machine, painted, dyed, and printed with multiple surface design techniques. Some are realistic. Some are non-representational. They incorporate color and texture in interesting combinations. These works invite viewing close-up to see the intricacies.

SAQA created a call to artists over a year before the works were due for jurying. From the works submitted, final selections for this exhibit were made by juror Sara Pedigo, Professor and Chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Flagler College. The ideas represented in the selected works include awakenings in nature, awakenings that are a growing awareness, awakenings that are spiritual and intellectual, and awakenings that cause one to realize, “Wow! I never thought about that before!”

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The Key Training Center’s annual exhibit takes place **August 9<sup>th</sup> through September 9.**

We will resume our gallery exhibit **intake September 18**, featuring **photography only entries.** **Reception September 20<sup>th</sup>, pickup date, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-1.**

# CAROL PERRY TRIBUTE EXHIBIT & SALE – ONE NIGHT ONLY



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Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY, 2644 N ANNAPOLIS AVE HERNANDO

*Join us for an evening among the tropical themed watercolors of long-time member and exhibitor, Carol Perry, 1943-2024. Large variety of sizes framed, matted and loose, all at low bargain prices. All proceeds donated to The ACCC in Carol Perry's name. Light refreshments served. Suggested donation at door \$5.00*

## **VISUAL ARTS GROUPS**

Monday: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Acrylic Painters

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month: **Camera Club** mix and mingle 6:30, meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members welcome. Bring a friend!



### **CAMERA CLUB NEWS** – Jim Houle, Camera club Pres., and Senior VP Visual Arts

“Dick’s Challenge” on March 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success, as photographers explained how they turned their photographs into competition ready photos.

Several members attended an outing to *Ziggie’s Bird Sanctuary* in Inverness. They toured 13 acres and viewed over 600 large and small birds and were even invited into a few large cages to photograph the larger birds.



Smartphone photography is a hot subject now. On **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Jim Houle will do a presentation and workshop of “Smartphone Photography” This will be the second presentation on using the iphone camera.

**PERFORMING ARTS MaryBeth VanSickel, VP Performing Arts**



Four Old Breads on the High Seas, the hilarious sequel comedy, opened to a full house on April 12<sup>th</sup>. As patrons entered the theatre, they were given leis to wear, and photographs were taken with a cruise ship backdrop – just like a real cruise! They will be posted on the Art Center’s Facebook page. The audience loved this special event and it made for a fun-filled evening.

If you haven’t seen Four Old Breads on The High Seas yet, don’t delay. The remaining dates are **April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and the final weekend is April 26-28.** It is getting rave reviews and standing ovations.

Into the Woods – 45 people auditioned for the upcoming production, with 31 being cast. Costuming and set designs are under way. See the website for the full 2024-2025 season show schedule.

A special thank you goes to Gary Boesch, our long time set designer. We appreciate your years of service to the Art Center, and community. Richard Flury has agreed to step into the position and brings much experience with him.

Two ushers' meetings were held to discuss general duties for ushers, and the house manager for each night. We are trying to fill the critical position of usher coordinator. If you have an interest, please reach out to MaryBeth VanSickle, our VP of Performing Arts.

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 a white shirt. A black vest will be provided. Please contact the Art Center at 352-746-7606 for more information.



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

## **NATURE COAST EXHIBIT #4 – FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**

Our judge was Sally Yoder of Wesley Chapel, a prolific oil and plein air artist who has swept the awards at the Florida State Fair in recent years and served as a judge at the fair in 2024.





Best of Show, Judi Miller - White Birds, watercolor. 1st Place, Ted Kloski - The Androgyne, pen & ink. 2nd Place, David Reed - Keyhole to The Clouds, photography. 3rd Place, JoAnne Sherburne - Summoning Bliss, pastel. Honorable Mention, Pat Doerr - The Fox, acrylic. People's Choice, Deborah Newman - Big Blue, Watercolor.



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WHITE BIRDS, WATERCOLOR



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KEYHOLE TO THE CLOUDS, PHOTOGRAPHY



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FOX – ACRYLIC



PEOPLES CHOICE – DEB NEWMAN

BIG BLUE - WATERCOLOR



THEATRE GALLERY EXHIBIT – FEATURED ARTIST, JOANNE SHERBURNE



# NATURE COAST EXHIBIT #5

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the Nature Coast Exhibit, #5! We had a lively opening night reception to announce winners. Thank you, Joanne Sherburne, for judging the exhibit, and to all the participating artists – Well Done!

Our winners: BEST IN SHOW - Lionel Sanchez, for Sunday Morning Stroll - Watercolor.

Oil and Acrylic: Tom Rogers, 1st Place for This Too Shall Pass. Sue Collette, 2nd Place, for Smalls. Barbara Mason, for Free & Easy. Loretta Bell, Honorable Mention for Summer Swing and Beach.

Photography: David Reed, 1st Place for Still Farming. Preeti Lekhra, 2nd Place for The Path in The Wilderness. Bruce Crist, 3rd Place for Ocean Harp.

Watercolor & Mixed Media: Susan Wyant, 1st Place for Her Face My Memory - Tempera. Gerri Pennington, 2nd Place for Awry - Charcoal. John Bescher, Honorable Mention for Gudrun, Watercolor.



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TOM ROGERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE OIL AND ACRYLIC

“THIS TOO SHALL PASS”



SUE COLLETTE – 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE OIL AND ACRYLIC  
‘SMALLS”



BARBARA MASON – 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE OIL & ACRYLIC, ‘FREE AND EASY”



LORETTA BELL – HONORABLE MENTION  
“SUMMER SWING @ BEACH”



SUSAN WYANT – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE MIXED MEDIA AND WATERCOLOR  
“HER FACE MY MEMORY” - TEMPERA



GERRI PENNINGTON – 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE, MIXED MEDIA AND WATERCOLOR

“AWRY” - CHARCOAL



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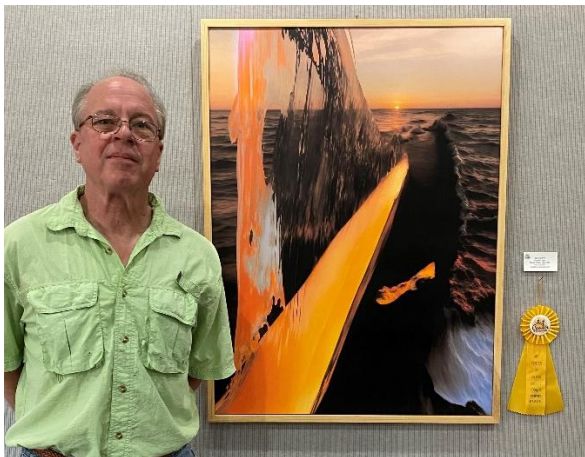




DAVID REED – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY



PREETI LEKHRA – 2<sup>ND</sup> PL  
PHOTOGRAPHY “THE PATH IN  
WILDERNESS”



BRUCE CRIST – 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY  
“OCEAN HARP”

# LYNN FERRIS GALLERY EXHIBIT - WATERCOLOR



We hope you enjoy this issue, and request that you share with a friend, and get involved at the Art Center of Citrus County.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

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

*Deb Newman*

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*Art Center of Citrus County*

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