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NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone!

As we step into this beautiful month, I'm reminded of how much energy, creativity, and connection continue to flourish here at the Art Center of Citrus County. Spring has truly brought out the best in our community, and it's been wonderful to see our halls & theater filled with art, laughter, and inspiration.

Our recent exhibits have once again showcased the incredible talent we are so fortunate to have right here in our own backyard. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and experience the artwork, I encourage you to do so you won't be disappointed! Supporting our local artists is at the heart of what we do, and your presence means so much.

On the theater side, the excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming production of Mary Poppins. From auditions to rehearsals, there is a buzz of anticipation, and we look forward to bringing this magical show to life on our stage. It's shaping up to be something truly special for our patrons and performers alike.

As always, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, talented artists, performers, and supportive members. Your passion and commitment are what make the Art Center such a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Let's continue to celebrate the arts, support one another, and make this a fantastic month together.

With appreciation,

Karrie Mast | President

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MaryBeth van Sickle
Performing Arts Chairperson



I would like to thank all our volunteers and patrons that made our 2025/2026 season a success. We had a lot of fun and hope you did as well.

We are already fired up and ready to go for the 2026-2027 season. That being said - have you purchased your season tickets yet?

Season tickets have some really good benefits. You can pick your seats for each show and we do allow advance changes as we understand things come up. You get a nice discount and we have several purchasing options. Check it out if you haven't already!

"**Mary Poppins**" is in rehearsals and we have an amazing cast and some awesome dancers. We hope that you will come out and see it - dates are the weekends of July 17-19 and July 24-26..

We are looking for volunteers to learn technical and backstage work. We'll train you and can promise that you'll have fun with our wonderful theater folks. We also need a good seamstress or two (or three). We always need costume help! Please drop me a line at marybeth.artcenter@gmail.com

Thanks again for a great 2025/2026 season and we'll see you soon!



"Packing Up Polly"

Left to right:

- Alexis Trimboli as Becca Bailey
- Lauren Lemieux as Caroline Porter Cook
- Elissa Kane as Lizzy Jenkins
- Bailey DeMilt as Donna Jo Martin

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Dear Art Center Friends,

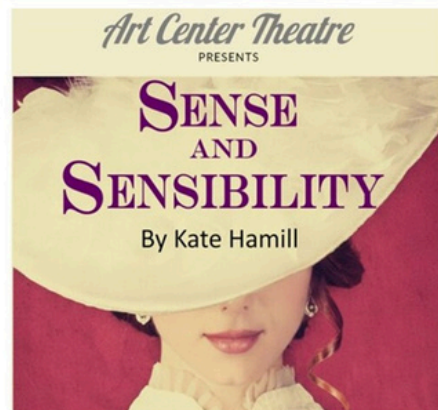
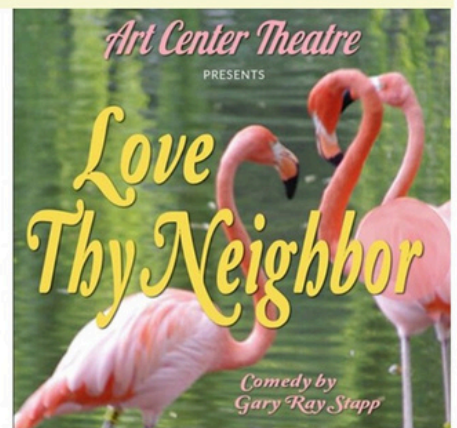
Season Passes are now on sale, and they're the **smartest way to save all year long!** A season pass gives you **discounted tickets to every production**, priority seating, and the peace of mind of knowing your spot is secured for the entire season. Just visit artcentertheatre.org and choose **"Membership and Season Passes."** Prefer printed tickets? Select **"Will Call"** at checkout and we'll have them ready for you.

For Patrons Still Waiting to Renew: If you are a current season ticket holder, your seating assignments will be reserved until **May 29th**. After this date, unrenewed seats will become available for public sale. Please call (352-746-7606) or come into the Box Office to renew, reserved seats are not available for online purchase.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 352-746-7606 or send an email, artcenterofcitruscounty@gmail.com. We're excited to share another unforgettable season with you and can't wait to see you at the theater!

Best regards,

Dianna Haynes, Executive Director



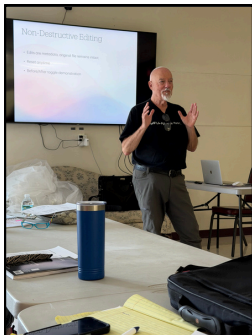
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April was a very busy month for the Art Center Shutterbugs. We had our regular meeting on April 6th and learned about flash photography from Ken Voegele.

On April 13th, Larry Munne did a great presentation on Lightroom. In the fall, we will have more training on Lightroom. The April 17th field trip was dinner at Blackwater Grill in Yankeetown followed by a sunset photo shoot. On April 20th Bart Stevens from the Frame Shop did a presentation on framing your photography. The presentation was very informative and a lot of fun. Then on April 27th a bunch of members headed to Liberty Park to practice shooting moving objects courtesy of Ken Voegele and his drone. Everyone enjoyed that outing.

Saturday, April 25th was take in day for the "Celebrating the Art of Photography" Exhibition and we had 52 photos entered into the exhibit!





The Art Center of Citrus County and Art Center Shutterbugs proudly celebrate the success of the first annual “Celebrating the Art of Photography” exhibition, a vibrant showcase highlighting the creativity, vision, and technical skill of photographers from across the region.

We are pleased to announce the award winners of this year’s exhibition:

- First Place: Judy Boyd for “Innocence” (\$100 winner)
- Second Place: Ken Voegele for “Weathered Life” (\$75 winner)
- Third Place: Charlie Hatton for “Photographers Delight” (\$50 winner)
- Honorable Mention: Mary Beth Miklos for “Nippers Galore”
- Honorable Mention: Dianna Haynes for “Tangle of Transit”
- Honorable Mention: Robert Gonciarz for “Chicago Skyline”

The attendees voted for the People’s Choice Award during the reception and “Weathered Life” by Ken Voegele was chosen.

We are pleased to announce the student award winners of this year’s exhibition:

- Student First Place: McKenzie Ricker for “Charismatic Coach” (\$25 winner)
- Student Honorable Mention: Savana Gauna for “Performance Ready”

In addition, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners officially proclaimed the month of May as National Photography Month in Citrus County. This meaningful recognition celebrates the impact of photography in preserving memories, telling stories, and connecting people through visual art.

The Art Center of Citrus County and the Art Center Shutterbugs extends its congratulations to all participating photographers and award recipients, and its gratitude to everyone who helped make this exhibition a success, including our sponsors: **The Citrus County Chronicle, The Frame Shop, Studio 3 Photos, Allen Mast Loves Painting and What the Fox Wildlife Rescue.**

The exhibition is open to the public during regular Art Center hours throughout May.

Plans are already underway for the second annual exhibition with take in day scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, 2027 and Opening Reception on Friday, May 7, 2027 at 6:30 pm.



**SHUTTERBUGS
 CAMERA CLUB**

May 2026
 National Photography Month



**1st Place Winner
 Judy Boyd
 "Innocence"**



**2nd Place Winner and
 People's Choice
 Ken Voegelé
 "Weathered Man"**



**3rd Place Winner
 Charlie Hatton
 "Photographers Delight"**



**Honorable Mention
 Mary Beth Miklos
 "Nippers Galore"**



**Honorable Mention
 Dianna Haynes
 "Tangle of Transit"**



**Honorable Mention
 Bob Gonciarz
 "Chicago Skyline"**



**1st Place Student Winner
 McKenzie Ricker
 "Charismatic
 Coach"**



**Honorable Student
 Mention
 Savana Gauna
 "Performance
 Ready"**

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Citrus Watercolor Society



Deb Newman
President, CWS



The annual Paint Around event in April was an absolute blast! We had an incredible turnout, with artists Polly Boston, Dori Sullivan, Susan Strawbridge, Lionel Sanchez, and Theo Van Eldik all showing off their talents. Five lucky folks won a collaborative painting and discovered a newfound appreciation for watercolor. Check out the “blog” for more amazing photos!
citruswatercolorsociety.org

On May 8th, we’ll be swearing in our officers for 2026–2027. Susan Ford is our potluck coordinator, so please reach out to her at susanfordi@aol.com to sign up. This year, there’s no charge for members, but guests will pay \$5.00. Not only are we talented artists, but amazing cooks as well!

Mark your calendars for June 13th and 14th, because our BIG Show and Sale is happening! It’ll be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th. This is our first show and sale at the Art Center, and I’d love for everyone to come and support us. We will feature wine and cheese, along with a chance to win prizes. Spread the word and bring a friend or two!

The Citrus Watercolor Society will be featured at the Art Center of Citrus County’s annual Invitational Exhibit. The intake of members’ artwork is on June 10th from 10:00–1:00 p.m., and the exhibit will be up until July 31st. You will be amazed at the professional-quality artwork on display. Come and see!

We always have lots going on and we welcome guests and new members year-round. We meet the second Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m. for a mix and mingle with appetizers, followed by a demo by our featured workshop artists. We typically have 8 months of one or two-day workshops from well-known watercolorists from across the state of Florida. Come check us out!

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Nature Coast Exhibit #5 Winners



Best of Show
"Cliffside"
Artist: Gerri Pennington



People's Choice
"Gelato in Baden Baden"

Artist:
Sharon Harris

Acrylics and Oils



1st Place
"Dessert Radiance"
Mary Mae James



2nd Place
"Pasture Serenity"
Artist:
Barbara Vermeer



3rd Place
"Love Letters"
Artist: Catherine Sullivan



Honorable Mention
"Serenity on Boardwalk"
Artist: Henry Van Heaven

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Photography



1st Place
"Lily Light the Way"
Artist: Michelle Seith



2nd Place
"Hidden Grace"
Artist
Kimberly Wischman



3rd Place
"Hairy Cactus Flower"
Artist:
Don Kurts



Honorable Mention
"Bubbles on the Square"
Artist:
Karen Giaquinto



Left to right:
Mary Mae James. Catherine Sullivan, Henry Van Heaven, Gerri Pennington, Kimberly Wischman, Karen Giaquinto
Back row: Barbara Vermeer

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Watercolor and Mixed Media



1st Place
"Festival Girl"
Artist: Judi Miller



2nd Place
"Fish Hawk"
Artist: Ed McHale



3rd Place
"Eagle Eye"
Artist:
Carmella Thompson



Honorable Mention:
"Lighthouse Way"
Artist:
Dorothy Van Dam

Nature Coast Exhibits coincide with plays, Member fee to exhibit: \$15 for two pieces, Non-member: \$30 for two pieces. See Prospectus on website for details

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Citrus Writers of Florida

The Citrus Writers of Florida is happy to announce its new position as an associate partner of the Art Center of Citrus County and would like to thank everyone for their support of our first Authors and Art event that was held on March 21st.

We look forward to hosting many such events in the future for our mutual benefit. ***Our next Authors and Art event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 9 – 3.***

If anyone would like more information regarding the Citrus Writers of Florida, our meetings, socials, or group events, please check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/438782181655876/> or contact CitrusWriters@gmail.com.



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Citrus Watercolor Society
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A few upcoming events open to the community!



CITRUS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

ART at the Center

Saturday, June 13 **Sunday, June 14**
 9:00am - 5:00pm 9:00am - 4:00pm

Art Center of Citrus County
 Education Building
 2644 N Annapolis Avee, Hernando, FL 34442

No Admission Charge to Art Show!
Show & Sale of Original Watercolor Paintings, Prints & Cards by Members



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Lunch n' Learn

- Take a creative break in the middle of your day!
- Join us for a relaxed, inspiring Lunch n' Learn—
 - Bring your own lunch
 - Learn something new
 - Connect, create and unwind

SAVE THE DATES

May 13 • June 17
 1-3 PM

Whether you're a beginner or seasoned artist, there's a seat at the table for you.
 Details: Loretta @ 423.605.4719

Citrus Writers

of Florida

Save the date for our next Authors and Art event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st

9 am – 3 pm
at the Art Center

Creative Photography Workshop

LEARN, SHOOT, CREATE!

Come learn about the many techniques that a photographer can apply to a photo to help make the photograph more interesting and artistic.
 RSVP: accameraclubnews@gmail.com
 FREE to Art Center Members, \$5 for non-members

Sunday 05/17/2026
 12 PM - 2 PM
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 May 2026 National Photography Month