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NEWSLETTER



Summer has officially arrived! The days are longer, the gardens are blooming, and if you're like me, you're wondering how July got here so quickly. Whether you're enjoying an evening on the porch, taking a trip to the beach, or simply staying cool indoors with a good book, I hope this season is bringing you joy and a little extra time to relax.

At the Art Center of Citrus County, summer is anything but quiet. Our halls continue to buzz with creativity, laughter, and the wonderful energy that comes from people sharing their talents and passions. It is truly inspiring to see members, volunteers, and patrons coming together to make our Art Center such a special place.

As we move through the summer months, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication. Whether you paint, photograph, perform, volunteer, attend classes, or simply enjoy our exhibitions and productions, you play an important role in helping our organization thrive.

This summer brings exciting opportunities in our theater. We look forward to presenting *Mary Poppins* in July, a beloved musical filled with unforgettable songs, imagination, and plenty of heart. We hope many of you will join us as we bring this timeless story to life on our stage.

In addition to our performances, our visual arts, photography, and educational programs continue to provide opportunities for learning, friendship, and creative expression. One of the greatest joys of being involved with the Art Center is seeing people discover new interests, reconnect with old passions, and build lasting friendships along the way.

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As President, I remain grateful for the countless volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. Your commitment keeps our doors open, our programs flourishing, and our mission alive. The Art Center succeeds because of people like you who believe in the importance of the arts and in preserving a place where creativity can be celebrated by all ages.

As we enjoy the sunshine and warmth of the season, I encourage you to stay involved, attend an event, invite a friend, or simply stop by and say hello. There is always something happening at the Art Center, and there is always a place for you here.

Wishing you a safe, happy, and creative summer.

With appreciation,

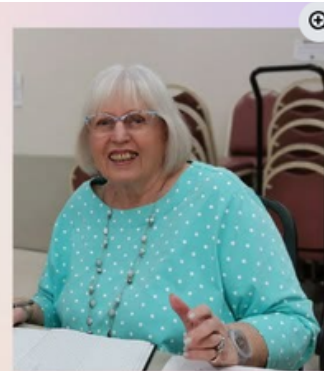
Karrie Mast | President

Dear Friends,

Embeth Nagy was a cherished presence in our local art community, an active member of the Art Center of Citrus County and instrumental in the growth of the annual Festival of the Arts.

Throughout her life, she embraced what she lovingly called the "Five F's": family, friends, food, fermented grapes, and fun.

Her vibrant spirit, generosity, and joy for life touched everyone who knew her. She passed away on June 1 at the age of 89, and she will be deeply missed.



Please bring your lunch and join us for a
Remembrance Gathering
at the
Art Center on July 22 at 12:30 p.m.



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Performing Arts



MaryBeth van Sickle
Performing Arts Chairperson



Hi all! What an exciting time for the Art Center Theatre. "Mary Poppins, the Musical" opens on July 17th. July 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th are evening shows starting at 7:30. Sunday, July 19th and Sunday, July 26th are matinees starting at 2. The Sundays are almost sold out so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, get on that quickly. The musical features most of the songs we all love and sing plus a few extras. Lots of magical moments in this one!

We don't slow down after that though as auditions for "Two Witches, No Waiting" will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 2 pm and Monday, July 27 at 6 pm. This funny show will be directed by Juno Payne-Umbehant and will run weekends on October 2nd through October 11th.

We are also having two specialty shows in September. Watch for news on our "250 Years of American Music" show on September 19th and 20th and a "Look Back at our Season" variety show on September 26th. We're going to stay busy and keep you entertained.

We had a decent turnout for our usher appreciation and training day. 4 new-to-us volunteers plus a few of our faithful volunteers. You are much appreciated and we hope we let you know that.

We're always looking for new volunteers and we will train you. If interested, please email me: marybeth.artcenter@gmail.com.

See you at a show soon,

MaryBeth



"Mary Poppins" cast hard at work rehearsing. From left to right- **Eleni Gort**-Mary Poppins, **Beth Evans**-Bird Lady, **Chloe Cunningham**-Jane Banks, **Morgan Roberts**-Michael Banks. Photo by **Ken Voegelé**, member of the **Art Center Shutterbugs**.

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Art Center Shutterbugs Wraps Up Successful Season

The Art Center Shutterbugs wrapped up an inspiring and successful season filled with creativity, learning, and a shared passion for photography. Throughout the year, members explored new techniques, expanded their artistic vision, and built lasting friendships through a variety of engaging programs and activities.

This season featured field trips to local parks, historic areas, and scenic destinations throughout the region, giving photographers the opportunity to practice landscape, wildlife, and nature photography in real-world settings.

Educational workshops were also a highlight of the season. Members participated in hands-on sessions covering topics such as composition, lighting, camera settings, editing techniques, and creative storytelling through photography. From beginners learning the fundamentals to experienced photographers refining their craft, the workshops offered something for everyone.

The club also welcomed several talented guest speakers and professional photographers who shared their expertise and personal journeys. These presentations inspired members to continue growing creatively while exploring new styles and approaches to photography.

One of the season's most meaningful accomplishments was the "Celebrating the Art of Photography" Exhibition held at the Art Center of Citrus County. This was a community-wide effort that recognized May as National Photography Month in Citrus County. Through the exhibition and educational events, the Shutterbugs helped showcase the power of photography as both an art form and a way to connect people through shared experiences and storytelling. One highlight of the exhibit included having students from Lecanto High School participate in the exhibition.

As the season concludes for the summer, the Art Center Shutterbugs look forward to another exciting year behind the lens and will stay active this summer with several field trips.

Art Center Shutterbugs 2026/27 Schedule (as of 7/3/26)

Sept 14 – Meeting

Sept 16 – Kanapaha Gardens and Shalom Gardens Option

Sep 21 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Sept 28 – Nature Coast #1 Intake 10 am – 1 pm

Oct 2 – Nature Coast Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Oct 5 – Meeting

Oct 15 – Cedar Key Street Scenes and Nature

Oct 19 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Nov 2 – Meeting

Nov 4 – Nature Coast #2 Intake 10 am – 1 pm

Nov 6 – Nature Coast Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Nov 12/13 – Two days = Bok Tower & Circle B

Nov 16 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Dec 5 - Liberty Park Christmas Tree Lighting/Boat Parade (tentative date)

Dec 7 – Meeting

Dec 21 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Jan 4 – Meeting

Jan 11 – Nature Coast#3 Intake 10 am – 1 pm

Jan 15 – Nature Coast Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Jan 16 – Tampa Riverwalk

Jan 18 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Feb 1 – Meeting

Feb 15 – Nature Coast #4 Intake 10 am -1 pm

Feb 15 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Feb 18/19 – Two Days = Orlando Wetlands / Merrit Island

Feb 19 – Nature Coast Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Mar 1 – Meeting

Mar 10 – Homosassa Wildlife Park

Mar 15 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Mar 29 – Nature Coast #5 Intake 10 am – 1 pm

Apr 2 – Nature Coast Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Apr 5 – Meeting

Apr 9 – Cedar Lakes Gardens

Apr 19 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

May 1 – Celebrating the Art of Photography Intake time tbd

May 3 – Meeting

May 7 – Celebrating the Art of Photography Reception 6-8 pm

May 9 – Crystal River Park

May 17 – Lightroom Classic Workshop

Jun 7 – Potluck Dinner / photo pick-up

Jun 8 – Celebrating the Art of Photography photo pick up day – time tbd

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Citrus Watercolor Society



Deb Newman
President, CWS



Our June 12th meeting was a joyful, inspiring gathering. Many thanks to Vicki Pritchard, Dori Sullivan, and CJ Westrick for the demonstration and for generously sharing their favorite techniques.

On June 13 and 14, the Citrus Watercolor Society held its first show and sale at the Art Center, marking our 34th annual event. Formerly held at the Ellie Schiller Wildlife Park, the event now has a new home, and CWS artists will continue exhibiting there through August 1st.

Special thanks to the Art Center, the intake team—Lenore Hotchkiss, Gerri Pennington, Dianna Haynes, Mary Ann Gilfillan, and Karen Vona-McDonald—and everyone who helped promote the event. Our outstanding coordinator, Helene Lancaster, has guided this event for 11 years, and we are grateful to her and to every CWS member who volunteered and participated.

Eighty-three paintings were presented for the Sale and Exhibit, with 31 entered for judging by Jackii Molsick. Winners: Susan Strawbridge, Best of Show; Darla Goldberg, 1st; Lionel Sanchez, 2nd; Polly Boston, 3rd; Judi Miller and Deborah Newman, Honorable Mention. Congratulations to all!

This first Art Center event was a success. Many items were sold, and the Citrus Hills location brought steady visitor traffic, increasing awareness of both organizations. We hope to build more momentum for future events.

Upcoming workshop: Bev Yankwitt presents "Abstraction of the Human Body" on July 11. Sponsor: Gingi Martin, vlmop77@gmail.com. Members: \$95; non-members: \$125. Registration: citruswatercolorsociety.org.

August – No scheduled activities | September – Founder's Day Celebration and Show and Tell Contest

Coming in October: Introduction to Watercolor includes a one-day workshop on October 10 and a six-week course beginning October 14, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Fee: Member rate: \$50 for the workshop and \$50 for the series, non-member rate \$65 each. Instructor: Theo Van Eldik. Sponsor: Angela McMurray.

CWS meets on the 2nd Friday of each month for refreshments at 12:30 p.m., followed by a watercolor demonstration. Members and guests are always welcome.

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LOCATION:
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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

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December 11, 12, 13, 2026
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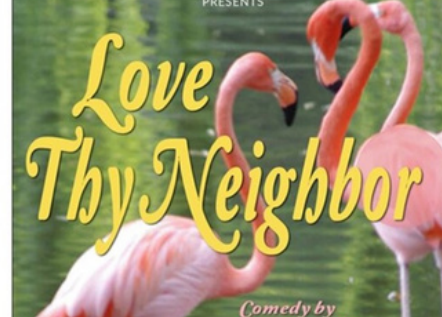
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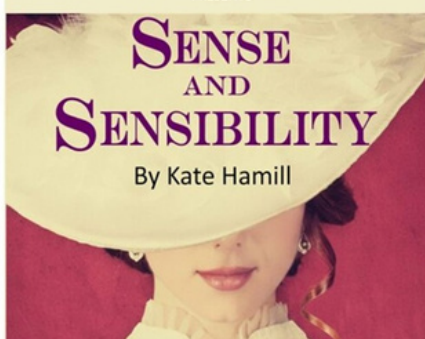
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