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Pine Island Art Association
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Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild
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Council Reflections

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Aimee Schlehr, President

Thank you to all who attended our Sixth & last Art Council Meeting of the season. TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 the Art Council's Advisory Board hosted the Installation Luncheon for our new officers. Thank you to The Colony at Bay Club for a wonderful afternoon.

REMINDER: Monday, May 11th will be our annual planning meeting for all Officers, Coordinators & Delegates. The meeting will be held at the COOP Art Gallery from 9am-Noon.

NEW ART COUNCIL OFFICERS

President Aimee Schlehr, Naples Art Association
1st Vice President - Wayne Lefebvre, Center for the Arts Bonita Springs
Treasurer - Celeste Borah, Alliance for the Arts
Recording Secretary - Jeanette Igoe, Center for the Arts Bonita Springs
2nd Vice President/Coop Art Gallery Director- Peter Garon, Naples AA
Corresponding Secretary - Beverly Taht, Alliance for the Arts

COOP ART GALLERY - Gallery telephone number: 239-949-3073.

Changes in days & hours open have been approved by ACSWF Officers. **EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015, THE COOP ART GALLERY WILL BE OPEN FOUR DAYS A WEEK, THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, WITH NEW HOURS 12NOON TO 6PM FOR ALL DAYS OPEN. Additionally, all artists may bring a total of eight (8) art works, with four (4) wall-hanging pieces.** A PROSPECTUS distributed via email is posted on the Art Council's website - www.acswf.org. Remember that Gallery sitting is required by everyone participating. Check the ACSWF website for the Gallery Sitting Calendar. You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to Gallery sit. Contact Ginny Whiteman - ginny@whiteman.net - for any changes. Failure to honor your commitments may result in exclusion from the Gallery. **REMINDER:** Next Receiving MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, 10-1. Reception Open to All - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015, 4-6pm.

WINNERS' CIRCLE SHOW 2015

Congratulations to award winners in our biennial Winners' Circle Show 2015, held at the Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda last month, March 16 thru March 28, 2015. A tremendous Thank You to Co-Chairs Naldyne K. Light & Sue Archer, for all their hard work organizing the exhibition as well as Mary Ann Tipton & her Board of Trustees for their help. A total of 117 entries were submitted by 92 artists, from 13 member organizations. This is a significant increase from 2012 Winners' Circle Show when 54 artists submitted their work.

2D Winners:

1st Place - Lynn Renzenberger for "Early Bird" CCAL
2nd Place- Tracy Owen Cullimore for "Childhood Wonder" ALFM
3rd Place - Sue Pink for "Nesting" FMBAA
Judge's Choice - Patricia Place Caldwell for "Juice & Fruit" NAA

3D Winners:

1st Place -John Mannion for "Wave Bench" VAC
2nd Place -Phil Krym for "Another Surprise" SWFFCG
3rd Place - Tania Begg for "Kreighton = Octopus" SWFFCG
Judge's Choice - Roselyn Young for "Gone With The Wind" SWFFCG

Presidents' Choice Award:

The Late Carl Schwartz for "Garden Delights" CABS

CALENDAR, 2014 - 2017

Please see the Council website for details- www.acswf.org. All Council meetings will piggy-back with host-member meetings, followed by the Board meeting.

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May 11 Planning Meeting for New & Former Officers & Coordinators & Delegates, Coop Art Gallery, 9am - 12 noon

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Nov 10 ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am - 1pm, Hosted by Pine Island Art Association.

Dec 8 ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am - 1pm, Co-Hosted by Southwest FL Fine Craft Guild & Cape Coral Arts Studio at CCAS.

Jan 12 ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am - 1pm, Hosted by The National League of American PEN Women/Naples at the von Liebig Art Center of the Naples Art Association

February **SPRING SHOW 2016 to be held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 1st Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, 239-333-1933.**

Feb 9 ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am - 1pm, Hosted by Sanibel-Captiva Art Association, Sanibel Island, Florida.

Mar 9 ACSWF General Meeting, Wednesday, 9:30am - 1pm, Hosted by Art League of Fort Myers at Alliance for the Arts.
NOTE WEDNESDAY DATE.

Apr 12 ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am -1pm, Hosted by Marco Island Art Center, Marco Island, Florida at MIAC.

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Feb 4 March 4, 2017 WINNERS' CIRCLE SHOW 2017 to be held at The Naples Art Association, Von Liebig Art Center, 585 Park Street, Naples, Florida 34102. 239-262-6517.

CALENDAR & DIRECTORY 2014-2015

Additional copies of Calendar & Directory 2014-2015 are available at the Coop Art Gallery, Coconut Point Mall. **IMPORTANT:** Volunteers are needed to work on the new Calendar & Directory 2015-2016. Get involved and help us out. Contact sandrafaymark@comcast.net. or Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org.

PARTNERSHIP with SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – “ART & COMMUNITY” EXHIBITION SERIES ENDS

“Art & Community” Series continues with an exhibit by the Pan American Alliance for Art, Culture & Industry. Reception will be Thursday, April 30, 2015, 4-6pm. This is the last in our series for now. Thank you to all ACSWF member organizations and to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation for providing this venue for artists.

HAPPENINGS MAGAZINE - FREE PUBLICITY –

Published articles on each of the ACSWF’s 19 member organizations have now appeared in *Happenings Magazine* since August 2013. The May 2015 issue is about the Art Council’s New Officers. Our new Brochure 2014-2015 contains ALL 19 articles written by John Merchant.

NEWSLETTERS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO Newsletter of the Arts of the Inland online at www.artsoftheinland.com.
- ART CENTER NEWS, Newsletter of the Centers for Arts Bonita Springs at www.artcenterbonita.org.
- ArtENews Newsletter of the Naples Art Association online at www.naplesart.org.
- NEWS- E-MAIL Newsletter of Lee County Alliance for the Arts online at www.artinlee.org.
- SWFFCG NEWSLETTER of Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild at www.swffinecraftguild.org.
- VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF PUNTA GORDA NEWSLETTER at www.VisualArtCenter.org.
- BRUSHOFF Newsletter of Fort Myers Beach Art Association at www.fortmyersbeachart.com
- ISLAND PAINTER Newsletter of Sanibel-Captiva Art Association at www.sancapart.com.
- ART QUILTERS UNLIMITED Newsletter at www.artquiltersunlimited.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

Volunteers needed to work on the new ACSWF Calendar & Directory 2015-2016. Get involved and Help us out. Contact sandrafaymark@comcast.net or Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org.

Also needed are volunteers with computer skills, marketing, publicity interests to work on the ACSWF Newsletter, Historian/Archives, Publicity, & as Co-Chairs for the Spring Show 2016 (in February 2016). Contact Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org.

Deadline: May 15, 2015 - Art in Odd Places (AiOP) 9-17-15 to 9-20-15, a visual & performance art festival in downtown Orlando, FL, welcomes proposals and artworks that engage and collaborate with the public & public spaces from artists of all disciplines, experiences & mediums. Artists, artist groups, collaborations, classes, performers, dancers, dance groups, or creative leaders of any sort residing in the States, as well as internationally, are eligible to apply. To apply visit Art in Odd Places 2015: TONE/Orlando, www.artinoddplaces.org/orlando.

EVENTS

- 3-23-15, “Session Five Classes & Workshops Begin” Naples Art Association, www.naplesart.org.
- 5-1-15 thru 5-29-15, “Future Artists: H.S. Student Show,” www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 5-12-15, Gallery Opening & Artists Reception, Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30 – 7pm, Marco Island Art Center: www.marcoislandart.org.
- 5-1-15 thru 5-30-15, “Best In Show Winners,” Alliance for the Arts, www.artinlee.org.
- 5-8-15 thru 5-14-15, “Student Showcase Exhibition: HS Students,” Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, www.artcenterbonita.org.
- 5-22-15 thru 5-28-15, “Elementary & Middle School Exhibition,” Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, www.artcenterbonita.org.
- 6-8-15 thru 7-31-15, “Fine Arts for Kids Camp at Cape Coral Arts Studio,” www.capeparks.com.
- 6-15-15, “Blast into the Future,” 2015 Summer Arts Camps begins at Alliance for the Arts, www.artinlee.org.
- April/May 2015, “Art Classes for Adults & Teens,” Alliance for the Arts, www.artinlee.org.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE OF SHOWS & EVENTS

Deadline is 5-25-15 for the June 2015 Newsletter. Send updates to: Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org.

SHOWS OPEN TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 3-18-15 to 7-19-15, “Camera USA 2015,” Naples Art Association, through www.juriedartservices.com.
- 4-24-15 to 5-21-15, “PrimaVera – It’s Spring!” Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda, www.visualartcenter.org.
- 4-25-15 to 5-28-15, “Bountiful Art,” Art League of Fort Myers, www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 5-4-15 to 5-28-15, “May’s Bouquets,” Cape Coral Arts Studio, www.capeparks.com.
- 5-30-15 to 6-25-15, “Fly Away,” Art League of Fort Myers, www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 6-1-15 to 6-25-15, “In the Wild – Wildlife, Wildflowers, Nature,” Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda, www.visualartcenter.org.
- 6-1-15 to 6-28-15, “29th Annual All Florida Juried Exhibit,” Alliance for the Arts, www.artinlee.org.
- 6-12-15 to 7-2-15, “Macro-Micro Exhibition,” Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, www.artcenterbonita.org.
- 6-26-15 to 7-16-15, “America Celebrates – Anything Americana,” Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda, www.visualartcenter.org.
- 6-27-15 to 7-30-15, “Fireworks,” Art League of Fort Myers, www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 7-10-15 to 7-30-15, “All Outdoors Exhibition,” Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, www.artcenterbonita.org.
- 7-17-15 to 8-13-15, “Surf, Sand & Shells –Off to the Beach!” Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda, www.visualartcenter.org.
- 8-1-15 to 8-27-15, “Dog Daze,” Art League of Fort Myers, www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 8-7-15 to 8-27-15, “It’s Hot, It’s Cold, It’s COLOR Exhibition,” Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, www.artcenterbonita.org.
- 8-29-15 to 9-24-15, “Picture Perfect,” Art League of Fort Myers, www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.
- 8-31-15 to 9-24-15, “Aquarium 2015,” Cape Coral Arts Studio, www.capeparks.com.
- 9-4-15 to 10-8-15, “Taking the Scenic Route – Travel Memories,” Visual Arts Center, Punta Gorda, www.visualartcenter.org.

MEMBER ONLY SHOWS - SEE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE

- 4-6-15 thru 5-3-15 www.capecoralartleague.org
- 4-20-15 thru 5-30-15 www.naplesart.org
- 4-28-15 thru 5-30-15 www.pastelsociety.org
- 5-4-15 thru 5-30-15 www.sancapart.com
- 5-4-15 thru 5-27-15 www.capecoralartleague.org
- 5-31-15 thru 7-18-15 www.naplesart.org
- 6-1-15 thru 10-5-15 www.sancapart.com
- 6-2-15 thru 7-19-15 www.naplesart.org
- 8-3-15 thru 8-30-15 www.artinlee.org
- 9-8/9-9-15 thru 10-18-15 www.naplesart.org
- 10-2015 www.esteroartleague.com
- 10-2-15 thru 10-30-15 www.artleagueoffortmyers.org
- 10-9-15 thru 11-5-15 www.visualartcenter.org