



Alliance for the Arts
Art League of Fort Myers
Art Quilters Unlimited
Arts of the Inland
Cape Coral Art League
Cape Coral Arts Studio

Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs
Charlotte County Art Guild at the Visual Arts Center
Estero Art League
Fort Myers Beach Art Association
Lehigh Art League
Marco Island Center for the Arts
Naples Art Association

National League of American Pen Women/Naples
Pan American Alliance for Art, Culture & Industry
Pine Island Art Association
Sanibel-Captiva Art League
Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild
Southwest Florida Pastel Society

Council Reflections

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER *Aimee E. Schlehr, President*

Reminder: We will have an officers meeting on July 6th, at 1:15 after receiving.

The Art Council of Southwest Florida consists of 19 affiliated art organizations to give a stronger unified voice to the visual arts in the five county region. This stronger voice of 6,800 artists can create change at the local, regional and state levels. The arts are a huge economic driver in our communities and provide millions of dollars in funding at every level. Each affiliated organization needs to be very vocal about the impact we make in the Southwest Florida area.

The ACSWF operates also operates the Coop Art Gallery at Coconut Point to provide gallery space for artists to showcase and sell their artwork. Gallery space is extremely expensive in our area, the Coop is a huge benefit for artists in our area.

The ACSWF is here to help its affiliated organizations and its members promote the visual arts, please contact us if we can help in any way.

COOP ART GALLERY –

New Gallery telephone number: 239-949-3073.

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.

NEW: Starting July – September, all artists may bring a total of ten (10) pieces of artwork, with five (5) wall-hanging pieces. There will not be receptions during the months of July, August or September. Receptions will resume in October.

2015-16 Calendar and Directory- please consider volunteering to work on the calendar and directory. We need volunteers to help organize the submissions, sell ads, and a graphic person to compile the cover. Please contact Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org if you are interested.

2016 Spring Show- Immediate need, two volunteers to co-chair the Spring Show to be held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in February. This Art Council biennial show is open to all current members of Art-Council-affiliated organizations. Each current member artist may submit art work in either 2D and/or 3D categories. This is an opportunity for member artist to showcase their work. The prospectus will be available in the fall. Please contact Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org if you can volunteer.

CALENDAR, 2015 – 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.

++++2015-2016++++

Nov 10, 2015- ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am – 1pm,
Hosted by Pine Island Art Association.

Dec 8, 2015- ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am – 1pm, Co-Hosted by Southwest FL Fine Craft Guild & Cape Coral Arts Studio at CCAS.

Jan 12, 2015- ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am – 1pm,
Hosted by National League of American PEN Women/Naples.
Location TBD.

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, 2016- ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am – 1pm,
Hosted by Sanibel-Captiva Art Association, Sanibel Island, Florida.

Mar 9, 2016- ACSWF General Meeting, Wednesday, 9:30am – 1pm,
Hosted by Art League of Fort Myers at Alliance for the Arts. **NOTE WEDNESDAY DATE.**

Apr 12, 2016- ACSWF General Meeting, Tuesday, 9:30am -1pm,
Hosted by Marco Island Art Center, Marco Island, Florida at MIAC.

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February 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.

HAPPENINGS MAGAZINE - FREE PUBLICITY –

Published articles on each of the ACSWF's 19 member organizations have now appeared in *Happenings Magazine* since August 2013 & been posted to the ACSWF website under the last buttons "Publicity." Each organization's article will once again be published in the 2015-16 season. If you are having a big anniversary or event, please contact Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org so we can publish your organizations article in the celebration month.

NEWSLETTERS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- ECHO Newsletter of the Arts of the Inland online at www.artsoftheinland.com.
- ART CENTER NEWS, Centers for Arts Bonita Springs at www.artcenterbonita.org.
- ArtENews Newsletter of the Naples Art Association online at www.naplesart.org.
- NEWS- E-MAIL Lee County Alliance for the Arts online at www.artinlee.org.
- SWFFCG NEWSLETTER 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.

EVENTS

- 6-8-15, 2015 ARTScool begins at the Naples Art Association, naplesart.org
- 6-15-15, "Blast into the Future," 2015 Summer Arts Camps begin at Alliance for the Arts, artinlee.org

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE OF SHOWS & EVENTS

Deadline is 7/15/15 for the August 2015 Newsletter. Send updates to: Aimee.Schlehr@naplesart.org

SHOWS OPEN TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 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

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| 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 |

Upcoming Professional Development Workshops



In the News- State Budget Cuts for the Arts
This article appeared in the Naples Daily News on June 15th regarding the state budget cuts to arts organizations.
<http://www.naplesnews.com/entertainment/arts-and-culture/local-arts-programs-slashed-by-state-budget-axe-31501918>

"A work of art is a scream of freedom" – Christo, Bulgarian artist