



March 2024

APBC NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Are you as impressed as I am by how busy and productive this season is?! Wow! The art world opportunities are exploding!

As we prepare for the opening of our annual members show, I'm happy to report that WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP! If you are a longtime member or a new member and, if you want to volunteer, please contact us through the website email with "Volunteer Opening" or "Volunteer Time Available" in the subject line! We will need help with the sign in table (always a good place to start and meet everyone) and other coordinating activities! I will be out of town most of April so I won't be here for the opening, and I'm counting on you all to carry this one! Maxine, Carole and Ilene (your three vice presidents) will be here at the helm. Usually some like to open things up and others tend to prefer closing and cleaning up. I'm sorry I won't be there, but let's make this a monster turn out in my absence!

You will all be receiving a survey that our advisory council is putting together. We want to be in touch with and responsive to your needs as members and artists, so please take time to complete the survey and return it as soon as possible. We appreciate all of our members and wish to be supportive of you.

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Tip of the month

Not all paper is created equally! If you're going to paint in watercolors, it is essential for you to use actual watercolor paper. Copy paper isn't made in the same way as watercolor paper and will result in a buckled, wavy wash. The copy paper also pills, meaning the fibers start to tear and ball up on the sheet. The watercolor paper is heavier weight and has an additive allowing it to absorb moisture .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Part of this survey inquires how you would like to be involved. An hour or two here and there as a volunteer brings us all closer, makes us more effective, and prevents “burnout!” Let us know where your unique strengths are so we can put you where you’ll be utilized most.

We are growing and excited about our upcoming endeavors! APBC will be occupying The Hatch in December and January 2025, so there will be opportunities for shows, sales and workshops galore! Gear up, and thank you all for your continued support!

Mary Jane Zapp, APBC President



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ANNUAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2024 and ABSOLUTELY
ABSTRACT

The Artists of Palm Beach County, Inc. (APBC) is pleased to announce its upcoming schedule and call for the artists. First we are excited that the prestigious Box Gallery, the winner of the Best Art Gallery in West Palm Beach at 809 Belvedere Road will be hosting our **ANNUAL MEMBERS 2024 EXHIBITION**. This show for members only will run April 2 - April 30, 2024. We were thrilled that 52 artists submitted artworks, and Ayesha DeLorenzo was chosen to be the featured artist. We are also looking forward to once again having an exhibition at the Lake Park Library, Schuyler Gallery, 529 Park Avenue, Lake Park. This time it's **ABSOLUTELY ABSTRACT** and the deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**.



Artists of Palm Beach County is a non-profit 501c organization dedicated to helping member artists achieve their artistic goals and utilize their talents to enrich the lives in our community. For the Members show, member artists were invited to submit work in all mediums - painting, photography, collage, mixed media, fiber art, sculpture, ceramics, and other three-dimensional media as well as large works were encouraged for this juried exhibit. For Absolutely Abstract **both members and non-members** are invited to submit totally abstract two-dimensional works in any mediums.

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Visual artist, entrepreneur, and **Box Gallery owner Rolando Chang Barrero** will be the **Judge for Awards for our Members Exhibit**. Winner of the 2020 Muse Award for Outstanding Cultural Leadership, Barrero, a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, has been recognized as a trailblazer and integral member of the art community.. APBC is proud to be exhibiting in The Box Gallery, Barrero's current artistic venture.



Karen H. Salup, former president of Women In the Visual Arts, will be the **Judge for Awards for Absolutely Abstract**. She is a nationally renowned fine artist whose work has been featured in The New York Times, Art Speak, Newsday, Palm Beach art& culture, Palm Beach Illustrated, The Sun Sentinel, Boynton Beach Forum and has appeared in exhibits and galleries throughout America.



Art lovers and Collectors are invited to enjoy the **Box Gallery Opening Reception on Saturday, April 6th**. **The Lake Park Library Opening Reception will be Saturday, May 4th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm**. Please contact artistsofabc@gmail.com with any questions or visit artistsofpalmbeachcounty.org.

ART SALON

MARCH 16TH ART SALON

We had a great turnout at the RISE Community Resource center on March 16 with about 25 people in attendance. Three of our members; Barbara Powell, Heather Couch and Karla Walter presented samples of their work, explained how they became interested in ceramics, and talked about their creative process.

It was a fascinating talk even for those of us who entered knowing nothing about ceramics. We learned about throwing clay, the wheel, and various types of glazes. How horse and human hair, feathers and other natural materials are used to create designs. Also, how the temperature in the kiln is usually over 1,500 degrees. We also learned that in some instances 40-50% of items being fired are discarded because they break or aren't perfect. It gave us a whole new appreciation for ceramic arts. It was a fun, educational afternoon.



Mark your calendar! For the next art salon - Monday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach Gardens Library.

Our guest speaker in April will be Diane Prater. She will talk about her love of seashells and watercolor and about her journey to become an accomplished artist and teacher. More details to follow....Watch for them in your inbox.



ART SALON

DAYTIME ART SALON IN DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH

On March 20th, Artists of Palm Beach County presented its first daytime art salon at the Palm Beach Photographic Center on Clematis Street. Susan Currie organized the salon, and its first guest speaker was Dr. Lali Shanker.

Dr. Shanker is a member of APBC and resides in Toronto in the summer and Singer Island during the winter months. The title of her presentation was *Blurred Vision: Navigating The Brush Strokes*. Dr. Shanker is a radiologist, and she explained how various diseases of the eye can affect the work of artists. Renoir had myopia and limited distance vision, which she feels was responsible for his blurred backgrounds. Cézanne had diabetes, Turner color blindness. Mary Cassatt had macular disease and cataracts, and Degas had macular disease, which made him lose his central vision. He also had extreme light sensitivity and could not paint outside. Monet had cataracts toward the end of his life and painted in very dull browns and oranges. Once his cataracts were removed he once again saw and painted bright colors.

The presentation was fascinating and 26 people were in attendance. Susan Currie plans to hold a second daytime salon sometime in April, and the information will be posted on our website.



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Dennis is looking for you to paint the ceiling of his lanai with clouds. If you are interested, please call him 401-529-7499. He lives in Century Village West Palm Beach.



21st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & OPEN HOUSE FLORIDA OUTREACH CENTER FOR THE BLIND

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

TIME: 1PM to 4PM

LOCATION: 2315 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, FL 33406

PHONE: 561-642-0005

Come join us in celebrating our 21st birthday and our annual Open House! For over two decades, we have been helping the blind and visually impaired learn, grow, and reach new milestones!

Take a tour, meet our staff, students, and teachers, and learn all about the many ways we help. Joining us will be representatives from Palm Tran Connection, the Talking Books Library, and the wonderful 211 Helpline.

Through the skills learned at the center, individuals become more independent, enjoy a better quality of life, and are able to utilize community resources, pursue an education, and choose a career path.



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Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. (FOCB) is a nonprofit organization/training facility where all of our programs are FREE to the blind and visually impaired. Classes/training are available in English, Spanish, Creole and French. A few of the things we offer:

- Braille classes
- Technology classes to learn computers, smart phones, apps, and assisted technology
- Independent & daily living skills training, including cooking/using appliances, laundry, dealing with money, medications, and more.
- Orientation and Mobility training
- Self-advocacy training
- Peer support groups
- Virtual & in-person WORKSHOPS
- Crafts Program
- Monthly virtual BOOK CLUB Discussions
- Low vision, optical, & non-optical devices training
- Outreach programs for seniors
- Resources
- Leisure time activities & field trips
- Kids Club for blind children & their families
- Serving as a liaison between clients/students & other agencies
- On-site store with visual aids

For more information on our center:

Office: 561-642-0005

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Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FOCBInc/>

Follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/FlaOutreachCtr>

Watch us on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPBDXBkfxEQ>

ART SALON & ARTISTS MEET AND GREET

On Sunday, March 24th, Dave and Rodney once again provided APBC and Urban Sketchers a beautiful venue, their lovely mansion, for artists to draw and paint. APBC President Mary Jane Zapp put together a tasty continental breakfast as well as a delicious brunch buffet. The gardens and the house offered a magical backdrop that produced the most awesome artwork. Some artists had a chance to share what they created at the Throw Down conducted by Carl Stoveland. This day will be etched in everyone's memory for sure.



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PHOTO GALLERY

Photos from the Art Salon & Artists Meet and Greet



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If you had a memorable time at the Sketchout/Plein Air Day, email us your comments, and let us know if you would like to see a night vision version.



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UNLEASHING CREATIVITY

On **March 23, 1 - 3 pm** Maxine Schreiber, oil painter and retired psychotherapist, led an **Unleashing Creativity** workshop. The workshop was designed to overcome blockage or stimulate new ways of expressing oneself creatively. Participants were encouraged to share some of their history and their reason for taking part in the workshop. They were then asked to close their eyes for a guided imagery meditation followed by an art activity using newsprint paper with crayons and magic markers. Maxine wishes to thank everyone who participated. She was delighted with the number of participants and the openness and engagement of everyone who attended the event. She hopes people enjoyed it as much as she did. Here are some photos of the group.



UNLEASHING CREATIVITY



DARCY DOIEL

Darcy Doiel's 8 x 10 oil painting, "I'm the Cat" won Honorable Mention in the Lake worth Art League's current show. The title is from a Jackson Brown song.



VIP & LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

VIP MEMBERS

Albertus Van Nuvren
Ayesha DeLorenzo
Barbara Bunn
Barbara Bailey
Barbara Ziev
Bertus van Vuuren
Bonnie Summer
Caren Hackman
Carl Stoveland
Carol MoonFrazier
Carole Pichney
Christina Vollstedt
Daniel Pichney
Darcy Doiel
Deborah Fairchild
Dennis P. Leon
Dianna DonFrancisco
Dick Yosinoff
Edward Munoz
Elizabeth Kuechenmeister
Elizabeth Lula
Faith Schwack
Feleke Wodajo
George Lupo
Heather Couch
Ilene Adams
Jackie Lanier
Jamie Rodriguez
Janet Schreiber
Jeanne Martin
Judith Kirtley
Judy Gaggero
Karen Nelson
Karla Walter
Kathleen Penley
Kathryn Medina
Katie Deits
Kim (Starr?)
Leszek Kot
LindMiller
Lisa Pearlman
Lorrie Williamson
Lydia Dardi
Maria Vigne

Marielle Zuber
Marilyn Samwick
Marion Roberts
MaryJane Zapp
Maxine Schreiber
Milena Arango Garcia
Monica Postal
Noelle McCarthy
Patrick Maguire
Patrick Williams
Paul Champagne
Penny Sheltz
Phoebe Desn
Phyllis Simon
Rae Frank
Robin Babitt
Rose Gong Monier
Sandra Friedkin
Sharon Gregory
Susan Munoz
Tanya Witzel

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Carole Pichney
Sharon Gregory
Katherine Medina
Victoria Albrecht
Caren Hackman
Terre Rybovich

*Thank
you!*

JOIN THE ART OF READING BOOK CLUB



Discussion With Yummy Buffet Lunch

When: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Boca West Country Club

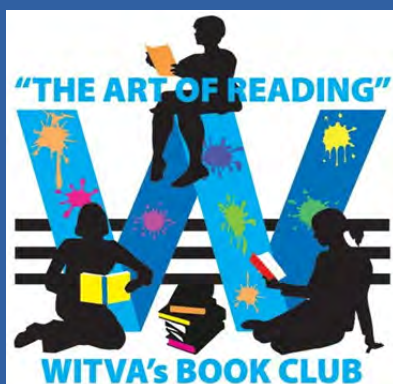
20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton, Fl {Between Jog & Turnpike}
Hostess: Cyndy Stern & WITVA Meet in the Lobby

Our book is Strapless by Deborah Davis,

The story of John Singer Sargent and the fall of Madame X.

Planning To Attend? Give your name to Jill at JTSneidman@gmail.com

Cost \$22 in cash or check



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APBC wishes everyone a beautiful spring season!

We Need Your Articles, Suggestions & Ideas

Please email your articles, suggestions, and ideas to Bonnie Summer besb007@gmail.com, and you could be in the next APBC Newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

