



PERSPECTIVES

newsletter

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BLFA has been serving the needs of the Greater Brandon, Florida area art community since 1959.



PRINTMAKING 101

This meeting we'll enjoy the art of printmaking with a fun introduction to three major techniques: mono printing, relief printing, and stamping. After a brief demonstration, you'll jump right into creating your own stack of unique prints. Dress for a mess!

by Charlotte DeMolay

June Membership Meeting

Guests are always welcome!

Join us on
Monday, June 15, 2025
6:30 pm

St. Andrews United Methodist Church
3325 South Bryan Road in Brandon

Letter from the President

There are always specific moments in your life that have that “page turning” feel, like little chapters in a book that are a story in themselves. Being with the Brandon League of Fine Arts is just such a chapter.

I think as I proceed through this Artistic Life Adventure, the people and events shine brighter and more vivid. Thank you to all who make leadership seem effortless... particularly at this time Carol Stebbins, Michele Young and Charlotte DeMolay. These three are the pinnacle of brilliant imagination and unbridled excellence! So many have selflessly worked to keep this group engaged, excited and informed (thank you Guy Learn and David Bahm)! To all that were there, you know who you are and so does EVERYONE ELSE!

Before this turns into an Oscar speech let me let you all know it's my intention to work and play with you collection of Angels from Art Heaven forever if possible, though I must pay special attention to professional callings that are expanding in a very good way.

With that, I will step away from leadership at this



time but will never ever move away from the genuine friendship and jubilant experiences that make their way into our lives each month!

I thank you all, I can't wait to flip the page and get to the next chapter!

Thank you,

David Bodo, President
Brandon League of Fine Arts
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UPCOMING ART OUTINGS

The BLFA July Art Outing will be at the **Tampa Museum of Art** on **THURSDAY evening, July 2nd no later than 6:30**. Please arrive on time so we can explore the museum before it closes. It is located at 1120 W. Gasparilla Plaza in Tampa, and general and accessibility parking information can be found at tampamuseum.org. (Click on the three dots/menu option and click Plan Your Visit). Admission prices are pay-as-you-will on Thursdays from 4 to 8 pm, and visitors can choose the admission price. Any donation amount is welcome.

We will not meet on Saturday, because it is the 4th of July. The museum offers exhibitions that range from ancient treasures to contemporary expressions and has a lovely view of the river. Visitors may bring a notebook or sketch pad, but only pencils are allowed in the galleries, and backpacks must be stored in a complimentary and secure locker. So bring your sketchbook or a camera (allowed in most galleries), and meet us at the entrance of the museum. Be on the lookout for people with Brandon League of Fine Arts T-Shirts, which are easy to spot. Hope to see you there!

Looking ahead... Most outings are on the 1st Saturday of the month:

- August** - Brandon Exchange (Formerly Brandon Town Center)
 - September** - Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art in Lakeland (Free)
 - October** - Keel & Curley Harvest Festival in Plant City
 - November** - Cypress Point Park in Tampa
 - December** - Manatee Viewing Station in Apollo Beach
- All locations subject to change.*

Please contact Michele Young at micheleyoungart@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BRANDON LEAGUE OF FINE ARTS

Current Board Members & Chairs

Directors

- Charlotte DeMolay..... President
- Carol Stebbins..... Secretary
- Michele Young..... Treasurer

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- Photography..... Open Membership..... Charlotte DeMolay
- Community Outreach and Art Outings..... Michele Young
- Website and Newsletter David Bahm
- Refreshments..... Carol Stebbins
- BLFA Shows..... Carol Stebbins
- Historian..... Roxanne Tobaison

A call to any members for your magical talents in helping the League!

Love talking to people? We need **Community Outreach** volunteers for regular advertising on social media, website and in-person promotions.

Have ideas and want to help BLFA grow? We need your help!

Please contact the board members for info. BLFABrandon@gmail.com!

BLFA News

As usual, David Bodo's talent has captured attention at his workplace, and now work occupies more of his time. Though he is stepping down from the Board, he will remain one of everyone's favorite resource for creative ideas. Thank you David, for all you have done, and will continue to do to advance BLFA.

The Board of Directors (Charlotte DeMolay, President, Michele Young, Treasurer, Carol Stebbins, Secretary) continue to work for the benefit of our League members. We invite your input on projects and workshops, email BLFABrandon@gmail.com with your ideas and include your availability to assist.

Symphony of Color Wrap Up & Virtual Gallery

Our "Symphony of Color" exhibit was a success by every metric, and has garnered local community awareness and interest in League activities. We could not have accomplished this without volunteers Guy Learn, Leigh Ivy, Mary Hadden, Bonnie Phillips, Roxanne Tobaison, Lauren Saslow and Marsha Nelson. Thank you so much for your generous support!

While attending the public viewing, several local artists expressed interest in receiving newsletters and attending our monthly meetings. Very much looking forward to welcoming all, including Demetrio, Haydee and Manisha – see you soon.

If you missed the Center Place show, check out the images below and on the next page. Also, there is a virtual gallery exhibit at our website BrandonLeagueFineArts.com, or simply [click here](#). Available through the end of June.



First Place: *It's A Florida Thing* by David Bodo



Second Place: *Mainline Memories* by Guy Learn



More Symphony of Color Winners

(Above) Third Place: *Up In Flames* by Rita McIntyre. Honorable Mention: *Bonnet The Day After* by Georgia Ball. (Right) Honorable Mention: *Unbridled Buzz* by Gina Cunningham. Music Showcase Award: *All Of Nature Sings To Me* by Anna Schermerhorn.

May Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2026

Center Place • 619 Vonderburg Drive • Brandon, FL 33511

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm, Carol Stebbins (CS) welcomed BLFA members and guests, artists to the first BLFA exhibit of 2026, “Symphony of Color” Awards ceremony.

CS thanked Music Showcase for sponsoring the exhibit, Christopher Weeks for judging the art, and Center Place Administrator BettyJo Tompkins and Event Coordinator Andrew Truax for providing the venue and setting up the chairs and tables.

CS then introduced the BLFA exhibit chair persons David Bodo (DB,) Charlotte DeMolay (CD,) Michele Young (MY,) and herself.

CS asked volunteers Roxanne Tobaison, Marsha Nelson, Bonnie Phillips, Guy Learn, Leigh Ivy, Lauren Saslow, Mary Hadden to stand and be recognized for their contributions.

CS then introduced DB, BLFA President, who recognized the contributing artists and asked for applause.

DB began the awards by presenting the Music Showcase Sponsor award, two Honorable Mention Awards, Third-, Second-Place awards. CD provided Judge Weeks’ comments for each award, then surprised DB by announcing he had won First Place Award.

Volunteer photographers Guy Learn (GL,) and Marsha Nelson (MN) photographed the winners in front of their art piece with ribbons attached.

DB asked the attendees if they had questions for the winning artists, and solicited suggestions for the next exhibit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

June Art Outing Photos • USF Botanical Gardens

Join us for the fun!

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Lunch at La Septima, then off to the gardens.



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Jennifer's Studio



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Elite Occasions

Membership Application

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Medium(s): _____

How did you find BLFA? _____

Membership Type: Individual \$40 Family \$50

Cash or Check only please. Make checks payable to BLFA. Please contact BLFA if you would like information about volunteer opportunities. Email us at: BLFABrandon@gmail.com

Order Your BLFA Fundraiser Tee!

Please contact David Bodo (bodoartworks@gmail.com) with your tee amounts and sizes today! Shirts are available to members and anyone interested for \$20. All after-cost proceeds go to BLFA.

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Watercolors by Roxanne Johnson



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Classes at Creative Junk Therapy

Each is led by a BLFA member!
For dates and times, visit:
creativejunktherapy.org/our-events

Colored Pencils, Pastels and More
Instructed by Michele Young

Colored Pencil Basics
or Open Studio

4th Saturday 10:30 - 1:00

\$20 Beginner includes supplies OR
\$12 Open Studio BYO Supplies




Watercolor Open Studio
Instructed by Roxanne

\$25 BYO Supplies
\$5 supplies included

Learn watercolor concepts, techniques and develop your skills.




Drawing Beginners and Beyond
Hosted by Chris Klein

4th Saturday 3-6pm
\$25 per session or 4 for \$80

Explore different drawing mediums with new subjects each class




Beyond Basic Watercolor

\$25 Per Person
BYO Supplies

Ongoing class for painters who want to go beyond the basics of watercolor.




Instructed by Roxanne Tobiason



Inspired Acrylic Painting

\$25 BYO supplies
\$30 Supplies included

Ongoing class for beginners or more experienced painters wanting to go beyond the basics in acrylic painting.




Instructed by Karen Koseck



Oil Painting

\$15 per session or
\$56 for 4 sessions

Wednesdays, 10:30-1:00

Join other aspiring artists in this self directed group to paint, develop and share oil painting techniques and inspiration.

*supplies not included




Facilitated by Christopher Klein



Kids Drawing Develop Your Vision
Hosted by Chris Klein

3rd Wednesday 5-7pm
\$10 per session or 4 for \$35

Kids learn basic drawing techniques and develop their skill and style

Ages 9-14





Beginner Watercolors

Facilitated by Roxanne Tobiason

\$25 per person BYO supplies
+ \$5 supplies included





Storytellers Unite
FREE
4th Friday Monthly 5-7pm

Storyteller meetup collaborating resources, ideas, stories and images

Hosts David Bado and Carolyn Siebert



