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BLFA serves to educate, promote and contribute to the arts culture for the benefit of the community and artistic endeavors of the league members

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Join us on 6/16/25



@ Creative Junk Therapy
776 W. Lumsden Road
Brandon FL, 33511

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Bodo, President,
Brandon League of Fine Arts
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Oh the life of an artist, so strangely equipped
A sculpture perfected, a sketch half drawn
Glad I didn't listen to those who quipped
It's only worth something when you're gone.

What brings a person to form these creations
For the sake of a career, for the sake of love
A closet full of mementos or overnight sensations
May have materialized from mist, or come from above.

So from where comes this passion, can it be bought?
Is it just our feelings and thoughts laid bare
Did we learn it in school? Was it a thing that was taught?
I think it was something that was always there.

June meeting activity... Upcycled Art Competition!



Karen Koseck will inspire you in an upcycled art competition.

Participants will be split into teams and give a variety of materials and 1 hour to create.

Each team has to design and build a work of art from resuse materials which will be displayed and voted on by the public for best upcycled art! Get your ideas ready!

LAST MEETING

Here are some highlights from our last meeting on May 19th.

We played "Hot Potato," members received sketch pads and colored pencils with instructions to begin sketching the picture of a boat in a harbor displayed on the flat screen TV. After the timed interval of two minutes, members passed their sketch pads to the next person, sketching commenced until the timer sounded and sketch books were passed along. At the end of the workshop, members were asked to sign each sketch since everyone had participated in the exercise.





For your reading pleasure, here is a [link](#) to last month meeting notes.

Artist
SPOTLIGHT





Artist Spotlight

Roxanne Tobaison

(By Guy Learn)

If you were to look up “artist” in the dictionary, you would find a simple description such as “A person who produces paintings or drawings as a profession or hobby.” But that just begins to touch on the true sense. Just as some are “called” into the ministry, I also believe that some are called to being an artist. And for Roxanne, this began at an early age as a young girl, although it would be decades before she could act on the calling. Even as a child, she had a genuine appreciation for landscapes as well as many other of God’s wonders. While, for some, it takes the more majestic wonders of this world to find any inspiration, it was the simpler things that called to Roxanne, like being taken in by the colors of a sunrise as she walked to the bus stop, just wishing she could paint it. Unfortunately, back then, art supplies would have been a luxury in her humble home, so such desires would have to wait.

By the 70’s, toile painting was a popular activity and was her first real venture into the art world. While this may have been a useful portal into being an artist, she soon got bored with this “one stroke” painting style and the tracing that usually accompanied it and tried her hand at oil painting. This in turn led to trying yet other mediums and in the late 70’s she eventually found the one that suited her best, and that was watercolor.

While settling into this medium, rather than looking to colleges and art institutes for guidance, she sought out more practical opportunities which consisted mainly of watercolor workshops. And rather than studying under a single artist, she found it advantageous to learn from a variety of experts, including: Claude Croney, Tom Lynch, Ken Hawk, Marilyn Jacobs, Jo Tarabula and Jerry McClish. Doing so, she was able to glean nuggets and useful tips from each, eventually settling into her own style. This led to a long and ongoing journey, as she has now been exhibiting in artist festivals for close to 30 years

Roxanne’s preferred subjects are Florida birds, landscapes, and being a Tampa native, historic and other landmarks of the bay area. The latter came into play with some of her more notable commissioned work which involved multiple depictions of the operations at MacDill Air Force Base. These were done at the request of the 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, Colonel Maggie Woodward. (Now Retired Major General Woodward). Many other works of hers were also distinctly local, and if you’ve lived here long enough, you may have unknowingly owned some of her art as she designed the cover for the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Phone book (the Brandon white pages) in 96.

Other accomplishments by Roxanne include:

- o Designer for the Old Hyde Park Village Art Festival t-shirt artist (1993)
- o Judge for Manatee Arts Festival and featured t-shirt artist 2006 & 2007
- o Selected into the Tampa Bay Lightning Celebration of the Arts

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- o Twice Judging the Temple Terrace Arts Festival including their 50th year Anniversary (2023).

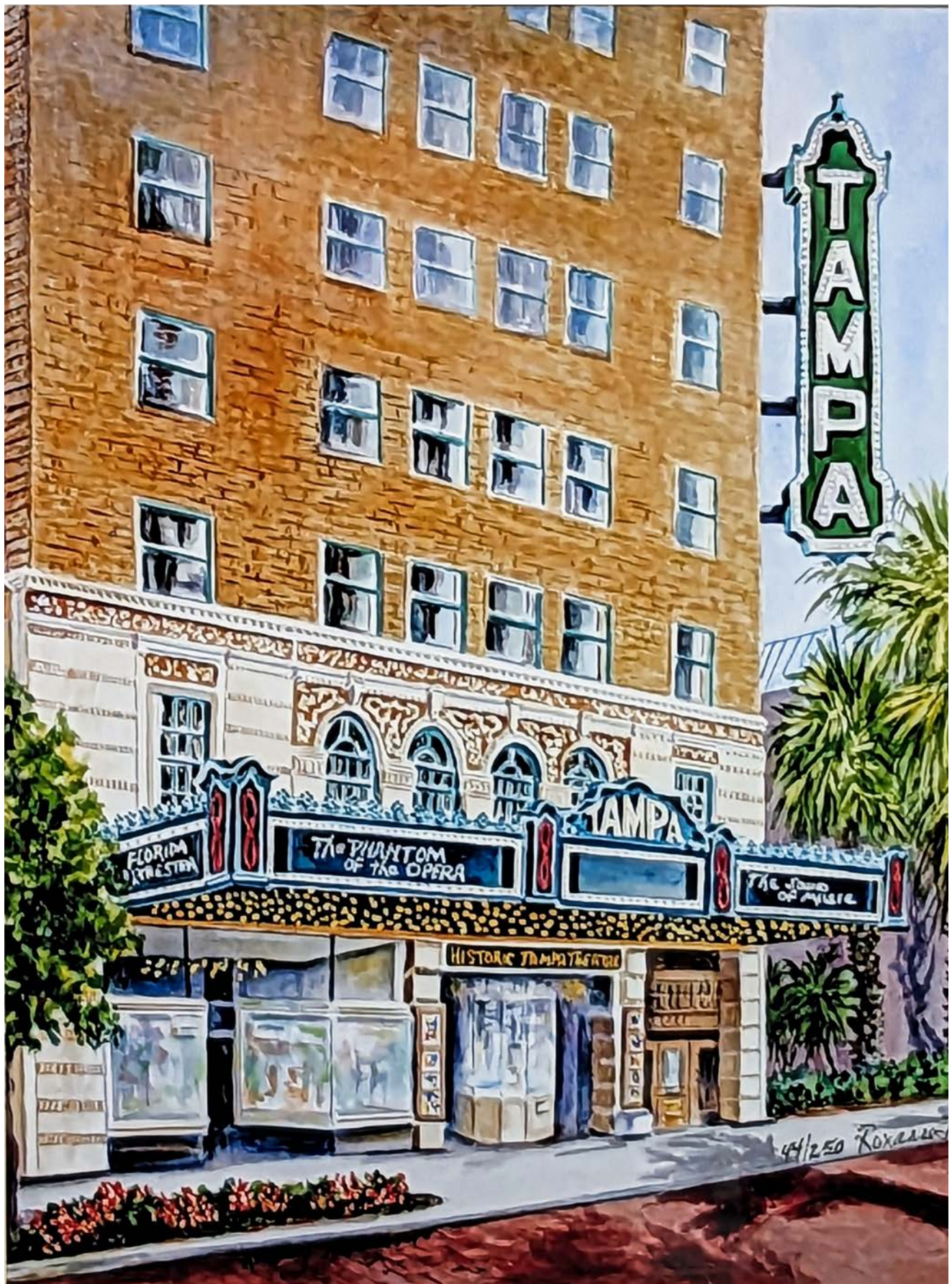
Roxanne credits her talent as “a gift from God” and as such, has been compelled to give back. So, as you may know, the student eventually became the teacher, and she has now been instructing others in the joys of watercolor painting for decades. Her “giving” has also highly benefited our art league, as over the years, her guidance has been instrumental in the successful operations of our league as she has unselfishly held every office in our league.

To learn more about Roxanne and her art, please visit her website: www.roxannetobaisonart.com Better yet, you may want to sign up for one of her watercolor classes. Details for her class can be found in this newsletter.









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ART AFTER DARK



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Creative Junk Therapy will be hosting an Art After Dark Market on June 13, July 11th, and August 8th 6-9 pm. Free to the public.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen at
CreativeJunkTherapy@outlook.com

Plant City Art in the Park



Plant City Main Street Art in the Park, set to blossom with creativity from 10 am - 7 pm on November 22nd, 2025

Participants need to sign up to reserve a booth. They sell out fast, so reserve yours!

[Click Here is a link for details.](#)

Friendly Reminders

**SOME FRIENDLY
REMINDERS!**

Bay Area Cardiology turnover

The rotating exhibits at the Bay Area Cardiology office Riverview **Spots are limited.**

Bay Area Cardiology Riverview - Changeover on June 12th, Friday **12:00 - 1:00 NEW TIME** (note: This is by request of the office. Lunch hour - no patients.

Location: 13029 Summerfield Sq. Dr., Riverview, Fl. 33578 (office behind

wendy's on 301 almost to Big Bend Rd.

2 piece - FIRST register, 1st to get spot. May limit due to space.

TAKE OUTS – IF you plan to take out their pieces or if you plan to replace them, Roxanne will need to know that you are doing this and the info on the pieces you will be replacing them with. She must maintain correct inventory.

Any sales: Please contact Roxanne to adjust inventory.

Register by- Thursday June 12th

PLEASE EMAIL roxtob@verizon.net with:

your name,

title,

selling price

and contact phone

August Art Show



Our league will be having a summer art show in the month of August.

Here's what we know so far:

Take-in will be on Friday, August 1.

Take-down will be Sunday, August 31.

The times for take-in and take-down will be determined per discussion at our June meeting.

As with our spring show, the cost for entries will be:

1 Piece \$15

2 Pieces \$25

The prizes up for grabs will be:

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Honorable Mention (2)

People's Choice (Ribbon only)

*As usual, only one prize per person.

*Cash prizes will be determined by participation in the event.

The reception will be August 18th, at our monthly meeting.
More details will follow, but rules concerning size and "hanging hardware" will be the same as the previous show.

Join a Class



Here are some upcoming classes from our members.



Check Creative Junk Therapy website for dates and times. <https://www.creativejunktherapy.org/our-events>

Please tell us if you have a class you are teaching so we can include it in our newsletter!

Current Board members and Chairs



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David Bodo, President

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Carol Stebbins, Secretary

Key Chairpersons

Photographer - Guy Learn

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Website - David Bahm

Refreshments - Carol Stebbins

BLFA Shows - Guy Learn

Revolving Exhibits - Roxanne Tobaison - Marsha Nelson, back up

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

- Our very gifted Jessica has a new career opportunity and will not have time for the Newsletter. We are seeking someone to cthe Newsletter and coordinate content.
- Love talking to people! We need more Community Outreach for regular advertising on social media, website and in-person promotions.
- Need a munchie manager. Someone to coordinate the refreshments we all enjoy each meeting.

**Have ideas and want to help BLFA grow? We need your help!
Become part of our committee and get a free membership.**

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

Visit our website



www.BrandonLeagueFineArts.com

Membership Application

[Click here for a link](#)

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Medium:

How did you find the 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

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