



PERSPECTIVES

newsletter

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

November MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Guests are always welcome!

Join us on

Monday, November 17, 2025, 6:30 pm

Creative Junk Therapy • 772 W. Lumsden Road



This month's meeting
will feature

Daniel Disgdier††

Daniel is an artist originally from Key West, whose work is primarily in relief wood carvings. He will share his story with us and display some of his beautiful pieces. See page 3 for examples of his work.



Letter from the President

There are three concerning things I can think of being an artist and getting something ready for presentation to the public...

"Is it good enough?" You're the one that KNOWS it's good enough.

"Is it really finished?" Many a work I created always seems to need that one more thing.

And the most troubling for many of us who are willing to part ways with our creations for compensation... *"What should I charge?"*

One thing is – don't sell yourself short. You worked hard on that, there's nothing else in the world like it, and sometimes a price that is up there to some is an indication of great value to others. Another is – think of keeping your original and sell prints inexpensively. It makes the original appear as a Holy Grail to just that right person.

And a big one I can think of is – check out what is of similar genre, style and presentation where you are selling... remember you'll see a bottled water for fifty cents at a grocery store and then when



you're at a sports stadium it's six dollars! Six dollars for a water?

And yet there I am, forking it over...

We'd all like that stadium price for our efforts, but sometimes the grocery store has just what I need. And keep that frame of mind that all your items belong at the Super Bowl.

David Bodo, President

Brandon League of Fine Arts
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UPCOMING ART OUTING

The BLFA December Art Outing will be at the University of Tampa on **Saturday, December 6th at 10 am**. We will meet in front of the HB Plant Museum in the south wing of Plant Hall. UT is located at 401 West Kennedy Boulevard. Please go to:

www.plantmuseum.com/discover/visit-accessibility for detailed information about parking and restrooms.

We will sketch, take pictures, etc. from 10 am to noon on the UT campus then meet back at the museum at noon for the Victorian Christmas Stroll. The Stroll is optional, and tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for seniors. The best way to guarantee entry is to purchase tickets online in advance. You will receive a confirmation email which will serve as your ticket. We suggest bringing lunch and eating on the lawn before the stroll. Skipping the stroll and eating out for lunch is also an option for those who are interested.

If you have any questions, please email Michele Young at MicheleYoungArt@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

BLFA DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual **BLFA DIRECTORS ELECTION** will be held at our upcoming November 17th meeting. Members must be present to vote, no online voting is allowed.

The slate of directors' positions up for renewal as follows:

President • Vice President • Treasurer • Secretary

If you are interested in adding your name to the slate for election, please email BLFABrandon@gmail.com and indicate for which position you would like to be considered. Current Board is shown above right.



BRANDON LEAGUE OF FINE ARTS

Current Board Members & Chairs

Directors

David Bodo	President
Guy Learn	Vice President
Karen Koseck	Treasurer
Carol Stebbins	Secretary

Key Chairpersons

Photography	Guy Learn
Membership	Carol Stebbins
Community Outreach	Jennifer Milone
Art Outings /	
Sponsorship Chair	Michele Young
Website/Newsletter	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!

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

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



Plant City Main Street Art in the Park

is set to blossom
with creativity on
November 22, 2025.

Hours: 10 am to 7 pm

Artist **Daniel Disgdier**

November Meeting's Guest Speaker



October Art Outing Photos • Ybor City

Join us for the fun!

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BLFA December Art Show – Public Entries Welcome!

It may be less notice than you're used to, but we're having another show in December, and we're inviting the public to enter.

Here are the details:

1. Who can Enter? Anyone!
2. What are the physical requirements and restrictions on the art?
 - a. Artists are limited to 2 entries for the show.
 - b. Each entry must not exceed:
720 square inches (this includes the frame).
24" x 30" happens to be 720.
25 Pounds in weight.
 - c. All entries must be properly framed.
 - Canvas-wraps (properly painted) ARE considered to be properly framed.
 - For the "Traditional Art - Student" category, we will accept art with no frame but the art must be properly matted.
 - d. As usual, entries must be properly fitted with D-loops and wire for easy hanging.
 - For student entries with matt only and no frame, the art must be fitted with wire or sturdy string, adequate to support the piece.
 - e. Please coordinate with the show chairman prior to the take-in date for any 3D works.
 - f. Entries must not have tags, stickers or ribbons from previous shows.
3. Are there any additional requirements or restrictions?
 - a. All entries must be the original piece. Sorry, no reproductions or commercial prints.
 - b. We want all entries to remain on exhibit throughout the entire length of the exhibit.
NOTE: If you anticipate issues complying with this, please coordinate with the show chairman. We do understand that there may be interferences due to your holiday related travel plans.
 - c. All entries must have been completed within the last 3 years.
 - d. All entries must not have received an award in a previous BLFA show.
 - e. All entries must be ORIGINAL work and created solely by the artist.
 - f. Because children visit the gallery, works containing nudity or horror are not accepted.
4. Is this a "juried show"?
No. All works that meet the eligibility requirements within Rules 1, 2 & 3 will be accepted.
5. Will there be awards? Yes, the following awards will be given:
Category 1: Traditional Art (Adults):
 - 1st Place Ribbon and \$100 • 2nd Place Ribbon and \$75 • 3rd Place Ribbon and \$50**Category 2: Creative Works (explained below):**
 - 1st Place Ribbon and \$100 • 2nd Place Ribbon and \$75 • 3rd Place Ribbon and \$50**Category 3: Traditional Art (Students – High School & under):**
 - 1st Place Ribbon and \$75* • 2nd Place Ribbon and \$50* • 3rd Place Ribbon and \$25***Amazon Cards, sponsored by Pamela Reeves, Bloomingdale High Art Department.*
People's Choice Award: Ribbon and \$50. *We limit awards to one-per-person per-show.*
6. Can we sell our entries at the show?
Yes, you can sell your entries. The price should be included on the entry form. Any sales will be handled directly with the artist and buyer with no commission due. Keep in mind when arranging a sale, all entries should remain on exhibit throughout the entire length of the exhibit.



BLFA December Art Show – Public Entries Welcome!

Art-related business cards, if provided by the artist, will be displayed with your entries.

7. What are the entry fees?

- a. For artists from the general public: • 1 Entry for \$20 • 2 Entries for \$30
 - b. For members of the Brandon League of Fine Arts: • 1 Entry for \$15 • 2 Entries for \$25.
 - c. For high school students (or lower grade schools): • 1 Entry for \$15 • 2 Entries for \$25.
- We accept only cash or check made payable to “Brandon League of Fine Arts”.*

8. What other details do we need to know to enter?

- a. The event location is the gallery at Creative Junk Therapy, located at 772 Lumsden Rd. LaViva Plaza – Brandon.
- b. The Take-In day is: Monday, December 1st, from 1:00 to 8:00 pm
The Pick-Up day is: Monday, January 5th, from 1:00 to 8:00 pm
Please contact the show chairman if you have difficulty making these time windows.

CATEGORIES DEFINED:

- a. **Traditional:** This category includes entries such as:
Oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, etc.
Drawings in charcoal, pen & ink, pencil (graphite), colored pencil, pastel, etc.
Sculpture
Any combination of the above.
- b. **Creative Works:** This category includes art created using just about any means or material that would not fall under the “Traditional” category. This would include entries such as:
Photography
Digitally created art
Art derived from repurposed objects
Art that relies on electricity or electronics for its creation or display

SHOW CHAIRMAN:

Guy Learn is the show chairman. Here is the contact information:

ArcherGuy@rocketmail.com

813-679-3863 (Please text. He won't answer unrecognized phone numbers).

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

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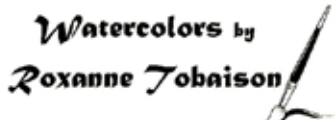


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Elite Occasions

October Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2025

David Bodo (DB) opened the meeting at 6:41 PM, welcomed members and guests. Dineen Roeller (DR) volunteered to conduct the 50/50 raffle, which totaled \$37. DB won the raffle and contributed his winnings to the League. Thankyou DB, and thanks to DR for assisting with the raffle. The new sponsor banner, with business and individual logos was displayed across the front display panels. Michele Young (MY) has secured sixteen businesses and individuals as BLFA sponsors! The sponsorship opportunity for 2025 will conclude in November, but MY will continue to pursue local business opportunities as well as locate a new venue for member art display and sales. From the Treasurer Karen Koseck (KK) -- BLFA bank balance is \$4,134.02.

DB reviewed the upcoming December exhibit to be held at CJT, and for the first time non-member works will be accepted. Guy Learn (GL) is chairing the exhibit, which will also include student art works from local high schools. Jennifer Milone (JM) has updated the BLFA FB page has updates with details, and GL has emailed members with the information. A reminder of the Saturday, November 1, Art Outing, planned and coordinated by MY, will be at the historic Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. Members will meet at 10:00 for artistic creation and fun. Non-members are welcome to participate.

DB explained the evening's workshop, invited members to get refreshments before the workshop began. A composite picture was planned, with members using recycled and decorative items to create their piece of the Fall/Halloween-themed image, which was the inspiration of (GL) and DB.

DR provided the evening's Show and Tell event, displayed her intricate and beautiful ornaments with how-to explanations of how they were created. Members asked questions and expressed appreciation for the presentation.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 PM

Order Your BLFA Fundraiser Tee!

Please contact David Bodo (bodoartworks@gmail.com) with your tee amounts and sizes today! Shirts will be available to members and anyone interested November 2025 for \$20. All after-cost proceeds go to BLFA.

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Jennifer's Studio



Watercolors by Roxanne Johnson

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Elite Occasions



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 Tobaison

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.



Facilitated by Christopher Klein

*supplies not included

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 Tobaison

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



Art and Soul Collage

\$35 - Supplies included

Tap into your creativity and create a unique dimensional multi layered, multi medium piece of art.



Instructed by Lois Miller

Storytellers Unite
Hosts David Bodo and Carolyn Seibert

FREE

4th Friday Monthly 5-7pm

Storyteller meetup collaborating resources, ideas, stories and images

