



PERSPECTIVES

newsletter

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

March Membership Meeting

Guests are always welcome!

Join us on

Monday, March 16, 2025, 6:30 pm

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



We will meet in the Family Life Center, Room 302. Building is accessible for disabled attendees.

The entrance is off of Bryan Road, not Bloomingdale.



NEW MEETING LOCATION

In February, 2026, The Brandon League of Fine Arts Board of Directors decided to relocate members' meetings from Creative Junk Therapy, 776 West Lumsden Road, to St. Andrews's United Methodist Church, 3315 South Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511.

Since 2023, the League has enjoyed many events and members' art shows at Creative Junk Therapy. Partnership with CJT's Karen Koseck has sustained the expansion of community outreach, and allowed members to invite family and friends to a familiar setting monthly. We appreciate, and are grateful to Karen for her generous time spent as Treasurer managing funds. She remains a valued League supporter and member.

Moving to St. Andrews allows us to lower our costs, ensuring more of our budget goes towards community outreach and events. The coming year 2026 offers exciting opportunities to interact with your artistic peers, share inspiration and creative fun!

We're always working always for the best outcome for our members.

BLFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Bodo, President
Charlotte DeMolay, Vice President
Michele Young, Treasurer
Carol Stebbins, Secretary

During this month's meeting:

Bonnie Phillips will share her recent 'Junk Journal' completed project for SHOW AND TELL. Looking forward to her overview of components that she uses to create a useful place to stash recipes, notes and more!

Charlotte DeMolay will present REAL WORLD ART BUSINESS BASICS. More information on page 3.

Letter from the President

How valuable is art?

How valuable is YOUR art?

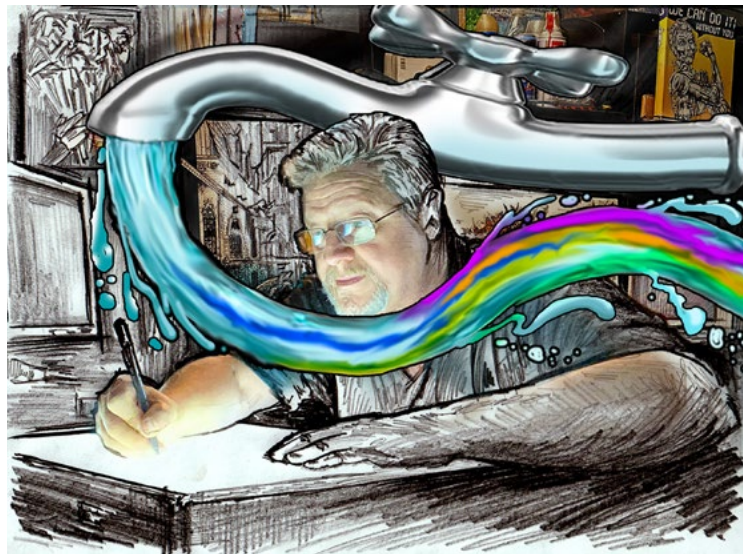
Everyone is mostly aware that what is some cute painting hanging for years in someone's garage, seemingly of no real value, to the right viewer is a lost treasure worth millions.

I suppose the greatest test of value in your artwork is when it can be exchanged for services. I'm not kidding...

There have been times when I needed to keep a tight grip on my dollars and actually had the nerve to offer my visual talents as a form of payment.

The home A/C was not behaving well... a friend fixed it – the price, a family portrait in ink. To him it was more valuable than any old engraving of Ben Franklin with some numbers on it.

A huge leak occurred behind the wall near my sink... An acquaintance dug right in and fixed it up – for a painting of his only daughter. My car was doing what cars do right after that you make that last payment... my usual auto guy did the job for the cost of a part – and a clever portrait of all of his dogs hanging out together.



Nothing beats a nice payday for your hard work and beautiful creations. Sometimes it's worth more than that to someone who values an amazing keepsake. When your talents are chosen over cash you'll know you've got something there.

Thank you,

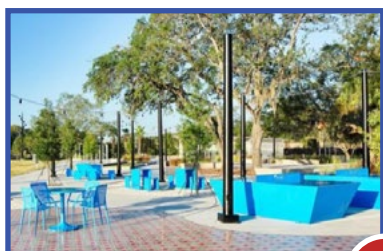
David Bodo, President

Brandon League of Fine Arts

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UPCOMING ART OUTINGS

The **BLFA April Art Outing** will be at **Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park on Saturday April 4th at 10 am** located at 1001 N. Blvd. in Tampa. This park features riverfront trails, dog parks, public art including sculptures, mosaics, paintings as well as restrooms. We will meet at the Community Front Porch, which is conveniently located in the center of the park. It is about a 2-to-3-minute walk (which is paved and flat) once you enter the park entrance along N. Blvd, and it has bright blue tables and chairs that are easy to spot. Here is a link for more information: <https://www.tampa.gov/parks-and-recreation/featured-parks/riverfrontpark>



Please note Riverfront Park is a change from our previously planned location, Apollo Beach Nature Preserve, due to permit restrictions.

Looking ahead...

Most outings are on the 1st Saturday of the month:

May - Hyde Park Tampa (indoor and outdoor options available if weather conditions are hot)

June - USF Contemporary Art Museum (Free)

July - Tampa Museum of Art - Art on the House (Free on Thursday evening)

August - Citrus Park Town Center

September - Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art in Lakeland (Free)

**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

David Bodo..... President
 Charlotte DeMolay..... Vice President
 Carol Stebbins..... Secretary
 Michele Young..... Treasurer

Key Chairpersons

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

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!](mailto:BLFABrandon@gmail.com)

MARCH MEETING PRESENTATION

Real World Art Business Basics

It's time to stop waiting for galleries to magically appear. Charlotte DeMolay is sharing 30+ years of hard-won lessons on how to define your personal success, professionalize your work, and market your art realistically.

Art Business Basics

by Charlotte DeMolay

Show and Tell

Every meeting has room for your Show and Tell moment, a 10-15 minute share of your inspirations, accomplishments and insights. To sign up for April 20, please email [BLFABrandon@gmail.com!](mailto:BLFABrandon@gmail.com)



February Meeting Photos *David Bodo showed us how to create a "split screen" artwork.*



February Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026

David Bodo (DB) opened the meeting at 6 :40 PM, welcomed members.

Doug Steinbarger (DS) passed around the 50/50, DB won \$9.00 and donated his winnings to the League.

DB mentioned T-shirts in exchange for a \$20 donation.

Carol Stebbins (CS) shared the Great American Teach-In experience at Bob Martinez Middle School.

DB passed out copies of his art work to members to participate in a folded paper art that resulted in two images viewed at different angles.

The members enjoyed the delicious snacks during the exercise.

Discussion about art entries in the Strawberry Festival and Florida State Fair this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

February Art Outing Photos • Downtown Plant City

Join us for the fun!

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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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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 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

