

Venice Art Center

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Dear Members and Friends of the Venice Art Center,

As we are ending the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for supporting the Venice Art Center through enrolling in classes, attending art center events, and generous donations. In particular, I would like to thank Ed and Betty Campbell for their continuing sponsorship of the South Sarasota County Schools Art Show, which awards scholarships to deserving high school students. This year, the Campbell's have established the Venice Art Center Endowment Fund through a generous initial donation from the Edmund & Elizabeth M. Campbell Foundation. We hope this fund will grow through the years with the additional support of our members. We

are excited that the legacy of the Venice Art Center will continue to strengthen so that your grandchildren will be able to enjoy the arts as much as you do. This fund will be professionally managed through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. Again, thank you Ed and Betty Campbell for ensuring the future of the Venice Art Center.

Have a fabulous and safe holiday season. May all your artistic endeavors come true!

Julie Baxter, President, Board of Directors VAC



Dear Friends,

We have spent the fall and early winter preparing for a great fun filled season. We are offering 332 classes taught by 50 different instructors, demos three times a week and many exciting upcoming events are in store for you. This fall our focus was on building updates and on outreach and awareness. We participated in the children's outreach at Sun Fiesta, the Venice Art festival, Concerts by Epiphany Cathedral students & Island Village Montessori and our own event, Family Fun Day. We have seen an increase in student and family memberships.

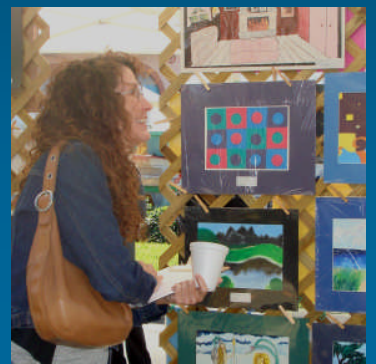
We collaborated with Venice MainStreet and 29 local downtown merchants to display artwork by 30 different VAC artists in downtown windows. Along with the outreach we have worked diligently to make the Art Center a more welcoming place. You will be pleasantly greeted by our new exterior sign, our innovative outdoor banners and flags and then you will be warmly welcomed by our front door sign. We have also adopted a new logo, which you will see on this newsletter and future publications. This logo was designed by Michael Smith of GCKeys.com. (Check out his article in this newsletter!) As far as building updates, we have built a durable and functional concrete ramp off of the back exit, painted the walls of classrooms, the office and the floors. Three of our classroom floors were stripped and repainted. It is quite a transformation. It has been an amazing year for me and I am so grateful for all of the support and camaraderie that I have experienced at the Art Center. It is truly an enchanting place and I am proud to be a part of it. Thank you to all of the Staff, Board of Directors, Instructors, Volunteers, and Members. Happy Holidays to all!

Mary Morris, Executive Director

What we have been up to:



Olivia Lynn LaGasse born 9-19-10



Please remember the Venice Art Center as a charitable beneficiary when planning your will, trusts or estate. For more information, please call us at 941-485-7136.

Members! We Need New Blood!



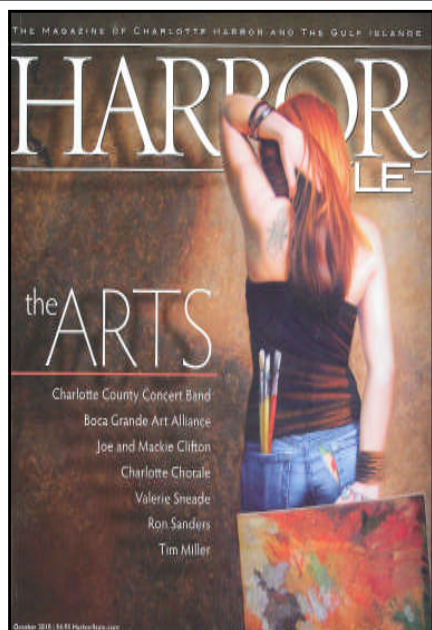
Watch for our upcoming Membership Blitz in January!

The launch date for the Blitz is January 21 at the Paint Paradise, Paint Venice show and we will conclude the drive during the weekend of our Fine Arts Show and Sale. The aim of this short, intensive drive is to gain new members. Our main objective is to reach out to those area residents who have never been members and introduce them to the wonderful world of creativity. Our secondary mission is to bring back past members.

Help us to increase our membership. As encouragement, a discount of 15% on next year's membership will be awarded to any current member who brings a new or lapsed member to VAC.

We are asking YOU, our valued members, to recruit your friends, neighbors, relatives, banker, butcher and candlestick maker. By renewing your membership year after year we know how much you enjoy being a part of VAC. Your loyalty is obvious and we thank you for your continued participation.

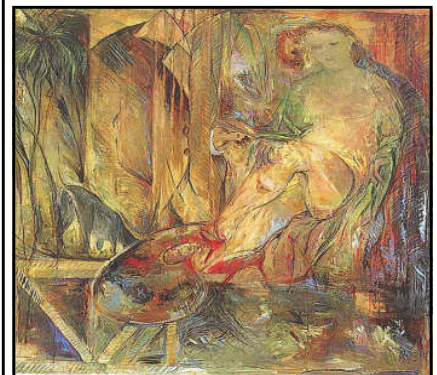
Congratulations! We are Proud of our Members!



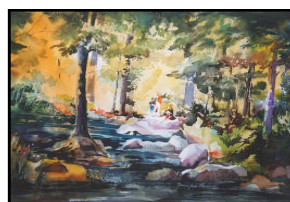
Congrats to member and instructor, Ron Sanders for his recent painting "Experimenting" being featured in Harbor Style magazine along with a great article.



Nancy Colby, member and instructor, was awarded first place at the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society Transparent show.



Member and instructor, Francesco Agresti was featured in a recent article in "Living Out East" Magazine.



"Pathway Pattern" by Norma Froeschl

Poem inspired by painting:
"Autumn Splendor"

Magnificent trees so strong and tall with leaves of color to welcome fall.

Red, yellow, orange and brown: they rush and tumble to the ground.

A day in the woods by a rushing stream is a technicolor wonderland to God's most awesome scene.

Poetry by Patricia Brown

Save These Dates

"Paint Paradise, Paint Venice"

January 15, 2011, 10am-2pm: Receiving

January 21, 2011, 5pm-7pm: reception

South County Jazz Concert: January 7, 2011 2pm

Volunteer Training: January 11, 2011 12Noon

Epiphany Cathedral Concert: January 13, 2011 12:30pm

South County Jazz Concert: February 4, 2011 2pm

Teacher, Staff & Board social: February 7, 2011 5pm

Cabaret: February 11 & 12, 2011 Information coming soon

Volunteer Appreciation Party: February 17, 3pm-5pm

Fine Arts Sale and Show: February 25 & 26

Member's Social: February 7, 2011 5pm

New Logo

A very special Thank you goes out to Michael Smith of G.C. Keys for the design and production of our new logo. Not only is Michael responsible making my vision for the Venice Art Center website a reality, but he has also designed a very functional, versatile and contemporary logo for us. I appreciate his positive and patient approach to his customers and he is a real pleasure to work with. I am proud to recommend his services to our members.

Mary Morris, Executive Director, VAC

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Volunteer Corner



We are currently looking for volunteers to be on our new "Hospitality Committee" as well as other committees. Come join this fun party planning group or Find out more about our other volunteer opportunities!

Call Linda or Alexis at 941-485-7136.



Newsletter Announcement

Due to the high cost of printing and postage, we will no longer be printing the newsletter. We will be sending all future newsletters by email and they will be viewable on the website. If you have not provided us with your email address, please call so that we can add you to the list. If you do not have email and would like us to mail you a copy of the newsletter, please call us and we will be happy to send you a printed newsletter. Thank you for understanding.