



September 2024

APBC NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Welcome to the start of our fall activities as we shift our gears into outdoor engagements. We all welcome a cool breeze that will be here any moment! We have accomplished a lot over the summer and are happy to bring you reports of our many endeavors in this installment. If you could not make it to the opening of our New Member Show, stop by the Lake Park Library to see it and 'meet' our newest talented artists through their works.

This month, Artists of Palm Beach County is excited to introduce a new venue for us at Cugini Wine Bar and Gallery to kick off the winter season in South Florida for the month of November! We hope that you will all submit for the show and share your best Creative Perspectives. This is a space that is new to APBC and is ready for a show. We are looking to impact Lake Worth with our energy and mad skills. Let's bring it! Cugini Wine Bar and Gallery will have their own show (with several of our members accepted to it) titled WEST that opens Friday evening September 27th – check it out and don't be slow- tell them APBC sent you!



Tip of the month

When painting with oils, it is important to adhere to the three rules of oil painting. These are 'fat over lean', 'thick over thin' and 'slow drying over fast-drying.' Each layer of paint should be progressively more flexible, thicker and slow drying than the one below it to prevent the layers from cracking as you work.

President's Message Continued

Following our Creative Perspectives show, we will have The Hatch for December and January with events and workshops there too! If you have any ideas that you would like to see happen in this space/time feel free to contact me, and we will put like minds together and make things happen. Email our APBC, and in subject line put Dec/Jan. Let's do it!

Our Summer Art Salon, headed by Dennis Leon, is on for the fourth Monday evening, September 23rd, at 6:30 pm, at the Palm Beach Gardens Library. Bring a piece of your work to share and bring a friend! Linda Miller will be back to hosting this well attended and beloved event on the fourth Monday in October. All are welcome!

We have a wealth of experiences to share in our diverse and growing membership, which is currently around 150 members. We welcome all local artists and those who are interested in the arts. We are always looking to expand.

Hope to see you soon!

Mary Jane Zapp

President of Artists of Palm Beach County



ARTISTS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY PRESENTS
"Creative Perspectives"

CALL FOR ARTISTS

"Creative Perspectives"

October 30th - December 1st, 2024

OPENING RECEPTION - Friday, November 1st, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

AWARDING

\$100 for First Place • \$75 for Second Place • \$50 for Honorable Mention

Cugini Wine Bar and Art Gallery 804 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth, FL
33460 561-532-7691 artistsofpbc@gmail.com

Event description:

This exhibition aims to celebrate the many creative voices of our Palm Beach County artists. Each artist brings their own creative perspective to the field as they produce a work of art that is unique. One could take the title more literally as inspiration: as a photographer's choice of framing, a plein air's chosen view of a subject, an architectural painting's particular set of lines, an abstract expressionist's introspective or eternal resonance, or a conceptual work's thoughtful new take on things... but the call is open to any creative work and the perspective that your voice brings to the show. This is an open call to artists, both APBC members and non-members, for works in any media. Paintings, drawings, collage, mixed media, ceramics, photography, etc. can be included.

For more information please go to [CALL FOR ARTISTS | Artists Palm Beach](#)



ART SALON

Our own Dennis Leon, APBC Board Member, led our August Art Salon, giving a presentation on minimalism. It was well received, and we all learned a lot about editing and framing our work. This article is brief to show Dennis I was listening! Thank you Dennis! Well done!

Dennis will be hosting our September 23rd Art Salon as well!

Most who attended also brought a piece of their work to share and we had a lively discussion of each piece. Thanks to all who attended! It was an enriching evening!



APBC Strategic Retreat 2024: Charting Our Course for Growth

The Artists of Palm Beach County (APBC) Board recently held a strategic retreat to plan for the organization's growth through 2025. Board members came together for a full day to discuss directions, identify purposes, and develop action plans. The following information is a summary of the day.

Key Accomplishments and Updates:

- Membership: The organization has doubled its membership to 142 members and introduced new membership levels including “Art Lovers” and “Corporate” memberships.
- Salons: Attendance has increased, with plans for more diverse presentations in the future.
- Exhibitions: Successful shows were held at various venues with plans for the “New Members” show in the fall.
- Finances: Revenues have increased markedly in the past two years.
- Community Outreach: Partnerships with various organizations are flourishing.

Focus Areas for 2025:

- Three main areas were identified for strategic growth:
- Space, Venues, and Exhibitions: Plans include creating an exhibition committee, exploring new venues, and developing pop-up strategies.
- Volunteer Engagement: Initiatives include recruiting younger members, creating a high school volunteer program, and improving volunteer recognition. This initiative will grow future leadership for the organization.
- Marketing: Efforts will focus on rebranding, enhancing social media presence, and building relationships with other arts organizations and media outlets.

Next Steps:

Action plans were developed for each focus area with specific tasks, timelines, and identification of responsible individuals. These plans will drive upcoming board meetings and activities in the coming year. The retreat concluded with a sense of excitement about APBC's future and appreciation for all who contributed to its success. The organization looks forward to implementing these plans and continuing its growth as a vibrant arts organization in Palm Beach County.

We hope that this summary will inspire many to contribute to our future plans!



NEW MEMBERS EXHIBITION

On Saturday, September 14, 2024 we held the Opening Reception for the New Members Exhibition in the Lake Park Library Schuyler Gallery. The event was very well attended and everyone seemed impressed by the work and happy to network with each other. We were pleased that John and Joanne Linden were among the guests.

Twenty-two artists and 36 works were accepted into the show and Heather Bergstrom, the president of the Wellington Art Society, was chosen as the featured artist. Fernando Porras, an international known artist, was the Judge for Awards. He spent quite some time reviewing the work and gave First Place to Patricia Lappin for her abstract painting "Serenity." Heather Bergstrom received Second Place for her acrylic painting "Debutante." An Honorable Mention was given to Caryl Pomales for her acrylic painting "Featherlight." Judges Recognition Certificates were awarded to Katie Deits for her photograph "Achimedes Legatum," Barbara Bose for her oil on canvas "The Great Beauty," Sue Glick Carlson for her acrylic painting "Park Avenue Alley Cat," and Judy Flescher for her acrylic and collage "Flower Power."

Maxine Schreiber believes thank you is not a strong enough expression of appreciation to Karla Walter, Cindy George, and Lupe Lawrence for all their time and effort doing the take in, hanging of the show, and providing help at the reception. Thanks also to Carole Pichney and Janet Schreiber who helped at the reception with setup and cleanup afterwards and a nod to Phyllis Simon and Jeanne Martin who also helped out during the reception.

The exhibition will run until November 15, 2024 so if you missed the opening, make sure to stop by the library to see it. Everything is for sale so please invite friends, neighbors and family to do the same. More photos on next page >>>>>



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BACKPACK EXTRAVAGANZA

As we have for several years. Artists of Palm Beach County once again supported the Town of Lake Park Backpack Extravaganza by being both a monetary sponsor and providing volunteers. This year we were assigned the task of distributing almost 600 hot dogs to a hungry crowd to people who attended the event.

It was quite hot, but volunteers had little time to notice as they worked in a well-orchestrated assembly line to deliver the lunches.

Bonnie Summer, Deborah Fairchild, Carole Pichney, John and Joann Linden, Janet and Bob Rosenberg, and Mary Jane Zapp had volunteered for this event in the past and once again offered their help and experience to complete our task. Even Lake Park Town Councilwoman Mary Taylor joined our crew!

We were delighted to be joined by new members Lenore Orlowska, Mona Guynn, and Joy Siegel who were a vital part of the team. It was so nice to meet them in person and everyone seemed to have a very good time.

Volunteering is a great way to meet other artists and serve our community. We will have lots of opportunities to volunteer this year so look for notices in our newsletters and calls to members. Board Member Bonnie Summer said it was the most fun she had in any volunteer experience. We need your help as our organization is growing rapidly.



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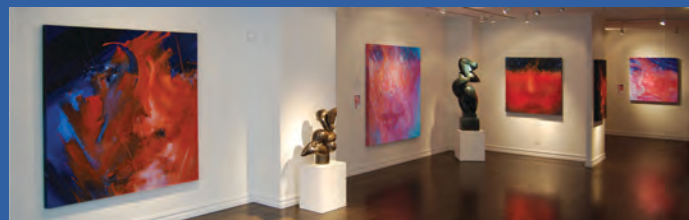
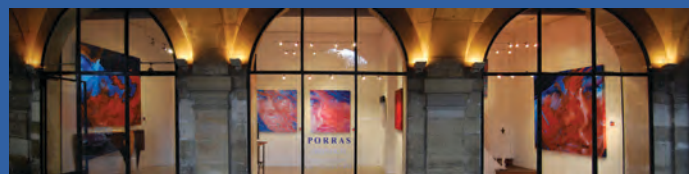
FERNANDO PORRAS

We were very excited to have Fernando Porras as our Judge for Awards at the New Members Exhibition in the Lake Park Library Schuyler Gallery, September 14 - November 15, 2024. A native Venezuelan, Porras has dedicated over twenty years to portraying the peoples of Amazonia, splitting his time between his studios in Paris and the United States and his work in the field among different tribes of Venezuela, Brazil, and Colombia.

Painting with oil on canvases that average six to seven feet, Porras studies how color, light, and the creative use of negative space have a unique effect when worked on large formats. His work is represented in some of the most prominent galleries in Paris, New York, Miami, Beirut, and Caracas, and has been exhibited extensively throughout the world, with multiple exhibits in Barcelona, Basel, Beirut, Chicago, Dubai, Hong Kong, Istanbul, London, Miami, Mumbai, New York, Palm Beach, Paris, and Singapore, among many others.

A collection of watercolors - the result of a project, which has taken him around the world for many years to create an illustrated children's book series - is under preparation at the moment. Sketches done in the Andes, the Galapagos Islands, Rome, Istanbul, and many other locations have now become beautifully detailed watercolors that serve as inspiration for the books and support their creation. Porras studied art under great masters like multiple national award winner Z.L. Feng, and has over eighteen years of experience teaching art at U.S. institutes, colleges, and universities. See more of the large format paintings, his work on the rainforest, and the sketches for the children's books at: www.fernandoporras.com

We are pleased that he has offered to provide us in the near future with a workshop on watercolor pencils, which is one of his favorite mediums.



Announcements

Abstract Visions is an abstract invitational exhibition in Stuart, where Deborah Fairchild has four of her paintings.

Abstract Visions runs from September 20 - November 2, 2024.
The Opening Reception is Friday, September 13th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Gallery Location & Hours:

Location – Court House Cultural Center, 80 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994
Hours – Tuesday 10AM–6PM and Wednesday–Saturday 10AM–4PM



September 10 - November 2

Opening Reception | Friday, September 13, 5:30-7PM

Featuring artists:

Alexandra Bruce, Patricia L. Cooke, Adrienne Davis, Victoria DiCesare, Julie Durkin Marty, Rick Eggert, Deborah Fairchild, Latonya Hicks, Mary Joan Hinson, Kimi Kuniyoski, Carol Lukitsch, Eileen Lyons, Dawn Inglis Montgomery, Nadine Saitlin, Alexandria Salmieri, J L Schwartz, Kyle Selley, Barry Shapiro, Norman Silva, Leslie Stokes, and Addison Wolff

Curated by Jane Kiehart and Kathy Saigh

Thank you Exhibit Sponsors:



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Court House Cultural Center Gallery Hours:
Tuesday, 10AM–6PM and Wednesday–Saturday, 10AM–4PM
80 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994
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Announcements

16th Annual Dining in the Dark



November 17, 2024

4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Tickets: \$125/per person
Table for 10 people: \$1000
at the

West Palm Beach Marriott

1001 Okeechobee Blvd
West Palm Beach, FL

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Book Club

Our next book club will be on Monday, September 30th at 11:30.

BROKEN SOUND COUNTRY CLUB

2401 Willow Springs Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33496

The cost is 25.00 (tax and tip included). Please bring cash.

Discussion is limited to 24 guests so if you are planning to attend, please send your email today
Priscilla Silverberg. pbcreations@aol.com

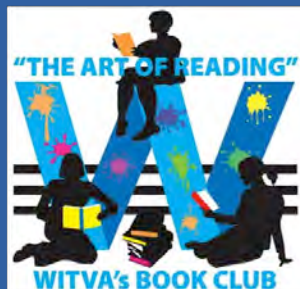
The novel we will be discussing is *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant.



In 1492 Alessandra, 14, had a love for art and philosophy, but as the youngest daughter of a wealthy cloth merchant was unable to express her wisdom. Her sudden marriage explores the life of young women during the Renaissance in Italy.

You will learn about the political and religious struggles among the Catholic Church, Savonarola, the Signoria, and the Medici, to society's oppression of women and queer people. However, the strongest overarching plot is Alessandra's own growth as a woman and artist. Initially rash and idealistic, she becomes more lenient with time, and not for society's peace of mind but for her own. She also never gives up on art — from grinding colors out of culinary leftovers to painting her own chapel, she achieves a level of artistry that, in spite of its mediocrity amongst the virtuosos of her time, satisfied her own ambitions.

Questions and Suggestions for future book selections, please email Beth bethloves@gmail.com





Enjoy the fall season!!

We Need Your Articles, Suggestions & Ideas

Please email your articles, suggestions, and ideas to Bonnie Summer
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We look forward to hearing from
you.

