

## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 2010

Last year's Fine Arts Festival, celebrating the great artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, with all its activities and the culminating "Perfect Paris Night Party" was an event that is still talked about around town. This year's Festival may just even top it because we have selected two artists!



Featured artists for this year's Fine Arts Festival will be none other than Leonardo DaVinci and Michelangelo; and, it has already been named "Leo vs. Mike".

**GET INVOLVED!** The first meeting of artists will be on Tuesday, May 11, at 1pm at the VAC. All interested artists should bring your art books and ideas of the art work you would like to recreate. All of the books in our VAC library are on hand for you to use as references, too. Please select at least two paintings, sculptures, etc. that you would like to reproduce. Detailed information will be given at the meeting. We are beginning about one month earlier than last year as we would like to have our painting coincide with the Summer Art Camp for Kids at the VAC. Several of the teachers would like to use the festival theme in their classes.

If you absolutely cannot make this meeting or if you have questions that can't wait, please contact Carole Cobb (941-255-0848 or [grafart@comcast.net](mailto:grafart@comcast.net)). Don't let one date stop you from enjoying the fun of being a part of this wonderful fundraising event for our equally wonderful art center.

There will be a planning meeting for everyone wishing to be a part of the Festival on Wednesday, May 19, at 2pm at the VAC. Come be a part of the fun! Remember, it is only because of artists and volunteers like you that we have such a jewel of a center!

## APRIL EXHIBIT DRAWS RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES

An all-time high number of 199 pieces were received for the joint PrimaVera and Sculpture Exhibit, on display from April 5-29. Not only did it keep the receiving committee moving quickly all morning, but it also presented quite a challenge to the hanging committee. And, as always, they rose to the occasion to present a beautiful show.

Patt Bacon was the winner of the People's Choice Award for PrimaVera with *Reaching for the Sun*, and Ted Appel was awarded the People's Choice Award for Sculpture for *Great Blue Heron on Post*. Both received \$50 along with a People's Choice ribbon.



1st Place (\$100) Sculpture & People's Choice  
*Great Blue Heron on Post*  
by Ted Appel



1st Place (\$100) PrimaVera  
*Spring Shadows* by Karol Wyckoff



People's Choice PrimaVera  
*Reaching for the Sun*  
by Patt Bacon

## BATTER UP ... GO STONE CRABS!



The Arts & Humanities Council has organized with the Charlotte Stone Crabs to present an Arts & Culture Night at the Friday, July 2, game. Participating cultural organizations will have 50 tickets to sell at \$12 each, with the Stone Crabs donating \$4 of the ticket price back to each group. And, each ticket purchased comes with a voucher for a free Stone Crabs hat. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the VAC front desk.

Organizations will be able to set up promotional tables and displays on the concourse and we will all be recognized before and during the game. If you are interested in volunteering to staff the VAC table, please email Michele at [vac@daystar.net](mailto:vac@daystar.net).

This is an excellent opportunity to promote ourselves to a different segment of the public, make a little money, and have some fun together!

On Exhibit here

**Middle/High School Art Show ... May 1-6**

Reception: Thursday, May 6, 5:30-7pm

**Children's Elementary Art Show ... May 8-19**

Reception: Saturday, May 8, 2pm

**Firecracker & Made by Hand Exhibits  
May 24 - July 8**

Receiving: Friday, May 21, 9am-12noon

Reception: Thursday, May 27, 7pm

Removal: Friday, July 9, 9am-12noon

## VAC Officers

Denise Henry, President  
Thalia St. Lewis, Secretary  
Therese Zeman, Treasurer

### Directors:

Patt Bacon                      Bruce Bagge  
Carole Cobb                    Bob Crispin  
Tom Hamilton                 Howard Hartke  
Sally Smith

Endowment Trust Designee

## VAC Endowment Trust

Ingrid Carroll, President  
Dorothy Strunk, Vice Pres/Secretary  
Ron Olsen, Treasurer

### Trustees:

Jane Brenner                    Rebecca Durig  
Guy Emerich                    Susan Krasny  
James Lawson                 Robert Peterson  
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## VAC Staff

Eileen Banis, Gift Shop Manager  
Ralph Bliven, Facilities Supervisor  
Shelley Cunningham, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Fread, Communications  
Michele Valencourt, Exec. Director

Your comments, suggestions, story ideas,  
and news about members are welcomed.

Please submit articles by the 15th  
of the month to Debbie Fread at:  
VACcommunications@yahoo.com.

welcome new  
members

**Faith Beaupre, Richard & Linda Bennett,  
Sharon Bodeau, Cheryl Bykowski,  
Dorothy & Mic Cahak, Sheri Cooper,  
Michele & Frank Dolce, Rebecca A.  
Douglas, Kathryn Erickson, Beth  
Geisenberger, Dale & Jennie Haessly,  
James H. Haisten, Eileen Ingels, Karen  
King, Veronica Kramisen, Bobbie Mears,  
Swaroop Muppavarapu, Nancy O'Connell,  
Joseph Palmerio, Kathy Przepadlo, Debra  
Sage, Susan Shaffer, Mary Sielert, Carol  
Stone, Donna Thewlis, Patricia Walther**

thanks for  
joining us!

Our *Deepest Sympathy*  
to member Christel Gerdel  
in the loss of her husband, Dave,  
who passed away April 9.



Two of our members who are volunteers here as well as outstanding artists, have recently won ribbons at the Annual Photography Show at the Art League of Fort Myers for their work in Photography. **Tony Pignone** (pictured here) won 3rd Place and **Sandy Poore** was graced with an Honorable Mention.



**Brenda Berdnik's** new Gallery Studio, located at 3055 Sultone Drive in Port Charlotte (Harbour Heights area) has many new artists and exciting events planned throughout the summer. Call 941-916-5570 for more info.

Congratulations to **Denise Horne-Kaplan** for receiving 1st Place Pastels at the Catherine Lorillan Wolfe Art Club in Soho, NY for *Longhorn Steer*. Denise was also just recently accepted into the Pastel Painters of Maine, International Juried Exhibit. Her piece, *Satin Mud*, was one of 62 accepted out of over 200 entries.

# Annual Member Meeting

## Thursday, May 27 - 6pm

All members are invited to join us for our annual meeting prior to the announcement of awards for the joint Firecracker & Made By Hand Exhibits.

### PROPOSED SLATE OF VAC OFFICERS

President..... Thomas Hamilton  
Vice President.....Thalia St. Lewis  
Treasurer .....Therese Zeman  
Secretary..... Carole Cobb  
DIRECTORS, TERM TO END 2012:  
Bruce Bagge\*                      Linda Bauman  
Jenifer Bettencourt                Patricia Condon  
Bob Crispin\*                        Sally Smith\*  
Jeri Webb

### DIRECTORS, TERMS ENDING 2011:

Patricia Bacon                      Howard Hartke  
Endowment Trust selects their own  
voting member to the VAC Board

### PROPOSED SLATE OF MEMBERS FOR VAC ENDOWMENT TRUST

President..... Ingrid Carroll  
Vice Pres/Sec ..... Dorothy Strunk  
Treasurer ..... Ron Olsen

### TRUSTEES:

Stacy Calvino                        Rebecca Durig\*  
Guy Emerich\*                        Carol Kerr  
Susan Krasny\*                        James Lawson\*  
Robert Peterson\*                    Constance Robison\*  
Larry Sandles                        Don Shirey  
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\*denotes currently serving

The 2009-2010 Annual Reports  
from the VAC and the Endowment  
Trust plus the 2010-2011 Budget will  
be presented along with elections.

## A NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

*Thank you, thank you, thank you... it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Visual Arts Center over the past five years. Working with dedicated volunteers, talented artists and generous members has been a great pleasure.*

*When you walk through our doors, it is hard to believe that the Visual Arts Center is a non-profit organization, run primarily by the grace of generous donations both large and small, volunteer manpower, and several annual fundraisers.*

*We are blessed by the dedication of staff, volunteers and artists who work together to create the premier art destination that enhances the quality of life in southwest Florida.*

*Please remember you are an integral part of the Visual Arts Center, your participation is vital to the future of this amazing facility.*

*It is my pleasure to be part of the Visual Arts Center family. Thank you, my friends, for this wonderful opportunity.*

*Sincerely,  
Denise Henry*

## GOFF gallery

There are three things to remember about the Goff Gallery in May!

First: Four member artists will be exhibiting their work in the Gallery. Brenda Cordis will be showing her oils, Thelma Daida will be featuring her works of various media, Pat Joiner will be displaying her watercolors, and Marilyn Whitten will be exhibiting her woodcut prints. The show will be on view from May 4-27. Second: There will be a reception to celebrate the exhibit on Friday, May 7th, from 5:30-8:30pm. The public is invited to attend. And third: On Friday, May 14, Marilyn Whitten will be giving a printmaking demonstration. Her background includes a family printing business, gallery ownership, art judging and graphic design. Those attending will be able to see the types of tools used, the inks, and the materials used in woodblock printing. Marilyn will demonstrate the process and techniques she uses in creating a print, beginning at 11am.

Gallery Chair Dotty Mattoon invites everyone to attend and shares a sneak peak for June...

Southport Square resident artists will be featured in Goff from June 1-24. You are invited to stop by any time and especially for the reception, catered by Southport Square, held 3-5pm on June 3. Former VAC instructor Jean Lasselle, now living at Southport, is among the featured artists. Look for more information in the next newsletter.



## jewelry arts grp!

Congratulations to Maria Buscani, voted in unanimously as the new JAG President. We have an exciting project lined up that should interest all, so please read on. At the regular May 14th meeting, Dianne Brooks will teach us to make a chain bracelet. Then on the fourth Friday of May we will complete it. On the following second Friday meetings, different instructors will teach us how to make different charms (enamel, resin and UTEE, stained glass, pictures, bead weaving, polymer, PMC, stamped, and etched). Each charm will be completed in the fourth Friday sessions. By April 2011, we will have a lovely bracelet with charms representing all art forms. Please join us!

## VAC gift shop

New to our shop is artist Marie Dyer who has her popular and colorful pieces for sale now. Marie's work has appeared in numerous SW Florida publications including *Southern Living* and *Chico's Magazine*. She was also recently featured as artist of the month on our website.

And while they last... it's BOGO time for the VAC wine glasses on display. At only \$3 a piece (that's actually 2 for \$3 now) they are quite the bargain!



Prospective new consignors for the VAC Gift Shop may call in September for an appointment. No new consignors will be taken from May through August.

### Last Chance to Claim What's Yours!

The VAC LOST & FOUND BOX will be cleared out at the end of May, so please stop by the front desk to see if something belongs to you!



## plein air painters

The VAC Plein Air Artists meet Mondays 9am-12noon in Punta Gorda and surrounding areas. All levels and mediums are welcome. No instruction – no fees. Come join us! Our May schedule is:

- 3 The Wyvern Hotel (101 E. Retta Esplanade, up on the roof top, 8-11am)
- 10 Matlacha, Pine Island (11438 Island Ave., maps available on website)
- 17 History Park (501 Shreve St.)
- 24 Placida/Fishery Restaurant (Take 41 north, turn left on 776/McCall Rd., turn left on 771; Fishery is on the left just after a bridge)
- 31 Bayshore Oak Park (22959 Bayshore Rd.)

Start painting for our VAC Plein Air Art Show this summer – June 28-August 12 – at the Goff Gallery! (See website for details.)

Check out our website ([www.vacpleinair.webs.com](http://www.vacpleinair.webs.com)) for directions along with information about upcoming events, plus you can join the site and post on our blog.

If you have any questions or location suggestions, please contact Clare Harvey ([clareharveyart@hotmail.com](mailto:clareharveyart@hotmail.com)).



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**Coming up NEXT**

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**VAC Closed May 29-31**  
 in observance of  
 Memorial Day

**Summer Hours**  
 (Monday-Friday, 10a-2p)  
 begin Tuesday, June 1st



**ART CAMP**  
for KIDS ages 6-12



**POTTERY CAMP**  
for TEENS ages 13-16



**VIDEO-MAKING**  
for 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS only

Four 2-week sessions on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10am-12noon (except video class\*). Each session will explore different projects and techniques.

**SESSION 1:** June 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18

**SESSION 2:** June 21, 23, 25, 28, 30; July 2

**SESSION 3:** July 6\*, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 (\*Tuesday due to holiday weekend)

**SESSION 4:** July 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30



Registration begins May 3<sup>rd</sup> (in person or by calling 941-639-8810) and space is limited. Check the VAC website for more information.