

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

BIRD KEY YACHT CLUB

Thursday, January 20 | 11:00 am

The Bay Park: Our 53-Acre Blue & Green Oasis

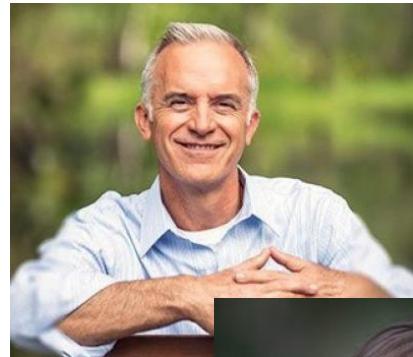
We are witnessing the birth of what is sure to be the defining feature of Sarasota for generations to come - a legacy that will improve air and water quality, foster the physical and mental health of the community, increase property values, tax revenues and commercial activity, and serve as a social gathering place and center for arts and cultural programs.

The Bay Park is well underway now. Visitors can enjoy the restored Fountain Garden and the new half-mile Mangrove Bayou Walkway. Additional features of Phase 1 include the Living Shoreline, the Sunset Pedestrian Boardwalk, and The Lawns. Community programs such as free concerts, yoga classes and eco-walks will soon be frequent events.

We are excited to hear more about the development of The Bay at our January Program Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, at Bird Key Yacht Club. Chief Implementation Officer William Waddill and Chief Experience Officer Jeannie Perales of The Bay Park Conservancy will be our guest speakers.

Sarasota will forever be identified with this magnificent "Blue & Green Oasis." Don't miss the opportunity to learn about The Bay from the team that is creating it.

[Register now by clicking on this link:](#)



Top, Bill Waddill, center, Jeannie Perales,
above, Bay Park Phase One

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we look to 2022, what's on the horizon for Arts Advocates? Our team leaders have been busy arranging terrific programs for our members and guests.

Already on the [activities calendar](#) for January are a Tampa Museum of Art educational tour and a workshop on note making. Also, you can learn more about Sarasota's bountiful collection of public art on a Five Points Park Area walking tour. Our luncheons have been scheduled for the next few months and in January we will get an update on progress of The Bay Sarasota project.

Paintings by member Violetta Chandler are on display in the Arts Advocates Gallery until January 15. Art works by Liz Trostli will go on exhibit January 22nd and Liz will be painting in the Gallery window.

When we began in-person programming with our October luncheon, health care experts felt the worst of the pandemic was behind us. But then came the omicron variant that is presenting new challenges for organizations like ours.

Be assured that we are following developments closely and will be communicating any changes in programming to you on a timely basis. Our primary concern will always be the health and safety of our members.



We ask again that you abide by our Covid policy of wearing masks at our functions and strongly urge that you be vaccinated and have received the booster shot.

I look forward to meeting many more of you in 2022 at our Gallery and events!

Jeannette Paladino
Jeannette Paladino, President



Read Our Blog

Click on this [link](#) to read our latest blog post, "Fanfare for the New Year."

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We Appreciate Your Support

We want to express our deep appreciation for the generosity of all Arts Advocates members who donated to our year-end fundraising campaign. If you would still like to donate – whatever amount – we will be most grateful.

[Just click on this link.](#)

We are primarily a self-funded organization and depend on our members' contributions for our operating expenses. Fortunately, in 2021 we received our first contribution from a corporation and our first grant from The Arts and Cultural Alliance. We will continue this outreach effort moving forward.

Throughout the coming year, members may continue to make donations through our website or by mailing a check to The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota at PO Box 1432, Sarasota Florida 34230.



Not to Be Missed

Join Arts Advocates docent-led tour of the **Tampa Museum of Art on Wednesday, January 12th.**

Our tour will focus on *Taking Shape: Abstraction from the Arab World, 1950s–1980s*, exploring mid-20th-century abstract art from North Africa, West Asia, and the Arab diaspora—a vast geographic expanse that encompasses diverse cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious backgrounds.

The exhibition is drawn from the collection of the Barjeel Art Foundation based in Sharjah, UAE. Inspired by Arabian calligraphy, geometry and mathematics, Islamic decorative patterns, and spiritual practices, the artists expanded abstraction's vocabulary—thus complicating its genealogies or origin and altering how we view non-objective art. Comprising nearly 80 works, the

paintings, sculpture, drawings, and prints on view reflect the wide range of nonfigurative art practices that flourished in the Arab world over the course of four decades. You will also have time to visit other galleries in the Museum.

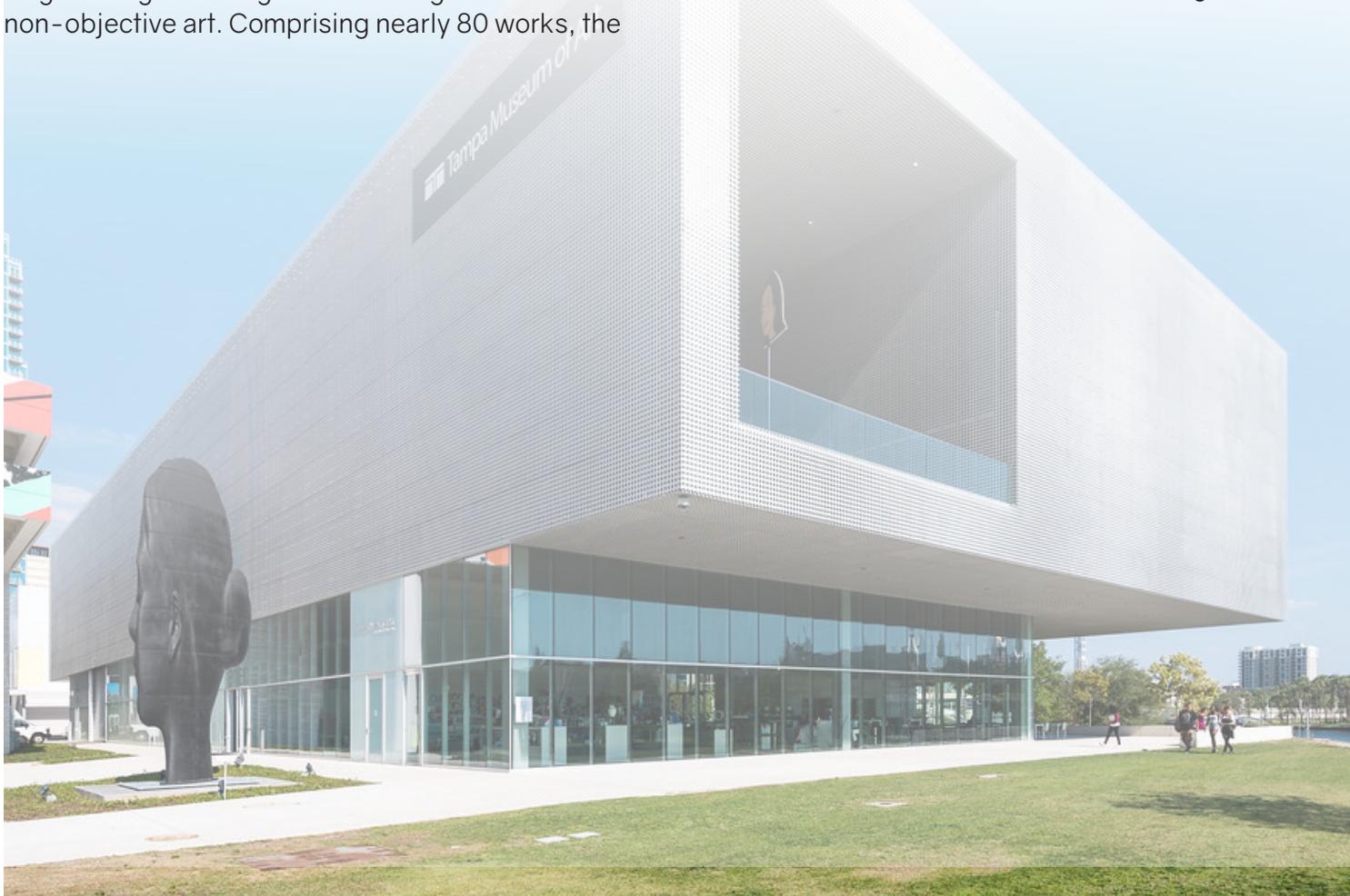
The tour begins at 11 a.m. and will finish about 12:30 p.m. Registrants will receive museum guidelines and driving directions. The Museum is located at 120 W. Gasparilla Plaza.

THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE.

To register click on this link
no later than January 9th .



The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.



ARTS ADVOCATES NEW OFFERING!!!

THREE PUBLIC ART WALKING TOURS OF SARASOTA

Sarasota is a 24/7 Museum, with more than 80 pieces of public art that are free and accessible for everyone to enjoy. These works are found everywhere – from parks to busy intersections, from the bayfront to downtown. Chances are you walk past public art every day without thinking much about it. Let's change that.

These tours, organized and led by members and docents Judy Levine, Stephenie Frasher and Nanette Crist, offer participants an opportunity to learn about Sarasota's public art legacy, individual works, and the artists who created them.

The cost of each tour is \$28 for Arts Advocates members and \$30 for non-members.

To register for the January 14th tour click on this link. 

Participants will receive an email with instructions about where to meet for the tours. Minimum tour size is 10 people; maximum tour size is 20 people. This is a GREAT outdoor activity to share with friends. If you are a step counter, you'll add them up.

Tour 1

Downtown Sarasota Five Points Park Area

Date: January 14th | 11-12:30

Tour 2

Downtown Sarasota City Hall Area

Date: February 14th | 11-12:30

Tour 3

Rosemary District

Date: March 11th | 11-12:30

OUR EXHIBITING ARTIST

Elisabeth Trostli

Elisabeth (Liz) Trostli will be our member artist exhibiting her works at the Arts Advocates Gallery from **Saturday, Jan. 22 – Feb. 19**. She will be painting in the Gallery window on the opening day of her exhibit.

A native Brazilian, Liz moved to New York in 1961. She received a BFA and MAE at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design, majoring in Illustration. She became a successful free-lance commercial artist and designer serving the jewelry, advertising, stationery and giftware industries located in Providence.

In 2011, Liz relocated to Sarasota where she works as a digital painter, bringing creative ideas and imaginings to life using modern tools of technology to create original hand-rendered illustrations, antique papers, exquisite embellishments, photography and geometrical fractals in a multi-layered unique, decorative collage.

Her digital paintings are available printed and mounted on gallery-wrapped canvas, and/or archival paper, greeting cards and even on fabric. She is represented by the Uptown Gallery on Palm Avenue in Sarasota.



A selection of artwork
by exhibiting artist,
Elisabeth Trostli

Create Dazzling Note Cards

You don't need to be an artist to join in the fun at a workshop where you will create note cards for yourself, your friends or even to frame. That's how beautiful they'll be!

Our instructor is **Judy Cole**, an arts and crafts teacher with over 20 years of experience. She will bring all the supplies – you just bring your creative self to the Arts Advocates Gallery.

You'll get beads, feathers, and other ornamentation to create your personal masterpieces. At the end of the session, you'll have made at least four note cards with envelopes to go with them.

Attendance is limited, so register now for this fun event! **Registration closes January 25.**

Event Date:

Thursday, January 27th
11 am – 12:30 pm

Location:

Arts Advocates Gallery
Crossings at Siesta Key Mall, Rte. 41
and Siesta Drive, Sarasota
(Use mall entrance next to Connors
restaurant and turn left)

Members: \$15

Non-members: \$20



We Need a Bit of Your Time and Talent!

Do you enjoy learning about the arts in Sarasota? Are you proud of the thriving arts culture in our community and interested in helping strengthen that culture? Are you ready to offer just a few hours of your time to help Arts Advocates in its mission? Whatever time you can give will be greatly appreciated! And your own life will be enriched through your involvement.

Program Luncheon Speakers - The Program Committee is looking for new members who can help set up our schedule of luncheon speakers for the 2022–2023 season! If you have ideas about topics Arts Advocates members would enjoy – speakers who would further our mission of inspiring creativity, advancing education and connecting the community to the arts – we would love your input! You may be asked to serve as the contact for a speaker, research and/or write an article for the newsletter and introduce the speaker at a luncheon. We'll be brainstorming via Zoom in January, so please contact either Rennie Carter (renniecarter@comcast.net) or Nancy Roucher (nancyroucher@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th**, to let us know you're interested or to ask any questions you may have.

Gallery Hosting - Volunteers are also needed to spend quality time with our fabulous Sarasota Colony Artists collection as a Gallery Host or Hostess on Saturdays from 2–5 pm. Hosts welcome visitors coming into the gallery, telling them about Arts Advocates and our current "Museum in the Mall." You don't need to be an expert! While hosting in the Gallery, read the text accompanying the Colony Artists' works – beautifully written by our curator Mark Ormond – and learn the fascinating connections between these historic Sarasota artists. Our mission statement includes engaging the community. Please consider joining us to achieve our goals! Contact docent team leader Stephenie Frasher at stephfrash@comcast.net.

Educational Tours – We are resuming our educational tours in January. We would love to have your ideas for future educational tours, and we could also use some help with the logistics for setting up these tours. If you have ideas for new tours, please contact Barbara Hyde, bhyde@bhyde.net.

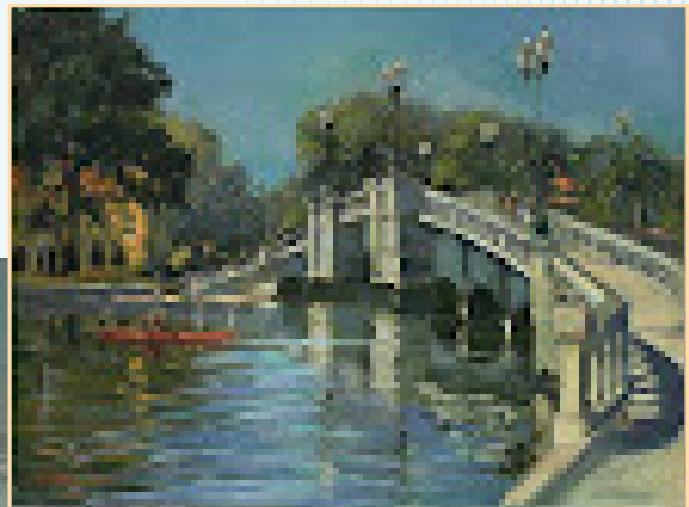
Workshops – We will be resuming our popular workshops in January. Team leader, Judy Levine, has done a great job in scheduling workshops for the season. We welcome your suggestions for future workshops and feedback. Please send your comments to Barbara Hyde, bhyde@bhyde.net.

Become involved in these rewarding experiences as an Arts Advocates member. We hope to hear from YOU!



Works by **Violetta Chandler**
will be on exhibit in the Arts
Advocates Gallery until
Saturday, January 15th.

The gallery is open every
Saturday from 2:00-5:00 pm.



Dressing up at Designing Women

Arts Advocates members and guests celebrated the holidays at [Designing Women](#). We shopped, sipped wine and enjoyed hors 'd oeuvres while browsing through the merchandise before buying the items we loved. AA President Jeannette Paladino (left) and Donna Maytham, Past President, model the dressy jackets they bought.

It was a fun event, and 60% of the proceeds from purchases of items donated by members are always contributed to Arts Advocates, because we are a member of the shop's selective Ground Works program.

Please continue to donate your gently used items to the shop – and consider Designing Women the next time you need something for yourself or a gift for a loved one. You don't even need to visit the shop because you can shop [online](#).



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From Our Sarasota Artist Colony Collection: Meet Martha Dye Hartman

From an early age, Martha Dye Hartman dreamed of being an artist and hoped to attend the Ringling School of Art. During WWII, she worked for the Army Air Corp in Orlando and later met and married William Hartman, an established artist.

The couple settled in Sarasota where they opened the Hartman School of Art and the Hartman Gallery. The Hartman's son, William, owns and manages the William Hartman Gallery on Palm Avenue.

Martha frequently exhibited her own work and was actively involved in the community by serving on the boards of the Ringling School of Art and The Sarasota Art Association which is now the Art Center Sarasota.

In 1953, recognizing that female artists were not receiving equal opportunities to exhibit and sell their works, Martha founded the [Petticoat Painters](#).

Today, this group is one of the oldest arts organizations in America, continuously exhibiting art by women. Membership is limited to 20 highly qualified artists and the name continues to be used both to honor the founders and to acknowledge the group's historical significance.

Martha is represented in the Arts Advocates collection with her painting "The Third Ring."



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