

Best New Art Gallery!

Sarasota Magazine, in its recent “The Best of Sarasota 2022: Editors’ Picks,” named the Arts Advocates Gallery as the Best New Gallery!

We are grateful to the many people who have made the Gallery such a success as we approach our one-year anniversary. Kudos to: Donna Maytham, Stephenie Frasher, Cecelia Conder, curator Mark Ormond, Bill Rusling, and our docents: Anita Harris, Barb Sander, Beverly Burger, Carol Darling, Judy Levine, Meg Krakowski, Nanette Crist, Sharon Saatsoglou, and Sandy Williams.

Thanks, too, to the volunteers who staffed the Gallery and welcomed visitors. None of this could have happened without the hard work of so many of our members. Bravo!



“Arts Advocates has long been a collector and exhibitor of works by Sarasota artists, including our well-known Sarasota Colony luminaries. But when it opened its own space in the Crossings at Siesta Mall, it found a more permanent home and a spot where docent-guided tours could enlighten visitors. It has also offered a series of programs, talks and other events open to the public. 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, artsadvocates.org.”

- Sarasota Magazine

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It was a joy to be at the May luncheon that honored our 2022 scholarship winners. Four of them were present to receive certificates in recognition of their achievements, plus a \$2,000 scholarship.



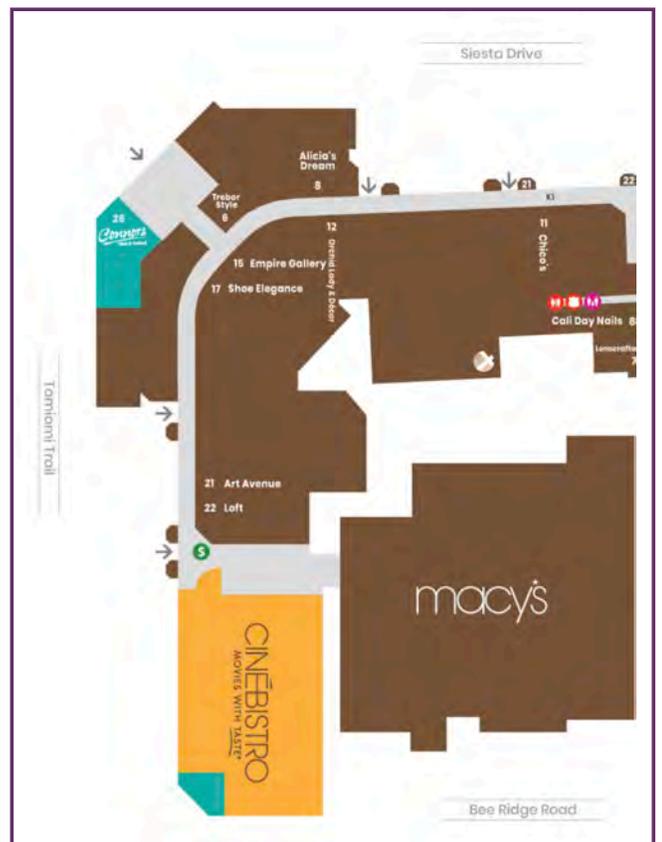
Luca Stine played a piece on his trumpet. Lillian Fox and John Quigley showed us several of their paintings and Emma Pritchett walked us through the schematic of a building she designed in a class project.

Such talented young students. They are our future and through the generosity of our members our scholarship program has become one of the highlights of our season.

To those of you who are traveling north for the summer, bon voyage. To those of you who will be staying locally, stay tuned for our summer programs. And visit our Gallery that is open from 2-4 pm every Saturday with a free docent tour at 3 pm. Bring your friends, too!

Jeannette Paladino
Jeannette Paladino, President

Enter the mall at Siesta Drive and Tamiami Trail. Follow the arrow to the mall entrance next to Connors restaurant. Walk in and make a quick left turn. Our Gallery is on the right.



Read Our Blog

Click on this [link](#) to read our blog post, "Breathtaking Glass Art"

JUNE SPECIAL EVENT

Lunch with SAM

(Sarasota Art Museum)

June 16, 11:00 am

Register by June 9!

Enjoy one of Sarasota Art Museum's delightful "pub" lunches while hearing all about this wonderful museum from its executive director, Virginia Shearer. Then, after lunch, enjoy a **complimentary tour** of the museum led by a docent.

Virginia Shearer joined SAM last August. Some of her previous museum experience includes director of education at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, deputy director for education at Tampa Museum of Art, and director of education at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.

If you'll be in town, this event is a **must!!!**

Please [register NOW](#) because it is limited to 35 people. \$35 for members; \$38 for non-members. Don't miss it.

Three lunch choices will be available from their seasonal bistro menu. One will be a vegetarian choice. For special dietary needs, contact Joan Endrizzi, jendrizzi@verizon.net.



Virginia Shearer



Daniel Lind-Ramos –
"Las Tres Marias"

2022 Scholarship Winners

We hosted four of our ten 2022 scholarship members and their guests at our May luncheon. Those who attended were treated to a trumpet solo by winner Luca Stine. Lillian Fox and John Quigley showed examples of their artwork and Emma Pritchett took us through her building designs. Each of the scholars received a certificate of recognition for their accomplishments and a \$2,000 scholarship.

The contributions of Arts Advocates members and other donors have made these awards possible. Thanks for your continuing support of this program that has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarship aid.



Above: Photo of scholarship luncheon guests



Scholarship team member Julia Groom (in striped dress) with Lillian Fox. Lillian Fox is also a ballet dancer and appeared as the Lilac Fairy (center) in a recent student production of “Sleeping Beauty”



Debra Altshul-Stark,
Co-Team Leader,
Scholarships, with
John Quigley



Emma Pritchett
with Julia Groom



Tonya Eubank, Co-Team Leader,
Scholarships, with Luca Stine

Dazzling Note Cards



Below; Susan Rawson (l), Jeannette Paladino and Tonya Eubank show off three of the cards they made at the “Create Dazzling Note Cards” workshop.

Left: Member Judy Cole brought all the materials and facilitated the workshop.



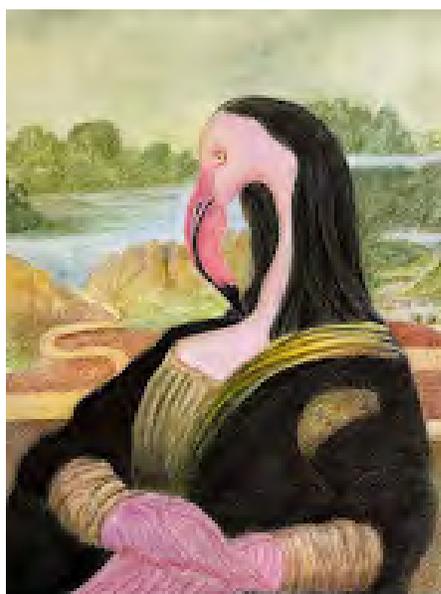
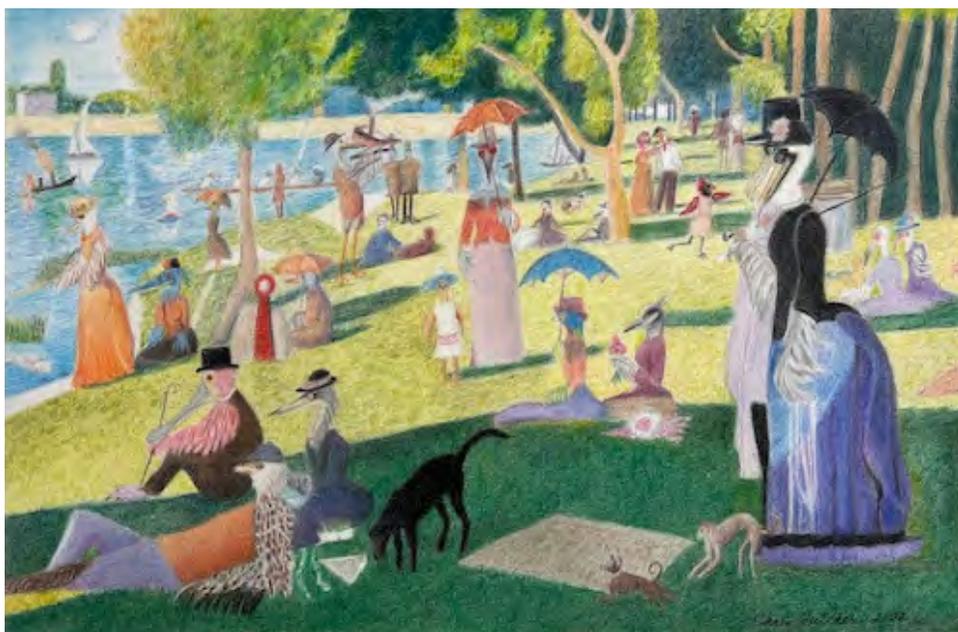
ARTS ADVOCATES MEMBER ARTIST

Chris Butcher

Butcher's exhibit will be available June 25 through July 23.

"I honestly don't remember a time that I was not drawing. In college I majored in elementary and special education but spent much of my free time painting pictures to decorate the dorm rooms of my friends.

Over the years I have tried most mediums but have "mostly" settled on colored pencil. Recently I have been working on a new series that I call "*The Bird People*." I decided to remake famous paintings in colored pencil but change ALL the people into birds! Sounds crazy but so much fun and forces me to be even more creative!"



GroundWorks Earns \$5,000 for Arts Advocates

In January 2021, Arts Advocates was privileged to be accepted for membership in GroundWorks, a unique program of Designing Women Boutique. As members of GroundWorks, eight Sarasota non-profits are given the opportunity to raise funds through their members' donations of gently used items to Designing Women Boutique. When Arts Advocates items are sold, we receive 60% of the sales price.

Our members responded generously to our appeals for donations to Designing Women, which resulted in our receiving a check for \$5,000 at the annual presentation ceremony held on the Ringling College campus.

Jeannette Paladino, president, and Carol Hirschburg, GroundWorks team leader, represented Arts Advocates at the ceremony. They were joined by Luca Stine, a three-time Arts Advocates scholarship awardee, who entertained the gathering with a trumpet performance of "Stardust." The check presentation was made by Janice Zarro, GroundWorks project chair.

We are grateful to Designing Women Boutique for the opportunity to participate in GroundWorks. And, of course, we thank you, our generous members, for your donations.

Donations may be made to Designing Women on behalf of Arts Advocates Monday through Saturday. We urge you to continue to give so we can meet our 2022 goal of \$10,000.



Carol Hirschburg (l), Luca Stine, Janice Zarro

BEN STAHL, COLONY ARTIST, NOTED PAINTER, ILLUSTRATOR AND AUTHOR

Ben Stahl is represented in the Arts Advocates Collection by the disquieting painting, *Thunder On the Beach*, and a charming smaller work, *Alice Mattock At Spirit Lake*.

Perhaps Stahl is best remembered by his paintings that disappeared. His dream was to create a museum of paintings depicting the Stations of the Cross. While the museum and exhibit became a reality, sadly, in 1969, thieves broke into the museum, meticulously removed each painting from its frame, rolled up the canvases and disappeared. The thieves left behind only two paintings - *The Resurrection* and *Silent Prayer*. The other works have never been recovered.

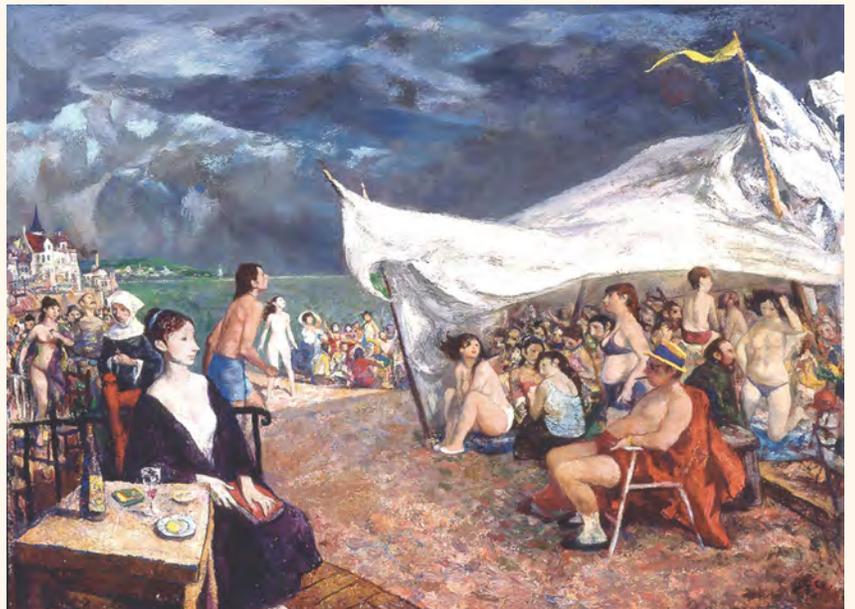
As late as 2013, the investigation was reopened by the Sarasota County Sheriff's office. To this day, the Stahl family is offering a reward for the return of these extraordinary paintings. As the artist had heavily invested emotionally and financially in the project, the loss of the paintings and the demise of the museum had a profound effect on the artist's life.

Stahl won many prizes and his work appeared in popular magazines such as *Esquire*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*. His contemporary, Norman Rockwell, was said to greatly admire Ben Stahl's work.

Stahl published two novels, *Blackbeard's Ghost* and a sequel, *The Secret of Red Skull*.



Top: *Mattock of Spirit Lake*
Right: *Thunder on the Beach*





What's happening?

...Summer program for
the Gallery....July...
Cool off and join us for
a Conversation with the
Petticoat Painters...
Art Talks with Wine...
dates to be announced..



Arts Advocates has launched a collaboration with the Sarasota County school district. As part of the Sarasota County Spring Art Show 2022, we awarded \$100 to middle schooler **Jessica Truong** in South Sarasota County for this colorful pencil drawing of a woman's face.

We also awarded \$100 to North Sarasota County winner **Moxie Bonifield** for his black-and-white artwork "Desperation"



Casa de Kids Celebrate at our Gallery

Our “Museum in a Mall” was the scene on May 7 of a celebration of Cinco de Mayo to benefit the nonprofit 501(c)3 Casa de Kids working out of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Casa de Kids was founded in Sarasota eight years ago to empower disadvantaged youth in the region of Oaxaca with education and life skills, enabling them to break cycles of poverty.

Sixty people at the Arts Advocates Gallery nibbled on Mexican style bites, margaritas, and cervezas and participated in a silent auction to raise funds for Casa de Kids.



FACEBOOK ETC

Did you know that Arts Advocates has a Facebook page?

By Stephenie Frasher

I was delighted to learn that Arts Advocates has a Facebook page, a Twitter account, and a YouTube presence! And I thought I was on top of things!

Our Facebook page is updated regularly by our Public Relations specialist, Kelly Fores. Here is the site: <https://www.facebook.com/fineartsrq/>

You can also access our Facebook page if you head to the bottom of our website.

In the middle of the webpage, you will see the following symbols under the word Arts Advocates:

The “f” is Facebook.... click on this and it will take you to the webpage!



This is what it looks like...scroll down the page and see all the posts.

If you have a Facebook account, please follow <https://www.facebook.com/fineartsrq/>

If you do not have an account, you can access the web page from our website! Now you can see regular updates and be in the know!

Twitter is the small bird and YouTube is the forward arrow icon. They work the same way...click and go! Enjoy!



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