

# SARASOTA ORCHESTRA LOOKS TO FUTURE

**Sarasota Yacht Club**  
**October 20**  
**11:00am - 1:00pm**

Our October 20th luncheon speaker, Sarasota Orchestra President and CEO, **Joseph McKenna** will describe the Orchestra's plans for the construction of a new state-of-the-art, acoustically engineered concert hall to be built on Fruitville Road.

**The venue is also expected to alleviate major scheduling issues for local music organizations as well as elevate the quality of music that reaches every seat in the house.**

As the oldest continuing orchestra in the state of Florida, the 76-member orchestra performs more than 100 classical, pops, chamber music and community outreach concerts every year. The organization's educational activities include the renowned Sarasota Music Festival, a youth orchestra program featuring seven ensembles, a series of concerts for all area fourth and fifth graders, and a summer music camp.

Arts Advocates luncheons will be held at the **Sarasota Yacht Club** this year, on the third Thursday of the month from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



*Joseph McKenna*

**REGISTER FOR THE OCTOBER  
20TH LUNCHEON HERE.**





## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we go to press, many of our members are still suffering from the lingering effects of Hurricane Ian. I hope that you are now safe and beginning to recover from any physical damage to your home.

If you want to donate to help Sarasota residents, consider giving to your favorite charity. Or the All Faiths Food Bank, which is distributing much needed food and supplies during this disaster. Donations can be made by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you at the October 20th luncheon with speaker Joseph McKenna, President and CEO of the Sarasota Orchestra who will discuss the Orchestra's plans for a new concert hall on Fruitville Road in Sarasota.

**Reminder:** All Arts Advocates luncheons are now being held at the Sarasota Yacht Club, 1100 John Ringling Blvd.

*Jeannette Paladino*  
Jeannette Paladino, President



# Step Out with the Sarasota Cuban Ballet School



The Sarasota Cuban Ballet School is a unique and special arts organization in our area. We have a rare opportunity to tour the Ballet School, see costumes, and observe a class in progress. Towards the end of class, we'll join dancers on the dance floor to try some movements (or you can just watch). Then we will enjoy a rehearsal of a future performance.

The school is one of the few in the US specializing in the Cuban training method which revolves around athleticism, passion, and grace.

The workshop visit, on November 2, will begin with a light continental breakfast at 9:30. Program begins at 10 am and ends at 11:30. If you plan to try some ballet movements, you'll need to wear flat shoes or sneakers (no heels). A minimum of 10 people is needed for the tour with a maximum of 25.

Directions: The school is located on the campus of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida at 4740 Cattlemen Road in Sarasota, between Bee Ridge and Proctor Roads. Turn off Cattlemen onto Whirlaway Drive and follow the signs to the Sarasota Cuban Ballet school, the tall building at the rear of the campus.

**TO REGISTER CLICK  
HERE**



# PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR YEAR-END CAMPAIGN

To continue to offer you outstanding programs and award scholarships to deserving students planning for careers in the arts, we need your help. Please consider donating generously to our year-end campaign.

Here's why:

- **Sarasota Magazine recognized Arts Advocates as The Best New Gallery.**
- **Walking Tours, Art Talks and Van Wezel Art and Backstage Tours that are often sold out.**
- **Inspiring luncheon programs that keep members current about art in Sarasota.**
- **Arts Advocates community outreach programs that attract support from local foundations.**
- **Scholarships that are awarded to aspiring students pursuing careers in the arts. Over \$1 million has been awarded thus far.**

In the last week of October, you will receive the details about how to make your annual contribution and ensure that Arts Advocate successfully “conserves the past and invests in the future.”



# A NEW COLLABORATION



Michele Redwine speaking with Paul Toliver, an independent art dealer who specializes in promoting works by black artists like Cora Marshall, Dan Houston and Michele Redwine.

The event was the opening reception for Cora Marshall's exhibit, "In and Out of Time."

In collaboration with The Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative and The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, Arts Advocates was pleased to feature **"In and Out of Time,"** a month-long exhibit of works by artist Cora Marshall.

The opening reception of Marshall's work drew a large attendance. Michele Redwine, Founder and President of The Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative, and Paul Toliver, who represents black artists, described the work of The Collaborative. Its goal is to advocate for greater exposure to Artists of African descent and provide educational forums/symposia to expose students and art patrons to the work of artists of African descent.

In February 2023, Arts Advocates will join the Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative by

participating in a project titled "Visions in Black," a juried art show that will be open to the public. The Arts Advocates gallery will be one of three sites where the works will be on view.



Michele Redwine with Lisa Berger, Executive Director of Perlman Music Program/Suncoast.

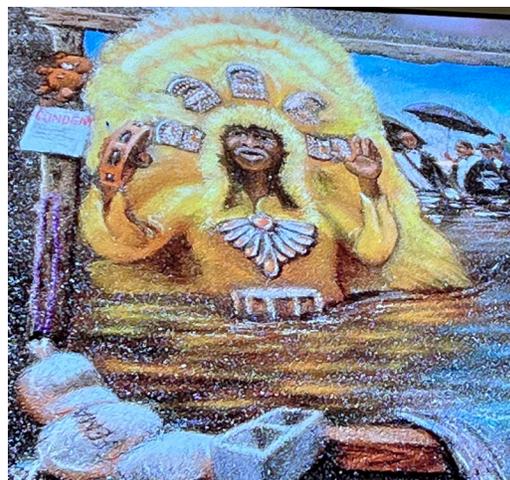
# CHALK FESTIVAL TALK



The audience was captivated by Denise Kowal, founder of the Sarasota International Chalk Festival, at a recent Art Talk in the Arts Advocates Gallery. Denise shared its evolution into the only International Chalk Festival in the world. Nanette Crist moderated.

This year's Festival will be held from October 28th - 31st at the Venice Municipal Airport. The theme will be "A Spirited Museum in Motion." In addition to the chalk art, this year's Festival will feature pavement "tapestries" made by artists from Italy, Spain, India, and Mexico using natural materials such as flowers and sand.

For more information go to [www.chalkfestival.org](http://www.chalkfestival.org).



# GALLERY ARTIST

# MEG KRAKOWIAK

Our member featured artist exhibiting at the Arts Advocates Gallery in October is Meg Krakowiak, a contemporary award-winning artist, best known for her intriguing color palettes and playful compositions.

Her gallery and working studio are located on historic Palm Avenue in downtown Sarasota. She is also represented by Sarasota's prestigious Palm Avenue Fine Art Gallery.

***“When starting a new piece of work, I think about the concept and the composition. But COLOR is always my inspiration. I work from memory,” says Meg.***

“Paying attention to the color palettes in nature and how they change, I make mental notes of what I see and feel. Utilizing water-based materials, I work quickly, often in tempo with my favorite songs, creating and exaggerating the colors to share a memory with the viewer, hoping to teach them to see the colors around them as well. I create with joy.”



Above: *Catching Umbrellas*; Right top to bottom: *A Gift of Many Colors*, *Bayside Beauty Basic Level*, *Emerald Bay*, by Meg Krakowiak

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## DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS TO BENEFIT ARTS ADVOCATES



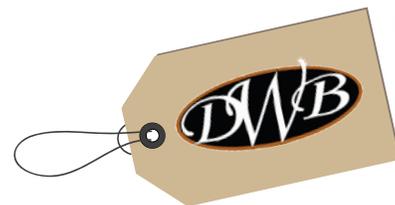
The change of seasons is the perfect time to clean out your closets and cupboards and to donate your gently used upscale items to Designing Women Boutique. Your donations may include clothing, shoes, purses, artwork, tableware, and furniture.

Arts Advocates is a member of the shop's GroundWorks program. When your items are sold, Arts Advocates is awarded 60% of the sales price. Remember to tell the shop that you're donating for Arts Advocates when you drop off your items. The address is 1226 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 941-366-5293

Last year, our first as a GroundWorks member, we earned \$5,000. We hope to exceed that amount this year. That's why it's so important to bring those items you no longer need to Designing Women.

Please note that if you have large items of furniture or artwork to donate, we can arrange to have Designing Women pick them up. For information, contact Carol Hirschburg, Art Advocates Team Leader, at 941-822-0198 or [carolhirschburg@gmail.com](mailto:carolhirschburg@gmail.com).

Thanks so much for your generosity!



# MEET COLONY ARTIST EUGENE (GENE) B. WHITE

Eugene White is represented in the Arts Advocates Collection by two works: Homecoming and People to People (The Butcher Shop). Like many other Colony artists, White attended the Ringling School of Art in the 1940's and, upon graduation, he began teaching landscape painting in Sarasota.

**White is a nationally known impressionist painter and is recognized as one of the artists that made Sarasota Art Colony artists famous. He has exhibited in juried art shows throughout the United States and is known for his keen perception of light and use of primary colors.**

His works often depict African American subjects going about their daily lives and his paintings are distinguished by the way they convey the mood of his subjects. He accepted private commissions for portraits but is best known for his landscape paintings.

It is unusual to have another nationally known artist named Eugene White; however, the San Francisco based, African American artist is Eugene E. White. He opened the first African American gallery in the United States and published a magazine as well as his biography titled *Jabo's Boy*.

There is also a distinguished economics professor named Eugene N. White who is associated with Rutgers University.



*Top: Butcher Shop  
Right: Home Coming*

# save the dates

## Walking Tours

Sarasota is known for its art and culture. And while you might think that means sitting in a theater or exploring a museum, our city has a wealth of public art continuously on display in its parks, on its streets and on its buildings for all to enjoy. Lace up your walking shoes, grab a bottle of water and join Judy Levine, Nanette Crist and Stephenie Frasher for a 90-minute tour of some of our city's sculptures and murals. You'll learn about Sarasota's public art and the artists who created it, with a lot of fun facts thrown in along the way.

**+ January 20**

Cocoanut Avenue/Palm Avenue Area

**+ January 27**

City Hall/Five Points Park Area

**+ February 3**

Rosemary District

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## Tours and Workshops

**+ January 30, 2023**

Drawing Workshop  
Arts Advocates Gallery  
12 noon to 3 pm

**+ March 7, 2023**

Edison Kirsch Mansion at  
Phillipi Creek  
10:30 to 11:30am

**+ February 1, 2023**

Ringling College Tour  
10:00 am

**+ April 25, 2023**

Elling Eide Center Tour

**+ February 10, 2023**

Memory Box Workshop  
Arts Advocates Gallery  
1 pm to 3 pm

# save the dates

## 2022-23 Luncheon Programs

The Arts Advocates Programs Committee is excited to announce the following lineup of programs for the 2022-2023 season:

**+ October 20, 2022**

Sarasota Orchestra President and CEO Joe McKenna will tell us about the upcoming season and plans for the new facility on Fruitville Road

**+ November 17, 2022**

Panel discussion with the artistic directors of Sarasota's Equity theatres (Asolo Rep, FST, WBTT, Urbanite)

**+ January 19, 2023**

Sarah Wertheimer on how the growing international juried competition "Embracing Our Differences" enriches lives through diversity and inclusion

**+ February 16, 2023**

Pedro Reis and Dolly Jacobs of The Circus Arts Conservatory on the legacy and future of circus arts

**+ March 16, 2023**

Michele Redwine on Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative's initiatives to promote interest in art created by artists of African descent

**+ April 20, 2023**

Jeffery Kin on plans for a new citywide arts festival

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Mark your calendars now for these luncheon programs scheduled to be held at the Sarasota Yacht Club, 11am-1pm.



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