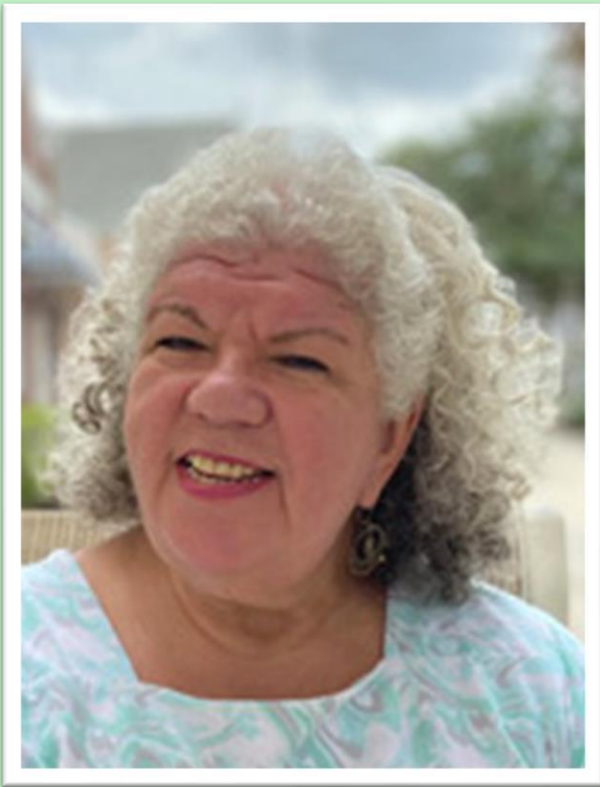




CPPG COLORED PENCIL POINTS



President's Message – Mattea

Truppe

First, I was to thank Alice Errett for accepting the position of Vice President. Please see the article about her in the newsletter. Congratulations Alice!!!

February is here. Don't forget. Valentine's Day is on the 14th. A judged show hangs in Lake Minola with paintings by our talented members. Dennis from DK Art will be at our February 12th meeting entertaining and educating us in delightful ways.

Our Jubilee is March 15th, so many are preparing for this event which will celebrate us as a guild.

Thank you for all you do!

Beginners Group – Mary Tougas & Pat

Buckert at 3rd Monday at Laurel Manor

Calling all new members and beginners.

If you are new to the guild and would like more information, please attend the 3rd Monday of the month from 9:30-10:30 at Laurel Manor and meet with Mary Tougas or Pat Buckert. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Colored Pencil Cruise 2025 – Peter Kushner

Pencil Painters Cruise: Mattea, Peter, Pat, AJ and others had the pleasure of touring the Celebrity Equinox on Saturday, January 11th. The ship is beautiful and has been refurbished since its 2009 grand opening. The classroom can be divided into two sections with large displays in each section. Bonny and Pat have been asked to put together a supply list so all attendees will have lots of time to get any missing supplies. Pat was also asked for the example of the portrait she will be teaching; she said she is currently working on the portrait.

The glassblowing studio is right next to the lawn on one of the top decks. Students in the glassblowing classes may choose one of 12 projects to create; all of which look really nice. The spa is really nice with heated, tiled, stationary lounge chairs as well as a nice indoor pool. The spa is freely available to all people staying in Aqua class staterooms.

We were treated to a free lunch which was delicious - we are all going to experience a real treat onboard.

There will be a zoom presentation by Bob Cook from Go Travel on Thursday March 20 at 1:00 in the Everglades Recreation Center, entitled “What to know before you go.” This is an extremely important presentation as it will address:

- What will not be allowed onboard the ship
- What you should bring
- General reminders

Everyone taking the cruise, whether attending the classes onboard or not, is strongly encouraged to attend or to connect to the zoom session remotely. The link to the zoom session will be provided at a later time as well as a PowerPoint presentation for those who can't connect.

Do you know? -- Angie Fox

Are you aware of the recent incident involving a highly regarded local artist whose original masterpiece was stolen and is now being sold for over \$3,000 without her consent or compensation?

This unfortunate situation underscores the pressing need for artists to be vigilant in safeguarding their work, especially in the age of social media and advanced technologies like AI. We invest considerable time and effort in crafting our beautiful creations, and the thought of seeing them sold elsewhere under someone else's name is disheartening.

To protect yourself, consider implementing the following measures:

- 1) **Adjust Privacy Settings on Social Media:** Take control of who can access your artwork by reviewing and adjusting privacy settings. For instance, on Facebook:
 - a. Click your profile picture on the top right corner.
 - b. Navigate to Photos, then Albums
 - c. Select the desired album and click Edit Album
 - d. Adjust the privacy setting to your preference (e.g., Friends).
 - e. Save the changes.
- 2) **Watermark Your Artwork:** Utilize watermarks to add an extra layer of protection to your images. Explore various watermarking options, such as the Watermark app. Keep in mind that while watermarks provide some defense, they can still be removed from photos.
- 3) **Mitigate Damages:** Assess the extent of the situation and decide how far you want to pursue corrective action.
- 4) **Remember,** the paramount objective is to keep creating and expressing your artistic vision. Don't allow concerns about plagiarism to hinder your passion for producing beautiful art. Stay inspired and continue contributing your unique perspective to the world.

Member News -- Peter Kushner

This is a new addition to our newsletter. Each month please send Peter Kushner (peterkushner@me.com) any news of interest including but not limited to:

- Art shows where members are displaying.
- Any awards won, please include show name, show location, award and if the painting will be displayed - how long.
- Art shows that may be of interest for members to show their work
- Art shows of interest just to see wonderful art
- Locations where members may find inspiration for new paintings.

Art Shows:

- Peter Kushner will be displaying art at Art Around the Square (a VAA show) on January 26 from 1:00-3:00 at the Spanish Springs Square
- February 1st there will be a judged show at Lake Miona Recreation Center, followed by a reception on Sunday February 2.
- Peter Kushner, Victoria Peterson and Meg Hay will be displaying art at the VAA Winter Fine Arts Show in Laurel Manor Rec Center on February 8 from 9:00-3:00.
- Jane Bowman created a miniature painting named "Joy!". It is 3.5 by 2.5 inches and it will be displayed along with over 800 entries at the Gallery of Creative Pinellas in Largo, FL. The 50th anniversary show runs from January 2025 to February 9, 2025.



Please come out to show support for our fellow members

Awards:

Recent recipients of awards for art were Victoria Peterson, Meg Hay and Grace LeMieux

Programs --Jane Stankewicz



HE'S BACK!!!

Dennis Kaminski of DK Art Supply and Framing in Leesburg will be joining us. His knowledge and expertise of all art mediums is invaluable.

At this meeting, he will help us understand the differences in colored pencils and will also teach us blending techniques.



When Dennis joins us - expect the unexpected!



Judge Show – Victoria Peterson

May 3rd will be our next judged show with a reception on May 4th. Get some of your original work framed, and think about entering.

Library – Lynn Locke (book of the month)

Our book review this month is "Colored Pencil Secrets for Success" by Ann Kullberg. Ann is a great color pencils artist, and this book will not disappoint. Ann demonstrates how to critique and improve your paintings, how to master the details that can make the difference in your paintings by learning what is needed to get off to a great beginning with the right tools. She starts off by briefly showing some of the basic color pencil techniques. She then demonstrates by using a photo of her.

For an updated list of books in our library, please go to CPPG website. Click Resource, then click Library.

For any questions or further information, please call or text Lynn Locke, our librarian, at 203-623-6370 or email Lynn at lynnlocke54@gmail.com.

Membership count – Angie Fox

This month, we're thrilled to welcome two new members to the guild, bringing our total membership to 190!

We're also excited to share that New Member Orientations are now held at 9:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month at Laurel Manor. The Orientation Team is confident this new schedule will give new members a better chance to explore colored pencil art and deepen their connection to our guild. I personally think this change is fantastic!

If you know someone interested in joining the Colored Pencil Guild, please encourage them to attend an orientation. It's a wonderful way to discover what we're all about and see what makes our community so special.

Finally, if you haven't picked up your name tag yet, please stop by the Membership Table at our next monthly meeting—I've got it ready for you!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon,

Sunshine – Carol Wood

Dec cards were sent to:

Pat Buckert.... illness

Paula Buttler.... illness

Betty Kushner... illness

Jan cards went to:

Pat Buckert... illness

Paula Buttler... illness

Rudy Paul... illness

Renee Conboy.... illness

Mattea Truppe illness

Have a great day! Carol

Workshops-

Everglades – Mattea Truppe

Everglades Workshop we will meet on Thursday February 20th at 1:00. We had 10 artists working on their own projects and two new people.

Laurel Manor – Pat Buckert & Jane Stankewicz

Get ready for a morning full of creativity and fun. Join us at Laurel Manor workshop on the first and third Monday of the month from 9:00-11:30. It is the perfect opportunity to work on your next project for the next judged show. If you need help, there is always someone there to assist you. We're excited to see you there!!

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Rohan – Victoria Peterson

February 19th will be the next Rohan workshop. 9:30 to 11:20. Bring your current project and questions or if you are new come learn to paint with colored pencils.

Lake Miona - Barbara Perron

Lake Okahumpka – Meg Hay/Peter Kushner

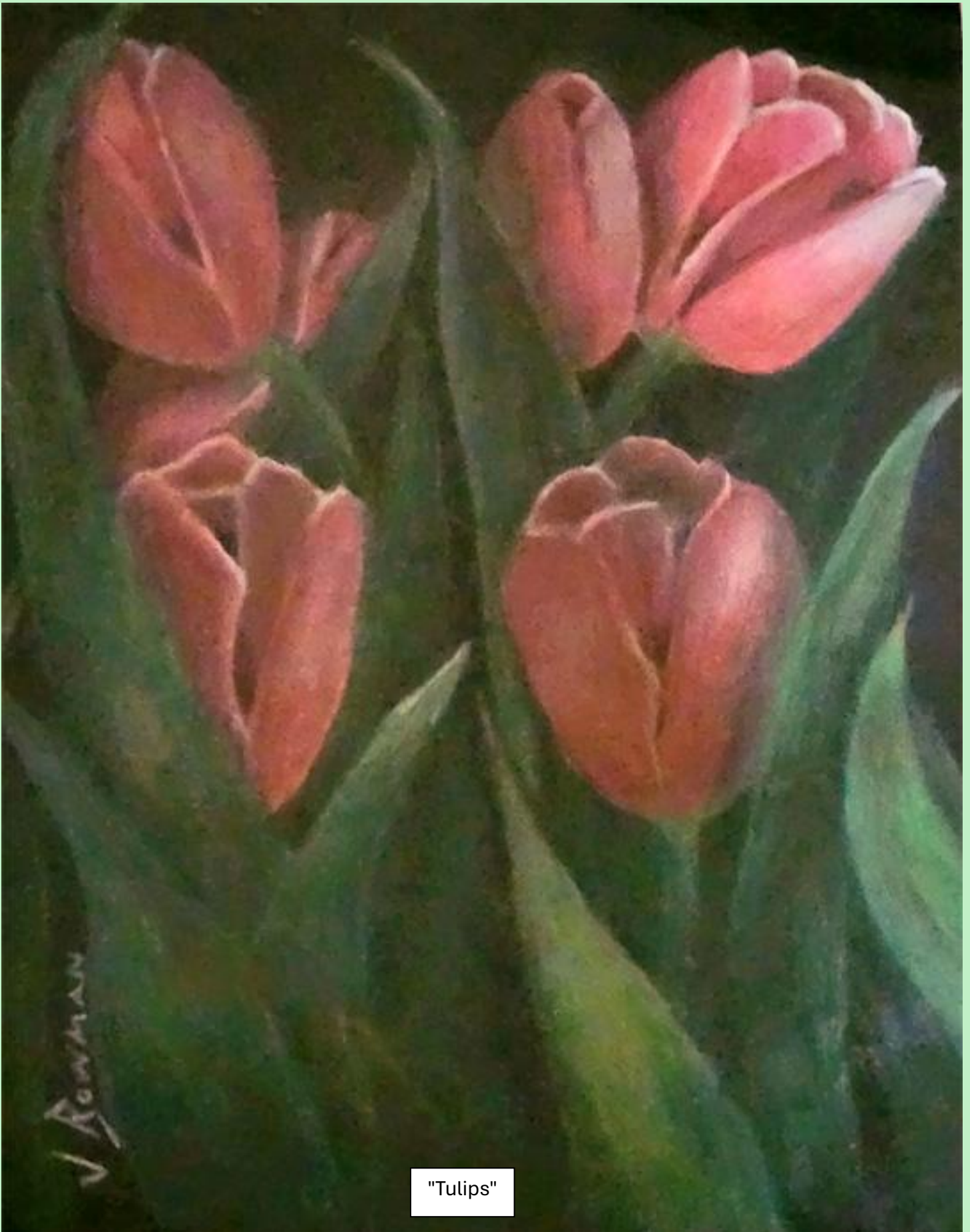
We meet at Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center on the THIRD Friday of each month. We look forward to seeing CPPG members on Friday, February 21, from 1 to 3 pm, in the art room at Lake Okahumpka. This recreation center is off Meggison Road, just 2 miles south of Brownwood Square at the entrance to the Village of St. Johns. If the weather cooperates, you are welcome to sit outside on the screened in lanai, with its nice view of the lake. Be sure and bring a seat cushion as the chairs outside are not very comfortable. Your hosts at this workshop are Peter Kushner and Meg Hay.

Featured Artist Jane Bowman — Bob Galbraith

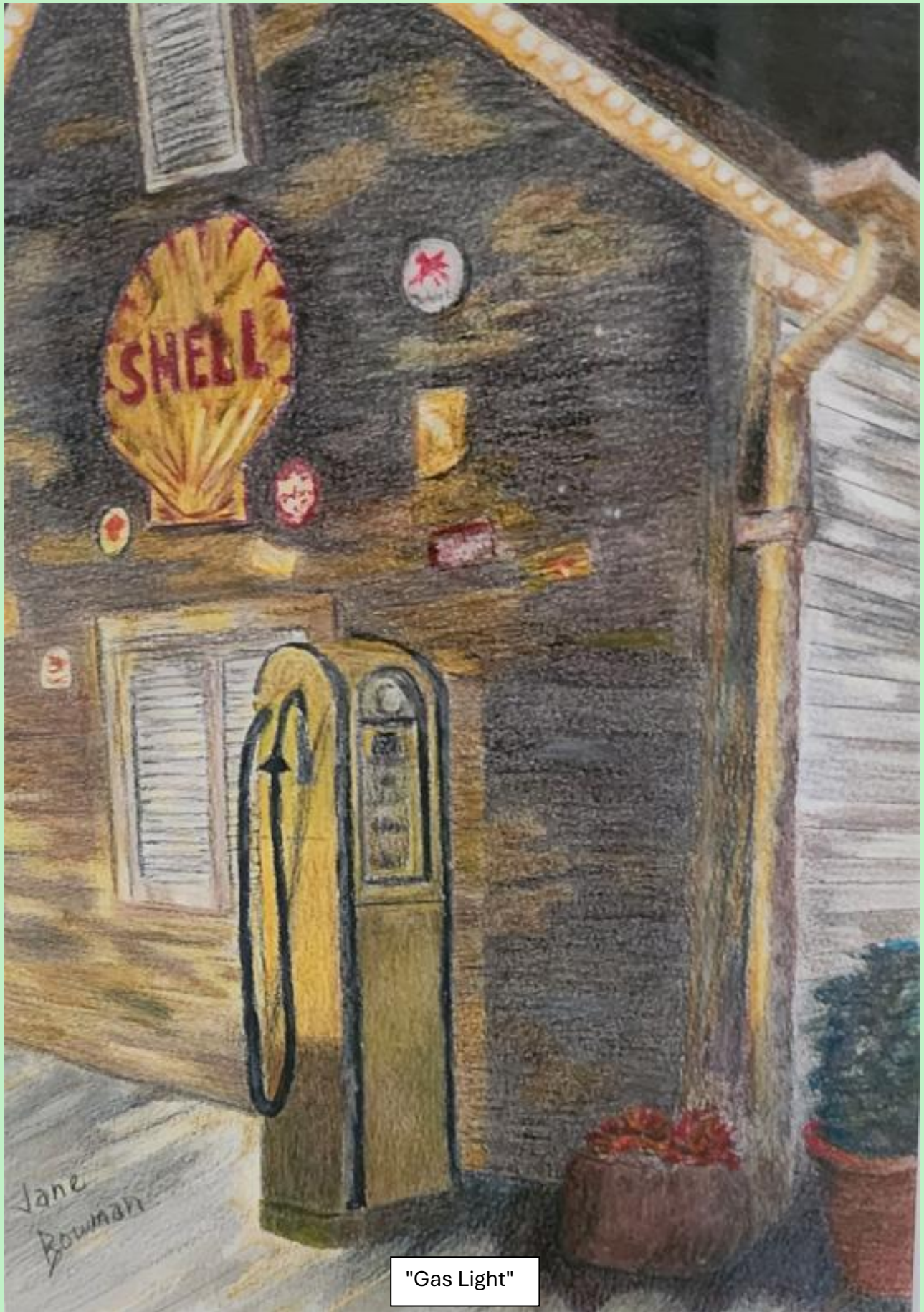
Starting out as snowbirds from Minnesota in 2007, my husband, Larry, and I became full-time Floridians in 2016. My colored pencil instruction started with Nan Klein, through the Enrichment Academy, before there was a Colored Pencil Painters' Guild. I had some experience with oil and watercolor paints and pastels, but none with colored pencil and never formal instruction.

I've attended workshops with nationally-known artists, but have gotten just as much valuable information by attending workshops with members of the guild and the art community in The Villages, both VAA and VAL. I was told many years ago that if I wanted to excel in my art, I should pick one medium and stick with it. I didn't follow that advice because I just don't have a favorite, but enjoy all art media, which surely accounts for art supply closets that are out of control.

My artistic journey has been a happy one, assisted by Julie McGlone, Frank Zampardi, Nan Klein, and Jan Jones, to name a few. That person with the advice? She has excelled in her painting to become a teacher and recognized by both the national and state watercolor community. My modest goal has been to find joy in my art, and that I do.



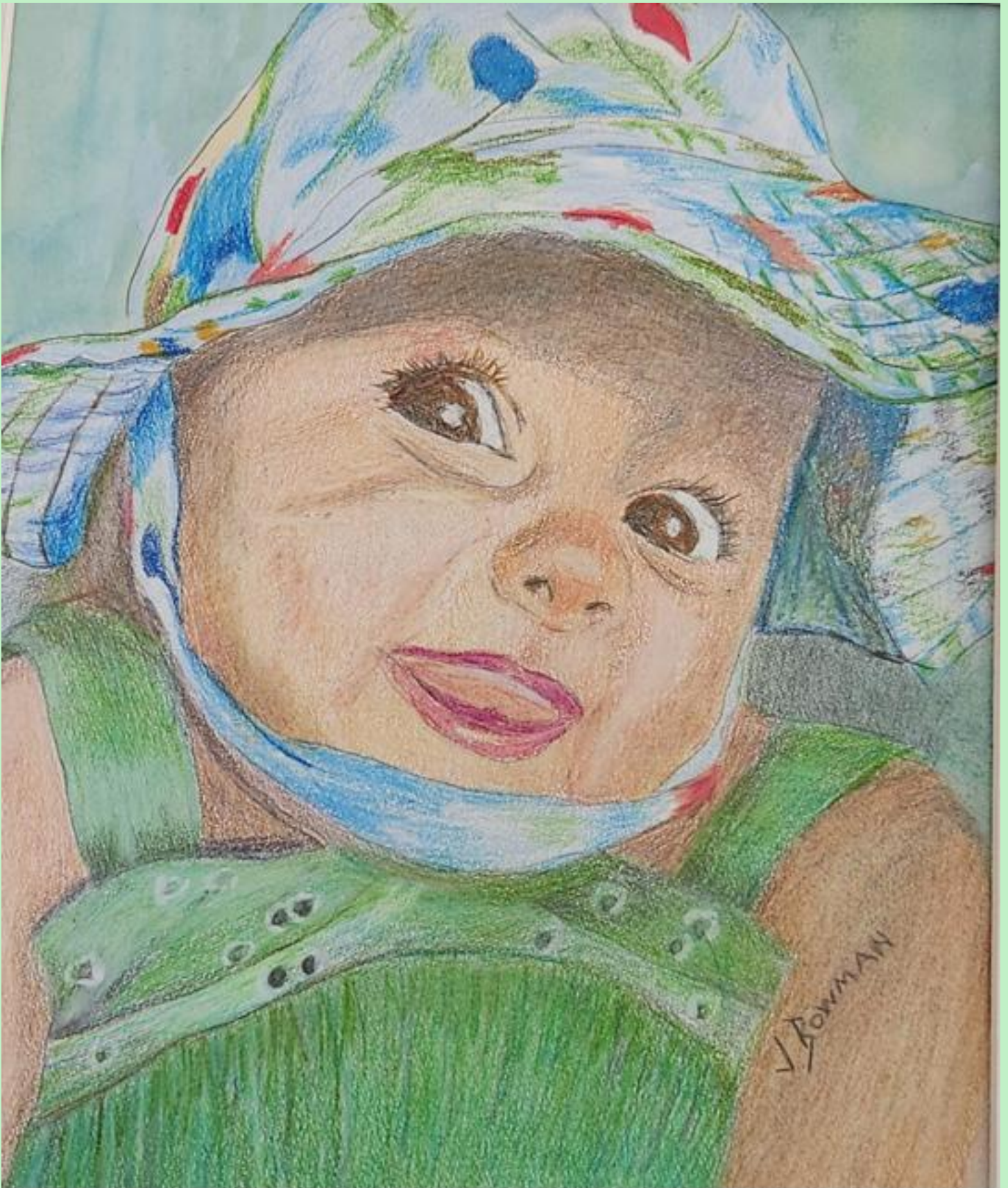
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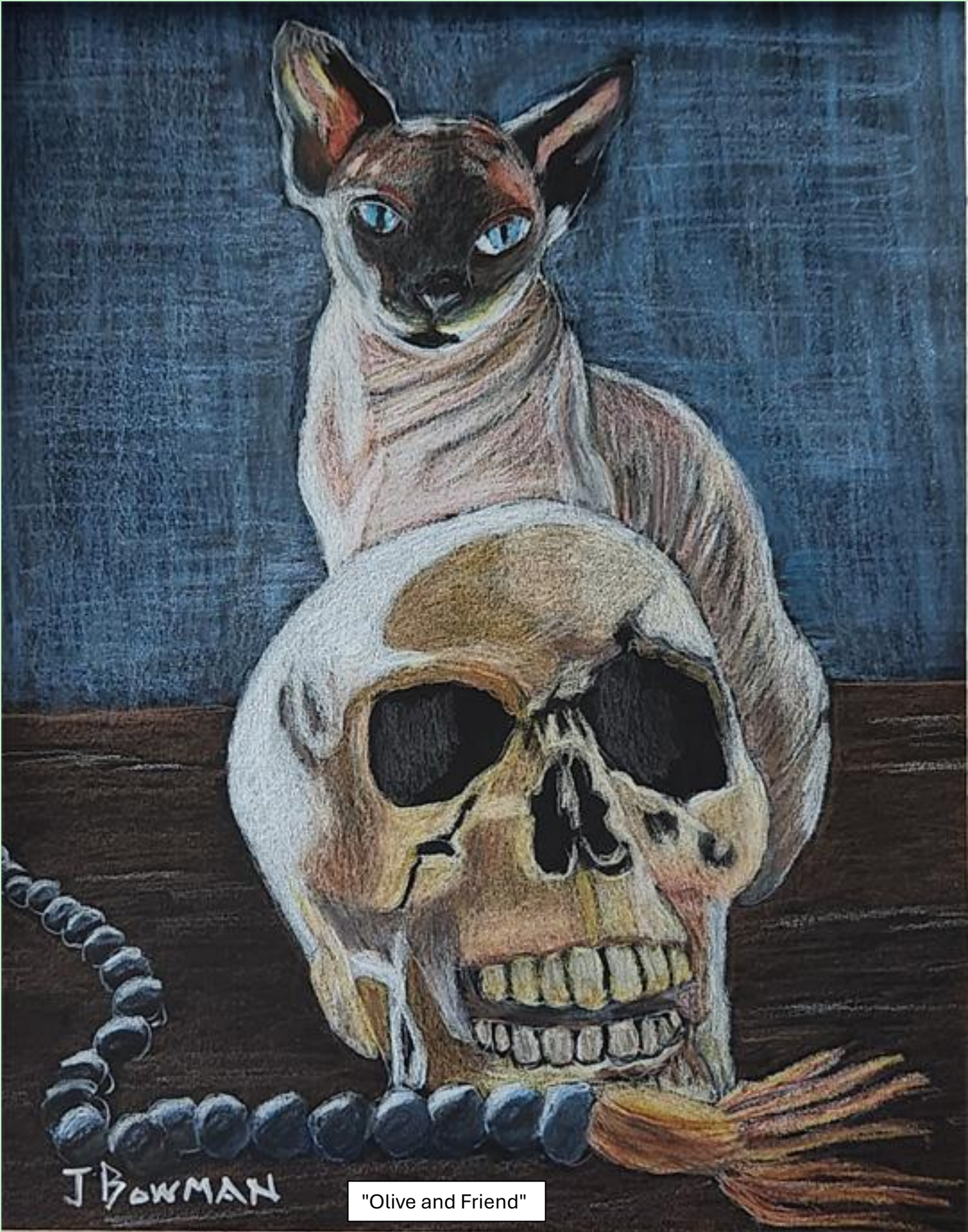
"Gas Light"



"Budding Artist"



"Delilah"



"Olive and Friend"



"Thomas"



"Light and Shine"

Calendar – Mattea Truppe - into Newsletter and Web

February 2025

Date	Place	Team Leads
Feb. 1 Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 am	Lake Miona Drop Off Judged Show Paintings	All Members
Feb ,2 Sunday 1:00 - 300pm	Lake Miona Judged Show Reception	All Members & Guests
Feb. 3 Monday 9:00 am	Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop	Pat Buckert & Jane Stankewicz

Feb 6, Thursday	Bus Trip Miniature Show	Pre-Paid members & guests
Feb. 7 Friday 10:00am	Bridgeport Rec Center Planning Meeting	All team leads & officers
Feb. 12 Wednesday 9:30 am	La Hacienda Rec Center Monthly Meeting	All Members + Dennis of DK ART
Feb. 17 Monday 9 am	Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop	Pat Buckert & Jane Stankewicz
Feb. 19 Wednesday 9:30 am	Rohan Rec Center Workshop	Victoria Peterson
Feb. 20 Thursday 9:30 am	Everglades Rec Center workshop	Mattea Truppe
Feb. 21 Friday 1:00 pm	Lake Okshumpa Rec Center Workshop	Meg Hay & Peter Kushner
Feb. 26 Wednesday 9:30 am	Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop	Barbara Perron & Mary Tougas
Feb. TBD	Program Meeting	Jane Stankewicz & Program Team
Feb. TBD	Jubilee Meeting	Jubilee Team

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Last page Services & Classes provided by Members – open to all Members

Education – Pat Buckert & Meg Hay

The Enrichment Academy

Colored Pencil 1, 2 and 3 as well as Watercolor Pencil Fundamentals and Fundamentals of Drawing are currently underway. All of these courses are taught by CPPG members.

The next session begins in April 2025. Classes will include Fundamentals of Drawing 1 and 2, as well as Colored Pencil 1 and 2. Plus a Colored Pencil Portrait class will be offered. Look for The Enrichment Academy course catalog in late March.

The Village Art Center -Pat Buckert

Parrot in watercolor pencil

Taught by Mark Menendez

- March 17 & 18 2025
- Register online at villageartworkshops.com
- \$261 payable to Wanda Boyd

Art Materials

I have some art supplies that I would like to sell. My husband passed away and I don't do artwork. I have a few different sizes and textures of art tablets. I also have colored and graphite pencils and erasers. Contact: Pauline Knittweis, Tel. No. 352-753-9460. ricpaulknittweis@aol.com.