CPPG COLORED PENCIL POINTS

President's Message
Cathy Stone

Hello Colored Pencil Artists!

You are a part of the most interesting club in The Villages. The demos that we have had at our General Meetings have been outstanding. At our last meeting we created our newest Holiday card, designed and taught by Jane Bowman! We are expecting to receive twenty copies of everyone's version of the Holiday card so we can distribute them to various retirement homes, hospitals and other facilities. Please bring them to the meeting at Everglades on November 19, 2026, or to any open studio. If you would like to volunteer to help distribute some of our cards, please let me or Lorie Murray know as soon as possible. If you have a suggestion of a place that would benefit from our cards, let me know as well.

At our October meeting, Bonnie Bishop demonstrated how to paint a metal bell. I was so enthused about reproducing the look of metal that I made my current painting all about the reflections in the chrome of my husband's 1958 Corvette. I have gotten lost in the shapes reflected in this chrome. I have to say, it was a much more intensive project than I expected. I am entering it in the Judged Show on November 7th. You can come to the reception on November 8th at 1:00 pm and see what inspired me and what has inspired our other fellow artists this month. I am finding that the challenge of entering four judged shows each year is making me produce more original art than I ever thought I would. Get inspired and create art this month! Original or not, put your colored pencils to good use and attend our Open Studios and share your inspiration with your fellow club members. The schedule for the Open Studios is in a table at the end of this newsletter.

Happy Painting!

Cathy Stone

OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY YOUR ART - Jane Bowman

YOU ARE INVITED

Opportunities to show and share your colored pencil work abound in November. If it seems you are constantly hounded to display paintings, it is not your imagination. It is the mission of CPPG to instill in our members a sense of confidence and pride in displaying their efforts to encourage appreciation for this popular art form.

On Saturday, November 7th the quarterly Judged Show will be hung at Lake Miona. Entries registered in advance with Victoria Peterson will be accepted from 7:30 to 8:30 AM, then critiqued by a paid professional judge, who will award ribbons to the winners. On Sunday, November 8th, from 1-3, the public is invited to enjoy refreshments and marvel at the original creative endeavors of our members, while agreeing or disagreeing with the judge's choices.

On Wednesday, November 18th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Rohan Open Studio, CPPG members are invited to display a painting on our Wall of Pride in the art room. Paintings here may be original, copied from any art source, produced in a class or workshop, and matted and framed for hanging. Registration forms are available on our web page and will also be available on the date of the hanging. Registration in advance is not required, and these offerings are not judged. Our paintings will be hung for three months, to be replaced in February. Exposure in the Rohan art room is good for our club, a chance for artists to display their talent, and for students, a step toward participating in our judged shows.

On Thursday, November 19th, at our monthly meeting, the annual Emerging Artist event will take place. Entrants may register with Victoria in advance or on the day of the meeting. Each painting must be framed and/or matted (easels provided) and will be on display for members to vote on their favorites. These entries need not be original and may be produced in a class or workshop. Emerging artists who wish to add to the Rohan wall may bring their paintings to Rohan on Friday, Nov. 20 between 11 AM and 12:30 PM.

On November 29th and 30th between 10 and 3, Beacon College in Leesburg, will be accepting up to three CPPG members' paintings in their art gallery for display until December 11th. There exists a warm relationship between Beacon College and CPPG as a result of our annual donations toward art scholarships. In the past, they have hosted lovely receptions for their students and our members to meet and discuss art and education. It is truly a great experience speaking with these young people and listening to their hopes and dreams.

Hopefully you are inspired to share your art in one or all of these worthwhile venues. So, let's get painting!

BUS TRIP TO MINIATURE ART EXHIBITION – Jane Bowman

Call or sign up with Workman Travel for the Annual International Miniature Art Exhibition on Thursday, February 4, 2027. The cost is $44.00.

Join us for a delightful day in Dunedin, Florida! During this day, you may visit The Miniature Art Society of Florida - presenting its annual exhibition of 2D & 3D miniature art treasures from around the globe. This intriguing free exhibit draws collectors from near and far—featuring daily gallery demonstrations.

Dunedin is a city on the Gulf coast with a vibrant downtown. You won't find any typical T-shirt, tourist shops or big box here, but it is full of unique stores offering a huge variety. After shopping and sightseeing, there are many restaurants and bars to grab a bite to eat and a beverage. You will find some of the best dining in Tampa Bay here.

Some examples of stores are: Multiple Breweries, One of the Oldest in Florida; Custom Jewelry Stores; Eclectic Variety Shops; Interior Furnishings; Metaphysical Wares; Antiques; Winery; Clothing Stores; Art Galleries; and a Celtic Shop.

UNFINISHED OBJECT CHALLENGE - UFOS SEPTEMBER 2026 – MAY 2027 - Pat Garske

STILL TIME TO ENTER - FIRST DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19
Participants should bring first finished matted project to November meeting.

Although not reported by local media, UFO's (UnFinished Objects) have been sighted all over The Villages.

UFO's are unfinished colored pencil projects that never quite made it to completion. Some examples are:
Projects started in a Colored Pencil Painters class – not finished

- Projects started such as a kit (such as Mark Menendez or Bonnie Snowdon) – not finished
- Original art (something from a photo that you have taken or someone else has taken and has given you permission to use) – not finished or never started

Do you have some of these hiding in your home?

What is considered a finished project?
Painting is done and matted or done, matted and framed. A framing demo will be held at the Laurel Manor Open Studio. November 2 at 9 AM.

How the Challenge works:
Choose 4 projects that you would like to complete.

On a 4 x 6 index card or something similar, write the current date, your name, telephone number and e-mail address along with the names of your projects.

Submit your card along with $5 cash to the Program Chairperson (Pat Garske) before a UFO deadline. The sooner you enter, the more chances you will have to win. If unable to attend a guild meeting, submit your entry to Pat Garske, 17116 SE 93rd Exeter Ct., The Villages, FL 32162 or e-mail to garskepat@gmail.com.

Deadlines for UFO's: One project is due by the following dates:

November 19, 2026
January 21, 2026
March 18, 2026
May 20, 2027

Your name will be entered into a drawing for each project completed by deadline. If you cannot attend the meeting, submit a picture of your completed UFO by the deadline to: garskepat@gmail.com.

Bonus Entry:
If one of your UFO"s is an original painting and you enter it in one of the judged shows, you will get an additional entry.

Late Entries:
UFO entries will be accepted until May 20. While late entries have fewer chances to win, you will still have an opportunity to win based on when you sign up. However, the entry fee remains $5.

All in all, you will have 5 chances to win one of the prize monies if you do it all.

What do the winnings look like? There will be 5 names drawn.
Example: If 20 people participate, there will be $100 to divide up. Each winner will receive $20. If 25 people participate, there will be $125 to divide up, each winner will receive $25. **The more that participate, the bigger the prize**.

Drawing will be at the May 20, 2027 Colored Pencil Painters meeting.

Sample Card/Entry

September 17, 2026

Pat Garske
262-431-4321
garskepat@gmail.com

UFO Projects:

1. Mark Menendez Water Lily
2. Mark Menendez Colorful White
3. CP3 – Hummingbird (Class Project)
4. Original – Black Cat

DO YOU KNOW –

Meg Hay

ART GROUPS IN THE VILLAGES

We are very lucky to have such a vibrant art scene here in The Villages. Not only do we have the Colored Pencil Painters Guild to promote colored pencil as a fine art, but we have other groups that are dedicated to the fine arts, including colored pencil.

One of these groups is the Villages Art League (VAL). Like the Guild, they elect officers and hold monthly meetings, host shows for members to sell their work, and sponsor judged shows. Their monthly meetings are held at Saddlebrook on the first Monday of the month and include a business meeting and an artist demonstration. Nearly all art forms are accepted. However, only 2D works of art are accepted in their various judged shows. Quarterly judged shows are held at Eisenhower. An annual judged show called Inspired by the Masters is held in September of every year at La Hacienda's La Galleria. For more information, go to https://www.thevillagesartleague.org/

Another group is called the Visual Art Association (VAA). Their monthly meetings are held at Seabreeze on the first Friday of every month. They too have a business meeting followed by an educational component. They also elect officers and host two art shows per year for members to sell their artwork. Their judged show is held three times a year at La Hacienda's La Galleria. For more information, go to https://www.visualartsassociation.com/

A third group is known as the Fine Art Society. Unfortunately, they do not recognize colored pencil as a fine art, relying on a definition of fine art that includes only oil, acrylic, watercolor, and, recently, pastels, media that "the masters" used. They do not allow photography or digital art either. For more information, go to https://www.fineartsocietythevillages.com/

There are many other informal art groups and clubs in TV:

Art Buddies: This group meets weekly on Saturday afternoons at Colony Cottage and hosts a showcase in September. All art forms and crafters are welcome. For more info, contact Pat Bernard 802-324-7182.

Southern Creatives: This group meets weekly on Thursday mornings at Saluki. For more info, contact our own Mattea Truppe at 201-410-1376.

Art Attack: They meet weekly on Tuesday in the afternoon at Lake Okahumpka. They also have an annual showcase, usually in early April. Contact Paula Brown for more info, 859-515-1944.

Some groups, like Wet and Wild and Splash with Us, are dedicated to one art form, watercolor in this case. Check TV's app for more information on these classes. Both groups often use watercolor pencils in their demos.

EDUCATION- THE ENRICHMENT ACADEMY

Meg Hay

Registration is underway for The Enrichment Academy's Colored Pencil classes. Colored Pencil related courses offered include:

- Colored Pencil 1 and 2
- Colored Pencil 4 (exploring papers and surfaces)
- Watercolor Pencil Fundamentals
- Watercolor Pencil or Paint: Choose Your Medium
- Watercolor Paint Beginner's Journey
- Drawing 1 and 2 and 3

All are taught by experienced artists and teachers who are also Guild members.

EDUCATION – THE ENRICHMENT ACADEMY WATERCOLOR

Ellen Miller

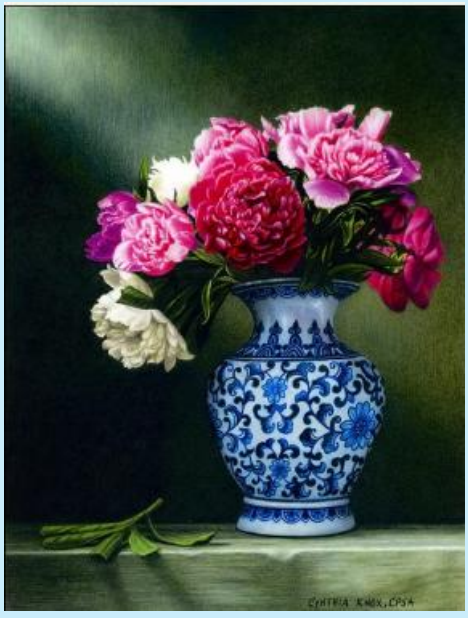
I have been asked to write a short article for the CPPG newsletter about my watercolor classes. What!!!??? This is a colored pencil group! Why should I write about WC??? I love colored pencils! I love watercolors! I love acrylic painting! I love watercolor pencils! I love ART! I love exploring all media and all kinds of art! Some of us have come from a background of no art and have discovered colored pencil as their first foray into an artistic experience, loved it and kept on with it with great success. Some of us (me) come from a past of many types of art, saw CP and had to try it. Many of us tried CP and wanted to explore other types of art and continue their art journey in all sorts of ways. This is where my WC classes come into play. My students come from all these places including those who are their beginning art journey. I love having all these students. All my students have

one thing in common -the desire to add art into their lives for many varied reasons. Some have been physical all their lives and want to add something that will challenge their brain. Again, some have already done art-sy things and want to add WC painting into their tool bag. Some just want to come because their friend is in the class! Whatever the media that an artist chooses, the basics are the same. The goal is to tell story using design, shape, contrast and color. The way this is done is secondary to the final product. When one explores art of any medium, they learn to appreciate art, artists and nature of all sorts and that is valuable all on its own! My class is through The Enrichment Academy and is called WC Journey. I would love to have you explore WC with me!

For more information, visit the Enrichment Academy or watch for the catalog at Regional Recreation Centers.

EDUCATION -VILLAGES ART WORKSHOP – Lorie Murray

Get ready for two wonderful colored pencil workshops in 2027 featuring talented and accomplished instructors!



Cynthia Knox — "Drawn to the Light"
March 22–23, 2027

We are excited to welcome Cynthia Knox, CPSA, for a two-day workshop exploring the beauty of flowers, foliage, porcelain, and light and realistic textures.

Cynthia is an award-winning colored pencil and graphite artist, author of 19 instructional art books, and a Signature Member of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Her step-by-step teaching style makes this a wonderful opportunity to learn new techniques and take your colored-pencil skills further.

Workshop Fee: $339
9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Special For Colored Pencil Painters Guild Members!
Receive a $50 rebate after completing this workshop!

View the Cynthia Knox workshop and register

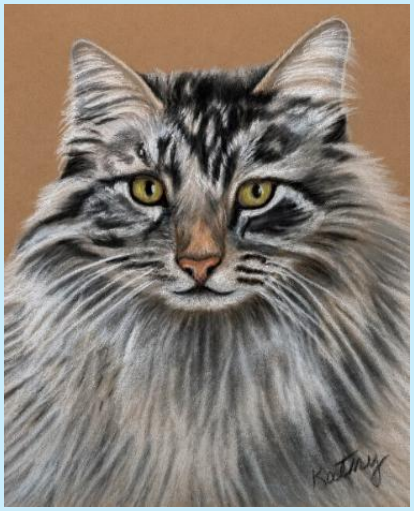
Cathy Stone & Kathy Guido — "Pet Portraits"
January 28–29, 2027

Love drawing animals? Come join the **two-day workshop** with our own **Cathy Stone and Kathy Guido**! They will teach you how to create expressive, realistic colored-pencil pet portraits. learn techniques for capturing lifelike eyes, realistic fur, color, texture and—most importantly—the personality of your favorite companion. Students will also have the opportunity to work on a portrait of their own pet with individual guidance from Cathy and Kathy.

Workshop Fee: $119
9:00 AM–4:00 PM

View the Cathy Stone & Kathy Guido workshop and register

Don't Miss These Special Opportunities!



Whether you love beautiful still lifes or adorable pets, these workshops offer a wonderful chance to learn from talented instructors, develop new colored-pencil techniques, and spend time creating with fellow artists.

Space is limited, reserve your spot early!

NEW PAJAMA AND BOOK COLLECTION - Mattea Truppe

18th ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT ALUMNAE PAJAMA & BOOK DRIVE 2026

- Goal: To collect new pajamas and books for the more than 25,000 homeless and needy children living in the tri-county area of The Villages (Lake, Marion & Sumpter counties).
- Children are identified by school social workers and community service

agencies.

• Many of the children come from families whose income falls below or near the poverty line. While these children don't look any different than other kids, for these children every day is difficult and challenging due to poverty through no fault of their own.

• These children may be living in cars, foster care, motels, the forest or the street. All can be reached through the combined efforts of Lake, Marion and Sumter County Schools social workers and the Needy Children Program in Marion County Schools. These organizations distribute pajamas to the children.

• Needed: new pajamas, any size 0-18 years, either gender. New books – any children's books. A new pair of pajamas makes a huge difference to these children. The pj's allow the children to get out of the clothes they wore to school and air them before putting them on again for school. The pj's convey that someone cares.

• The Girl Scout Alumnae has "zero administrative cost" to provide this service to the community. Absolutely everything collected goes out to area children.

• Don't want to shop? Checks may be made out to the Girl Scout Alumnae. We buy pajamas in bulk and at sales.

* Our donation boxes will be in the following regional recreation centers this year: Eisenhower, Ezell, Olympia, Lake Miona, SeaBreeze, Everglades, Rohan, Colony, Laurel Manor, and Mulberry.

Do we make a difference? Yes! One of our recipients wore his pajamas, following October to school as his Halloween costume. When his teacher said, "Johnny, we could have helped you make a Halloween costume." Johnny replied, "You don't understand. When I wear my pajamas, it's like I'm a real boy." Please help us help more kids to feel that they're "real".

MAGAZINES –

Mattea Truppe

The One Dollar Sale Continues!

Magazines – gently used, great information, inspirational ideas!
At our last meeting on October 15th at Everglades, we sold $11.00 of Magazines!
Come stock up on some good reading material for inspiration.
The funds go to our in-house scholarship The Nan Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund,
Gently used colored pencil magazines are accepted as donations.
Thank you in advance.

SUNSHINE REPORT –

Nancy Barbaro

Cards have been sent to the following!

1. Catherine Miller (illness)
2. Diana Andrews (Accident)
3. Carol Wood (Get Well)
4. Bev Couls (Thinking of You)
5. Peter Kushner (Get Well)

JUDGED SHOW –

Victoria Peterson

November 7 is drop off for judged show at Lake Miona Recreation Center at 7:30 to 8:30. Send your registration to Victoria Peterson. Forms can be found on website

November 19 is the emerging artist show during our monthly business meeting at Everglade Recreation Center. Bring your finished painting if you want to participate in your first competition.

Information for both these shows in on website.

Questions to Victoria Peterson
victoriapeterson2000@yahoo.com
603-721-1714

MEMBERSHIP –

Jean Kinion

Just a Reminder

Did you Renew your Membership? Are you new and you think, "Oh no, it's too late to join. What do I do now?"

I will be at the November General Meeting on November 19, 2026 at 1:00 pm to collect your Registration Form. If you need the form, please go to pencilpainters.com and click on Forms to get the most recent Membership Form. I will also have forms with me for you to fill out in the event you do not have access to print the form from the website.

My address is also on the form, so if it is easier for you to print the form and mail your form, please feel free to do so. Please bring a **check made out to CPPG in the amount of $20 or bring Cash in the amount of $20,** if you choose to bring your form to the meeting.

I have been asked, "Do I have to fill out the form again if I am already a member from last year?" The answer is Yes, please 😊. The new forms have the Membership Year so that it makes it easier for me to track who is a new or renewing member. Thank you for your understanding. I know this can be a pain, but it is very helpful.

Jean Kinion
ginak1@mac.com

LOCAL ART DESTINATIONS –

Diana Rohweder

Central Florida has a beautiful new outdoor destination! Tucker Ranch Holistic Health & Wellness Park and Botanical Garden officially opened on October 23, featuring 25.6 acres of gardens, nature trails, and spaces to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

- Beautiful botanical gardens with colorful flowers and plants
- Scenic walking trails, a boardwalk, and outdoor exercise stations
- A pond with a fountain and a covered pavilion overlooking the water
- A peaceful labyrinth garden
- A historic stone arch from the former West Orange Country Club, preserved as the entrance to the botanical garden
- A wellness center and demonstration kitchen for community programs and activities
- Walking paths also connect to Tucker Ranch Park, which features a playground, picnic areas, and additional nature trails!

LOCATION: 100 Avalon Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787

HOURS:

- March–October: 8 AM–6 PM
- November–February: 8 AM–5 PM
- Open daily

On-site parking and restrooms available
Leashed dogs are welcome!
Save this spot for your next weekend adventure and share it with someone who loves discovering new places!

Library –

Lynn Locke

Just a reminder that in November we will have watercolor books as well as color pencil books. If you haven't heard, Cynthia Knox is coming to the Village Art Workshops on March 22 and 23, 2027! She is an amazing-colored pencil artist and has a history with our CPPG guild. Through the generous donation of books, we have several different books on colored pencil by Cynthia Knox for all levels that we will be showcasing beginning with the October 2026 monthly guild meeting through March, 2027. Please stop by the library table and check them out!

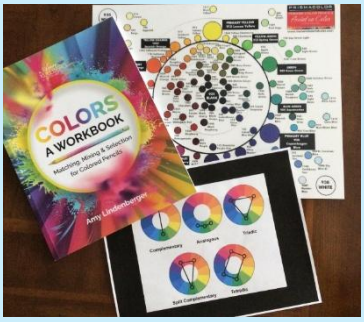
This month's book review is a great book for beginners. Beginning Colored Pencil by Eileen Sorg includes everything you need to know to start drawing with colored pencils. The author gives clear instructions, helpful techniques, and beautiful illustrations to help beginners master key drawing concepts and put them into practice through step-by-step exercises. You will discover basic techniques that create different effects using colored pencils. You will be able to create and complete colored pencil drawings from start to finish with such subjects as realistic landscapes, portraits, animals and more.

For an updated list of books in our library, please go to the 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.

PAT BUCKERT OPEN STUDIOS LAUREL MANOR

Jane Stankewicz and Ruth Paul



'In memory of Pat Buckert'

Our next meeting is Monday, November 2 from 9-11:30 AM. We will be hosting a Masterclass from 9:30-10 AM with Meg Hay. Meg is an accomplished artist and teacher at the Enrichment Academy.

She will be instructing us on the best way to mat and frame your paintings as well as what is necessary for entering a judged show.

LAKE MIONA OPEN STUDIO –

Mattea Truppe

The next Open Studio/try it before you buy it is Wednesday, November 25th at 1526 Buena Vista Boulevard, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
This open studio is for all residents and guests.

We will show newbies how to use only red, yellow and blue to create a small picture. **Let's try a pumpkin!**
All supplies provided by the CPPG.

Come and work on your own piece and visit with your friends

ROHAN –

Victoria Peterson

Rohan Open Studio is September 16 at 9:30. All levels welcome. Critiques discussion is offered during the Open Studio.

Questions to Victoria Peterson at victoriapeterson2000@yahoo.com.

LAKE OKAHUMPKA –

Meg Hay/Peter Kushner

Lake Okahumpka

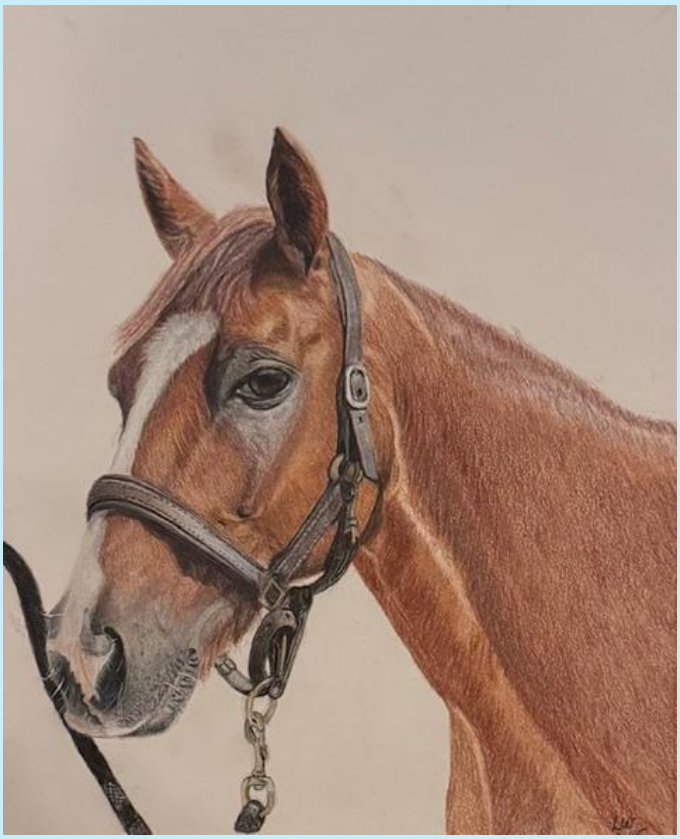
We meet at Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center on the THIRD Friday of each month. We look forward to seeing CPPG members on Friday, November 20, from 1 to 3 pm, in the art room at Lake Okahumpka.

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.

FEATURED ARTIST –

Lynne White

My colored pencil journey began in December 2024 after seeing a Facebook post by a CPPG member that sparked my interest. Having always loved photography, I was excited to discover another way to express my creativity. It has been especially rewarding to see some of my nature photographs used by instructors in their colored pencil classes. Looking back, I'm amazed at how much I've learned and grown in nearly two years. I still have so much to learn, but I'm loving every step of this artistic journey! I also learned a lot from Bonny Snowden. She was a great inspiration.



Here is a picture I took that has been used in our class

Calendar – Cathy Stone

October 2026 Calendar of Open Studios & Meetings

Date	Location	Team Leads
November 2, Monday 9:30 am – 11:00 am	Pat Buckert Memorial Open Studio Master Class on Framing by Meg Hay	Jane Stankewicz Ruth Paul
November 6, Friday **10 am- 11:30 am**	**Planning Meeting** **Bridgeport Recreation Center**	**Cathy Stone,** **Lorie Murray,** **All Committee Chairs**
November 7, Saturday 7:30 am to 8:30 am	Deliver November Judged Show Entries Pick up last show entries Lake Miona Recreation Center	Victoria Peterson Judge Procurement Committee
November 8, Sunday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Judged Show Reception Lake Miona Recreation Center	Marylen Snider and all Judged Show Committees
November 16, Monday 9:30 am	Pat Buckert Memorial Open Studio	Jane Stankewicz Ruth Paul
November 18, Wednesday 9:30 am to 11:00 am	Rohan Recreation Center Open Studio Critiques	Victoria Peterson
November 19, Thursday **1:00 pm to 3:50 pm**	**Everglades Recreation Center** **Monthly Meeting** **EMERGING ARTIST SHOW** **Critiques of each entry and ribbons awarded**	**Victoria Peterson**
November 20, Friday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lake Okahumpka Open Studio Continue work on kits and other projects	Meg Hay, Peter Kushner
November 25, Wednesday	Lake Miona Open Studio Three Pencil Demo	Mattea Truppe

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