



PERSPECTIVES

Celebrating 50 Years of Fine Art

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 20th

At Center Place, Adjacent to the Brandon Library

Brandon League Banquet & Christmas Party **Monday, December 20th at 6:30 pm**

Please note the time is 1 hour earlier as we plan to have the buffet.

- Please bring a canned or dry good for ECHO Food Bank
- Gift exchange - (Chinese auction) emceed by Felix and Tim (\$10.00 to \$15.00) wrapped gift, general type, arts related, or gift card (No gag gifts) just have fun with it.

BRING a GIFT, get a GIFT.

- There will be our 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

Brandon League will provide:

Ham, turkey breast, gravy, regular punch, cake, sangria, water.

Members will bring the side dishes and casserole.

Please register ahead with your dish with

Doreen: doreenj@tampabay.rr.com.

January Field Trip to Dali Museum

January 29th, Saturday

We are planning a field trip to the New Dali Museum that opens in January 2011. Car pooling will be available. We will be discussing it in more detail at the next BLFA meeting.

PRICES and specific details will be made available soon as they are determined.

It is important that you sign up or contact Stephanie.

The sign up sheet and more details will be available at the Christmas party.

Contact info: Stephanie Grimes: Phone: email: artisteff@yahoo.com

(813) 661-2905 or (813) 695-6473

Call or email with your suggestions. For future paint outs and field trips.

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PRESIDENT NOTE:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Tis the season for giving!

Looking for the perfect gift this year? Give the gift of yourself!

As we round the corner on 2010, the BLFA is in need of volunteers to fill some key positions. It's the people of the league that make things happen and without someone stepping up, things will go undone.

The positions we need filled are:

Vice President....VP responsibilities are mostly running the meetings should I fall ill or can't make it. You should also be available to attend board meetings, in my absence, on the 1st Monday of each month.

Newsletter editor.... How can I stress this position's importance? The Editor is the heart and soul of the BLFA. This position keeps us informed and up to date on all the league's goings on. You must have a PC and software to edit text. We can supply that if need be. You will gather information given to you and place it in the newsletter.

You will email the newsletter to those on the email list and also print and mail out copies to those not on the email list. All expenses will be covered by the BLFA. The editor will also need to attend monthly board meetings. If you have any questions about this position, Roxanne will be more than happy to give you all the info you need.

(Note: The person that was going to take this position can't, due to unforeseen personal circumstances)

Monthly Refreshments.... Do you go shopping? Then you can do this job. Just grab a few supplies (BLFA pays) bring them to the meetings each month. Also keep the sign up list and remind people by email or phone, to bring something too. No need to attend board meetings.

Please help the BLFA be the best that it can be! Give the gift of yourself this holiday season!

See you at the Christmas party!

Tim Mandese, President 2010

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An award of First Place has been granted to me from the 16th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Exhibit by the Aurora Art Guild, Aurora, CO for my miniature of "Ode to a Cloud".

Historical photos on display in December at Center Place.

Brandon League expresses sympathy in the passing of members, Bill Greet & Linda Schiek

FACEBOOK—BLFA

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		Workshops	Tim Mandese
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Membership Renewal Form For 2011

To join or renew membership in the Brandon League of Fine Arts, please either pay at one of the general meetings or by mail. Please make your check out to BLFA. and mail this form with your payment to BLFA Membership, P.O. Box 451, Brandon, FL. 33509

Name: _____

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Please send newsletter by E-mail

(this saves BLFA money each month.....files are sent in Microsoft Publisher doc or a PDF file.

Please contact me about being a League volunteer (Interests—comments)

_____ Please contact me about BLFA web site (Fee to be included is a one time \$20 fee) www.blfa.us

Type of Membership (Please check one): Individual - \$30 Family - \$40

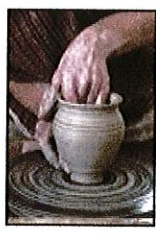
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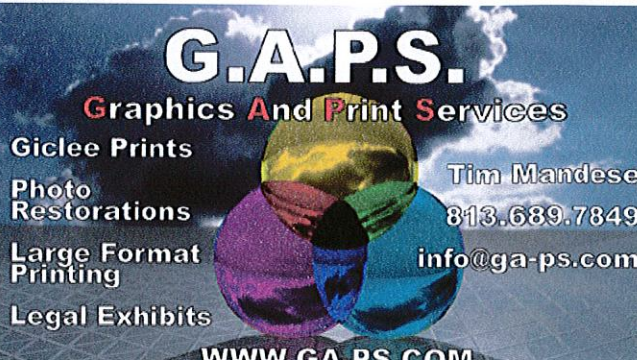
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5 New Year's Resolutions for Artists

By Dawn M. Wayand

The New Year is just around the corner. Have you thought of any New Year's resolutions you would like to accomplish next year? The possibilities are endless but below are a few resolutions to get you started for the year 2011. Enjoy and good luck!

Resolution #1: Take time out of that busy day and set aside 30 minutes a day to do something creative; whether it's zipping through a new gallery, reading an article from an art journal, planning a new painting, finishing an old one or jotting down some ideas in your art journal or sketchbook.

Resolution #2: If you confine yourself to a studio to produce, try plein-air painting. The great outdoors will not only give you a breath of fresh air but a new perspective on subjects.

Resolution #3: Try exploring an unfamiliar medium. If you usually paint in acrylics, try oil. If you are a photographer, try drawing one of your photographs. Expanding your skill set will help you grow as an artist.

Resolution #4: Treat yourself every once in a while to a new luxury such as a larger canvas or a fine new paintbrush.

Resolution #5: Get involved in a local art show. Even if you do not think your work is good enough, your confidence will grow and you might be surprised at just how good your art really is.

In the Spotlight: 8 Things You Didn't Know About Frank Bolock

Interview by Dawn M. Wayand

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA / He has lived in Tampa Bay Since 2001 **Media:** Acrylics and Watercolor

DW: How old were you when you first dabbled in the arts?

FB: I was a teenager when I took up an interest in drawing comic strips.

DW: Who are your major influences or role models in the art world? **FB:** Norman Rockwell, Salvatore Dali, Edward Hopper and Edgar Degas

DW: What is the best thing about being an artist? **FB:** I like the creativity that is involved in producing my work.

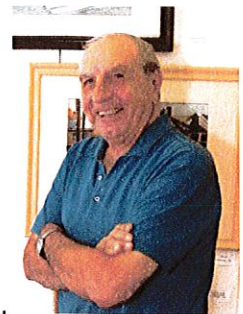
DW: How close do people get when interpreting your art as opposed to what you art was meant to be interpreted as?

FB: It is very rare. People tend to draw their own conclusions about the meaning behind my work and I'm OK with that.

DW: How do you choose a title for your pieces? **FB:** I have a very fertile imagination but usually my title evolves from the painting itself.

DW: Do you have any advice for aspiring artists? **FB:** Getting into the art scene is not easy - you have to know what you are up against. If you love it enough though, keep at it. My number one piece of advice is to network as much as you can.

Frank Bolock is an accomplished acrylic and watercolor artist. A native of Pittsburgh, PA - he has lived in the Tampa Bay area since 2001. He has amassed a body of work since the 1970's and pursued fine arts full time since 1997. Since that time, his work has been accepted into countless national exhibits and he has been the recipient of a number of awards. Currently, he teaches watercolor classes at the Life Enrichment Center in Tampa and is Exhibition Director for the Tampa Regional Artists in addition to gallery shows, demos and workshops.



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The BLFA general membership meetings are held monthly in the Mook Gallery of Center Place generally on the **3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM**. **Paint-it Take-it** starts 6:30 to 7:15. The programs are given after the meeting adjourns.

Please note that there are no meetings in June and July.

Center Place is located at 619 Vonderburg Dr., Brandon. From SR 60, go south on Parsons 3 blocks to Vonderburg and turn right. Then turn right into the first driveway. Center Place is located in the Sandy Rodriguez Center adjacent to the Brandon Regional Library. Center Place Phone (813) 685-8888.

The BLFA board meetings are held monthly at Hawthorne Place on Lumsden Road in Brandon on the **1st Monday of the month at 6:30 PM**. There are no board meetings in June and July. Any member can attend board meetings. Please call the President or another board member if you need directions or want more information.

This newsletter is published by and for the Brandon League of Fine Arts (BLFA). News items send to the editor, Roxanne Tobaison by E-mail to : roxtob@verizon.net or call me at (813) 685-1627.

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