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BLFA Meeting

At Center Place, Adjacent to the Brandon Library

Textile/Fabric Painting

By Bonnie Phillips

Monday, February 21st at 7:30 pm

Fabric is an inexpensive surface. Almost any fabric can be painted, Chintz, chino, trigger, sport poplin, broadcloth, canvas, linens, silks, satin, and synthetics, to name a few, are making decorating possibilities literally floor to ceiling and wall to wall.

Bonnie Phillips has been painting and teaching this method of painting for thirty years.

Ms. Phillips will present information on correct product medium, brushes, and techniques anyone will be able to accomplish when painting on fabric.

For further information on Bonnie, Click on South East Region – Teachers – Bonnie Phillips

<http://www.artteachers.org>

Bonnie is a certified art instructor and has been teaching children and adults to paint for over 20 years. Students of all ages have fun learning to paint in her unique classes. What do you want to learn? Oil or Acrylic on canvas, Oil or Acrylic Decorative Painting on any surface, Genesis, Watercolor, Stenciling, Faux Finish, Pen and Ink on any surface, Glass Painting, Fabric Painting and One Stroke [Certified OSCI]. Let Bonnie teach you using her quick and easy step by step instructions.

She is Past President of the Florida Suncoast Decorative Artists in the Tampa Bay area [A chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters, Inc.], and is Past President of the Sunshine State Decorative Artists [A chapter of Florida SDP Chapters]. Bonnie is a member of the Art Teachers Organization

She teaches in the Brandon/Valrico area.

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Paint it – Take it
6:30—7:10 p.m. prior to meeting.

Supplies provided.

Paint It -Take It. will relate to the monthly program. **Bonnie Phillips will have all supplies needed.**

Invite guests to come and have fun painting with us.

February free Make it—Take it.

Those who arrive between 6:30 and 7:10 PM will be taught a simple design painted on a fabric piece.

Bring or wear something you hand painted for show and tell.

A future Make It—Take It will be Artist Trading Cards.

Start gathering things that could be used to make a trading card for the Make it—Take it and start now to make some to share. We will trade when the session is over and place those you brought on the “Show and Tell” table.

PRESIDENT NOTE:

Hello Members!

It's February and love is in the air! That's either Valentine's day or it's the smell of corn dogs at the Florida State Fair! If you have artwork entered in the fair, please remember to take a few photos of your entry, to post on our new BLFA website.

Speaking of the new site, it's up and ready to go. Just head over to www.blfa.us to check it out. **Important note for those who had a portfolio on the old website!** The portfolio page has changed, and is now the "Member's Links" page. Also, we will now be linking your name on the page, to an outside source for your art. By that I mean any number of places that you can upload and control the content of what you want to present. Examples of what your name can be linked to are:

- 1) Your existing personal website.
- 2) Social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter or MySpace
- 3) Blog sites like Blogger.com
- 4) Photo sharing websites like Photobucket, Flickr, SnapFish or Kodakgallery.com.
- 5) Or any other place on the internet where you already have photos and information posted.

See the "Members Links" page of the BLFA website for examples.

All I need is the link (address) to your content. The reason we are asking that you use an outside resources to host your images and profiles is simple....You get to control what people see! You get to change your content as often as you wish and at your leisure. This will allow the BLFA site to be more fresh and up-to-date and will give people a reason to visit BLFA.US again! If you are new to the Member's Links page and would like to participate or if you have any questions, you may contact me at mmustangg@yahoo.com and I'll help you out.

That's enough President's notes for this time, or Roxanne will kill me! *grin* See ya at the meeting!

Tim Mandese, BLFA President 2011

Munchies — Feb 21st.

Elizabeth Kershaw
Arlene Strehlau
Susan Weilbacher
Melinda Albritton

Carlene Earl, Munchie Chairman

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**Thank you to those who volunteer to
bring refreshments.**

March MEETING:

Mike Fink
Roxanne
Sue Allen
Judy Johnson

NEW MEMBER:

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the page. You can
link directly to our
Facebook page.

FEBRUARY PAINT-OUT
Hillsborough County Extension Office
FEB. 21st, Monday.

The February Paint-Out will be on Monday, February 21st at 10:00 AM at the Hillsborough County Extension Office in Seffner. They have a lovely garden in the back of the office. If you plan to attend, please be there at 10:00. We have gotten special permission to paint on the grounds and will all need passes to go into the garden area. (If you will be painting in acrylics or oils, please bring a drop cloth.) If you plan to stay for lunch, please pack a lunch. There are bathrooms on location.

Hillsborough County Extension Office - Seffner, FL 33584

Directions

Take Parsons avenue north to Seffner. Turn left on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. BLVD. Turn right onto Mango Road (cr-579), next to the Walmart. About one mile up on the right will be the Hillsborough County Extension Office.

Stephanie Grimes contacts: Pet Portraits- <http://www.artist-f.com> Studio- <http://www.artisteff.com> Phone: 661-2905



BLFA Dali Museum Trip. Dick Evans—Photography

Thanks Dick for the embellishments on photo.

Group shot, LR

Roxanne, Eleana, Doreen, Rose (seated) Brigitte, Emi, Betty Stephanie & Hubby, Felix, Dick, Tim.

A number of others, took off before we could round up the members.

BAY AREA CARDIOLOGY
December CHANGEOVER

NEXT TAKE-IN

February 18th , Fri. (2-3 pm)

Remember, you must pre-register

with Marsha Nelson kcn@verizon.net Or 813-654-8116

You are allowed to bring in

2 pieces of art. • Med size preferred

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Overcoming Creative Blocks

By Dawn M. Wayand

Often times we experience that lull in our artist production called a "creative block", when we cannot seem to get inspired to come up with an idea to work on a new piece or even finish a piece we have already started. Although it feels, at the time, like the end of the world (or the end of our art careers), there is hope. Below are a few tips to overcome a creative block and to get back on the track of producing your very best work.

Create a piece inspired by anything - maybe something lying around the house - even if it doesn't interest you. As long as you are getting your juices flowing, you are on the road to recovery.

Experiment with new media. If you paint in oils, try acrylic. If you paint with acrylic, try mixed media. If you are into photography, try drawing one of your photographs. Again, getting your juices flowing in anything puts you on the road to production again.

Keep an art journal to record your ideas for paintings or photography to refer back to when you have creative blocks.

Take an art class that forces you to produce in a structured environment. You may find class assignments opening that creative door again.

Start with the basics again. Sometimes a creative block is brought on by anxiety of not being able to produce at a level previously achieved. It is not failing to start over. It is an opportunity to take a new direction.

Take a field trip to a local museum. By putting yourself back into an artistic environment where you can admire other works, inspiration will follow.

Paint or photograph something you previously painted or photographed from a new perspective. Monet spent much of his time painting the same thing over and over at different times of the day and from different angles.

Have patience. Creative blocks are a time to take a breather and provide an opportunity to possibly roam in a new direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL INFO:

The entry, rules and regulations are on the Strawberry Festival web site: www.flstrawberryfestival.com

You must go to the site and print out the forms.

Entry Form: http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/contests/2011_Art_Show_Form.pdf

Rules http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/contests/2011_Art_Show_Rules.pdf

Fl. State Fair Winners: **Brigitte Mailahn:** 1st for Mini Canvas oil 'Frigate South Carolina 1781', 'Diamond' - oil painting on a cigar box got a honorable mention.

Sue Allen—second place win in *A Contemporary Voyage into the Abstrac* exhibit at Carrollwood Cultural Center in February.

ATC's Show at TRA—**Kathy Durdin**, 1st watercolor, **Roxanne Tobaison** 2nd watercolor.

TRA Hellzapoppin Show—**Frank Bolock** "Velvet"

Call to Artist:

Art in Black and White—CCC—April 1 to May 31st. For prospectus contact Mary Ellen Bitner: Maryellen@carrollwoodcenter.or call 813-269-1310.

Please note: I can only report what information that is provided. If you won an award, etc. You need to let me know. Roxanne—roxtob@verizon.net

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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.

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