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BLFA Meeting

At Center Place, Adjacent to the Brandon Library

Watercolour Coffee Painting

By Derek Stansfield

Monday, March 21st at 7:30 pm

Derek is from Skipton, North Yorkshire, U.K. and the Nature Coast of Fl.

Describing himself as a very late starter Derek took up painting in 2003 whilst awaiting a life saving heart by-pass operation. Taking to the activity he used it as a therapeutic tool in aiding his recovery and his interest has gained momentum since that time. He has developed his own style following workshops and courses with several professional artist including amongst others David Bellamy and Geoff Kersey.

His preferred medium is watercolour and preferred topic is landscapes. More recently he has produced several paintings using coffee as an unusual medium and has exhibited and demonstrated at the first ever UK Coffee Festival.

Derek divides his time between his home in Skipton, North Yorkshire, where he is Chairman of the Cononley Art Group, and the Nature Coast of Florida, where he is a member of the Beverly Hills Art Group, the Citrus County Art Center and the Citrus Watercolor Club. He has exhibited and sold paintings in both countries and achieved first prize in the Beverly Hills Art Group Annual Exhibition. Derek along with his wife Terry were featured artists at the Chronicle Gallery in Inverness during 2008 and the Citrus County Art Center in 2009. He has demonstrated in both countries and is particularly in demand for his demonstrations using coffee. He is available for demonstrations and lessons.

Formerly an outdoors activity instructor Derek has been used to breaking down activities into easily understandable and achievable elements in order for students to progress, whilst at the same time making them enjoyable. This he feels is an essential ingredient to any course of lessons. He brings this ability to his classes in watercolour and coffee painting.

Information obtained from Derek's website:
<http://www.derekstansfield.com/>

Free Paint it—Take it.

Coffee painting.

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.

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Upcoming Program

April: Chris Giddens
Spray Paint Art

May:
Fundraiser project

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

PRESIDENT NOTE:

Hello BLFA!

It's March 2011.....Do you know where your fellow members are? As we reach Spring, I would like you all to reach out to anyone you haven't seen at a meeting in a while. Invite them to join us, and tell them they are missed. If you are a member that hasn't attended a meeting in a while, I would like to invite you now!

We have had some really great meeting recently. Lots of great programs and even guests from other art groups. If you are having trouble getting to a meeting, let me or another board member know, and we can surely find someone near you to buddy up with. There are a lot of absent faces that I would love to see at our next meeting. Let's kick offspring with some great attendance numbers. Oh....and bring a friend!

See ya at the meeting!

Tim Mandese, BLFA President 2011

We will be having a **SUGGESTION BOX** at the meetings.
PLEASE put in your suggestions, comments, concerns,, etc.

We will listen!

MARCH PAINT OUT—March 21st, Monday

The March Paint-Out will be on Monday March 21 from 9:30 AM until noon 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 9:30. 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.) 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.

Munchies —

March MEETING:

Mike Fink
Roxanne
Sue Allen
Judy Johnson

Carlene Earl, Munchie Chairman

carlene1st@gmail.com

Thank you to those who volunteer to
bring refreshments.

April

Marsha Nelson
Nancy Kirkpatrick
Felix Velasquez
Vivian Ross

UPCOMING BLFA ACTIVITIES:

April: Adult Student Art Show Reception. April 14th, Thurs, 5:30—7 pm Center Place
BLFA members—please bring food and attend the reception to support the artist and future members.

May: BLFA Member 's Show—Rules and details in April newsletter.
Members allowed 1 piece of 2D or 3D artwork (3D has size limits).

June—Southshore Regional Library— BLFA Show

August—"Stay Cool Summer Artfest" at Center Place.

Some details TBA at general members' meeting on March 21st.

September: Artworks Open Show
Gallery Hop

Center Place • Arti Gras

Celebrate the Arts

Saturday, April 9th, 7:00 pm

At

The Regent at Winthrop

6437 Watson Rd. Riverview

(Brandon Community Advantage Center)

www.centerplacebrandon.org

Or call for more information. 813-685-8888

Center Place Annual Fundraiser

Let's support Center Place and have a great time.

BLFA MEMBERS

Center Place would appreciate any donation of

Artworks, 2D or 3D

for their annual fundraiser

Arti Gras Gala

Please take your donation

to Center Place by

Friday, March 18th or bring to

The BLFA meeting on

March 21st

Remember our donations and

Support helps Center Place in their operations

The Invisible Hand Clay Sculpture Show

Clay Sculpture Show

March 15 until April 8

Tampa Regional Artists, Inc. • Old Hyde Park Art Center

705 Swann Avenue Tampa, Florida, 33606

Reception : Friday, April 1, 5:30 to 9:00 PM

Extended hours of operation: Open daily noon until 3:00 PM - Closed Mondays

March 28 through April 2 • Noon to 3 PM and from 5:30 PM to 9 PM.

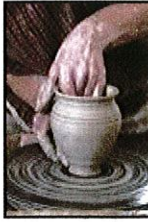
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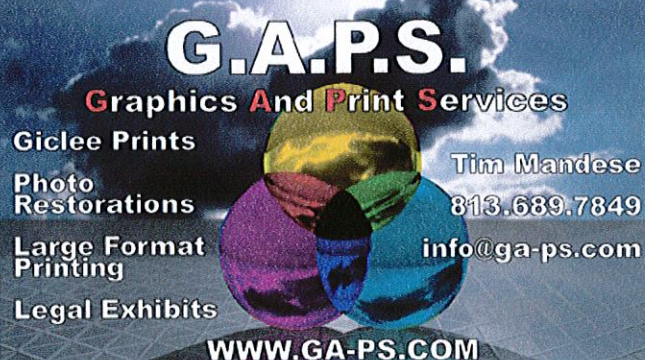


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By Dawn M. Wayand

In the Spotlight: 8 Things You Didn't Know About Marsha Nelson

Hometown: Born in New Jersey / Raised in Florida **Media:** Graphite, Watercolor, Pastels and Color Pencil**DW:** How long have you been doing this? How old were you when you first dabbled in art??**MN:** I have been creating in these mediums for over 10 years now.**DW:** What inspires your work? Are there stories behind your pieces? **MN:** I am inspired by the things that I love and by my own memories.**DW:** Do you feel there is an artist you can relate to? Do you have an art role model?**MN:** Elizabeth Kershaw – fellow member of the Brandon League of Fine Arts.**DW:** How do you know when a piece is finished?**MN:** When I'm satisfied with it. Sometimes I do go back and rework pieces until I am satisfied with them.**DW:** What have you learned from another artist lately? **MN:** If you are going to be a local artist, paint local subjects.**DW:** Did you find it hard to break into the scene?**MN:** Yes. My advice is to forget everything else and just work at it and soon you can break in to the scene too.**DW:** Do you have any advice for aspiring artists? **MN:** Keep practicing and don't give up.

Marsha remembers that she always loved to draw in grade school and the teacher would have her draw a turkey on the blackboard for Thanksgiving. As she got older, she seemed to lose interest. Her best friend talked her into taking an art class and it renewed her interest in art. She also took drawing classes in several junior colleges. After that, she wanted to learn watercolor and color pencil and took classes with local instructors. Watercolor has become her favorite medium and she has won many awards for her paintings. Her biggest problem is having enough time for her art as she has too many passions like traveling, orchids, shell and sea glass collecting and now photography. She loves photographing wading birds and shore birds and has many photographs she would like to paint. She plans to get more painting done in 2011.

Interview by Dawn M. Wayand



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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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