

Mount Dora Art League News

December 2022



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



What beautiful weather we
are having for the end of

November and the beginning of December. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are ready for Christmas and the New Year. It is hard to believe that 2022 is almost over and a new year with new surprises around the corner. Hopefully all good ones.

Our November program was very interesting and informative. Rosemarie Brown was our presenter and did an amazing job. We learned techniques for making glass works, leading, changing the colors of the lead and many other interesting ideas. We also learned many interesting facts about Rosemarie. She not only makes beautiful pieces, but also restores old glass in houses, churches and many other places. The place that really caught my attention was that she was a stained artist for Disney. She has been restoring glass in many of the exhibits and will start working on Cinderella's Castle next year.

Our next meeting will be on December 17 and our own Bill Chesleth will present a program on Fireglass. I am looking forward to learning more new ideas. We will meet at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts at 138 East 5th Avenue, in Mount Dora. Our meeting is in the Gallery and we will meet for 10-12. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Kathy Sacks



Wishing you warm, safe and
**Happy
Holidays**

CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINI.KI.COM/MDAL

SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith at psmith43@earthlink.net for placement on the website



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Looking to Travel? Upcoming Art Festivals

December 31st, 2022 & January 1st, 2023
12th Annual Coconut Point New Year's Weekend Art Festival (Estero, FL)

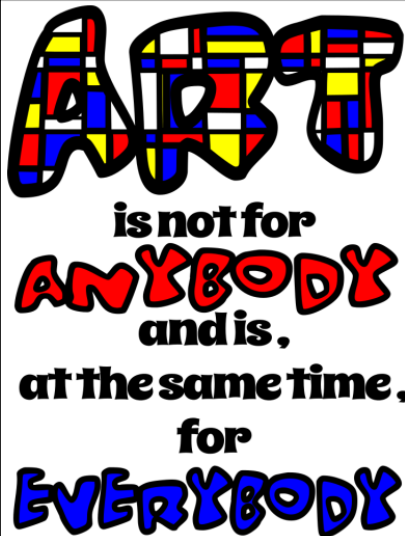
January 7th & 8th, 2023
35th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part 1 (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
26th Annual Downtown Dunedin Art Festival (Dunedin, FL)

January 14th & 15th, 2023
34th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Festival of the Arts (Delray Beach, FL)

January 21st & 22nd, 2023
35th Anniversary Boca Fest at the Town Center at Boca Raton (Boca Raton, FL)

January 28th & 29th, 2023
20th Annual St. Armands Circle Art Festival (Sarasota, FL)

<https://www.artfestival.com/calendar/art>



-Piet Mondrian

Upcoming Art Exhibits at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts

Nov 18 -Dec 23, 2022 Ginger Owen "Heritage Habitats"

Jan 13 – Feb 24, 2023 Nancy Dillen "Fantasy Series" paintings and drawings,

Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2023 Central Florida Watercolor Society "Watercolor workshops and exhibit"

Apr 7 – May 19, 2023 Randy Taylor "Sandy Art" photography images rescued from Hurricane Sandy



PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER 2022 – APRIL 2023 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

All meetings to be held at Mount Dora Center for the Arts at 138 East 5th Avenue in Mount Dora, unless noted otherwise.

DECEMBER 17, 2022

Bill Cheslesth
Fireglass

JANUARY 21, 2023

Jane Slivka
Acrylics

FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Mayor Crissy Stile

MARCH 18, 2023

TBA

APRIL 15, 2023

Mike McCrary
Graphic design, acrylic paint to create semi-surrealistic and whimsical paintings

Please make plans to attend all of the meetings for this year. We have some great programs set up!

Can You Find the Artist?

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 PICCASO
 O'KEEFE
 WARHOL
 POLLOCK
 MICHELANGELO
 DA VINCI
 MATISSE
 KAHLO
 VERMEER
 GAUGUIN
 RENOIR
 HOPPER
 CEZANNE
 REMBRANDT
 RAPHAEL
 DALI
 SEURAT
 GOYA
 EYCK



ANNUAL DUES

If you have not paid your annual dues, please submit them by December 17, 2022. Dues are renewable on April 30th of each year.

\$25 for an individual

\$40 for a couple

Please send your dues to:

Kathy Sacks

Mount Dora Art League

8217 Bridgeport Bay Circle

Mount Dora, FL 32757

Upcoming Events

Mount Dora Art Stroll and Art in the Alley is scheduled to start back in the Fall. Date is TBD. 6 pm to 8 pm.

February 4 & 5, 2023

48th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival, Downtown Mount Dora, 9 am - 5 pm

<https://mountdoraart.com/attend/>

March 2023 (3rd weekend)

Over 200 arts and crafts vendors spread out through the streets of downtown to display their "Spring" treasures.

Website:

www.mountdoraspringfest.com

March 11 & 12, 2023

Leesburg Arts Fuse Festival

Email for more information:

director@leesburgarts.com



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
TBA
Congregational Church
10 A.M.**

**programs@lessburgarts.com
for information about up-
coming programs in the
Leesburg Art League**

Member Travels

Dawn Sacks recently took a trip to Orlando and Mount Dora (for work and pleasure) and shared some pictures.



DIASPORA

Home is where
the heART is



CALL FOR ARTISTS

During National Immigrant Heritage Month, Mount Dora Center for the Arts will celebrate the profound artistic impact of courageous people from around the world who left behind familiarity to seek refuge, opportunity and adventure in America. Their heritage and experiences have contributed to the rich artistic tapestry that has defined the character of our country for generations. MDCA will share their art and their stories.

"DIASPORA-Home is where the heART is" Coming June 2023

If you or someone you know would like to share their art and their immigrant heritage story, please apply at MountDoraArt.org



Mount Dora Center for the Arts is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to inspire curiosity, support creativity, and enrich lives through art, exhibits, and education.



Mount Dora
Center for the Arts

"DIASPORA"- Home is where the heART is.
Exhibit June 2 – July 7, 2023

ARTIST CALL OUT for a JURIED EXHIBIT Summer 2023

General Guidelines

Mount Dora Center for the Arts is seeking artists and entries for a juried art exhibition for Summer 2023

If you or someone you know is an artist who was born in another country but now calls America "Home", we are interested in hearing their story and showcasing their art.

The exhibition will highlight the melting pot of artistic talent found here in our community and tell each person's diverse story accompanied by a photograph (shot by MDCA staff).

Requirements:

- You must be over 21 years of age.
- All mediums will be considered. Fine craft is also acceptable.
- All works entered must be your original concept and design.
- Each artist may submit up to three (3) pieces.
- A statement conveying your art journey that includes how and why you ended up in America must accompany your submission.
- All artwork must be available for sale during the length of the exhibition. MDCA will deduct a 35% commission on all works sold.
- Applicants must pre register online at www.MountDoraArt.org.
- Submission fee for 1 to 3 pieces: Current MDCA members \$25. Non members \$65

Deadline:

- All entries must be in digital format and received by 5pm May 5, 2023. Please email jpg files to info@mdca.org.
- All entries must be in jpeg format and labeled as: Last name, first name, title, medium, size, gallery price.
- You will be notified by May 12, 2023 as to what submission(s) have been accepted and when your photo shoot will be scheduled.
- Drop-off for accepted submissions will be Sat May 27, 2022, 11am-2pm. Pick-up Sat July 8, 2023 11am-2pm

Kelley Batson-Howard: Abstracts in Chains Exhibit

Sat, Dec 17, 2022 12:00pm - 4:00pm | US/Eastern

Location: [Lake County Museum of Art \(LCMA\)](http://LakeCountyMuseumofArt.org)

Category: Entertainment

Description

"Abstracts in Chains is a colorful series of acrylic paintings that examines all things chain with a little touch of Motown."

—Kelley Batson-Howard

Contact: Ileanne Buigas

Email: info@lakeartmuseum.com

Phone: 352-483-2900

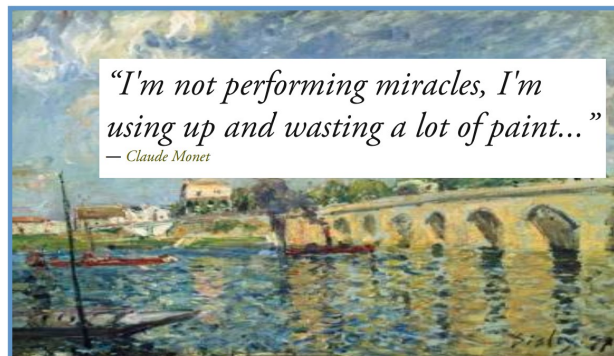
More Info: <https://lakeartmuseum.com/exhibitions/kelley-batson-howard-abstracts-in-chains-Dec-2022>

Location Details

Lake County Museum of Art (LCMA)

213 W. Ruby Street

Tavares FL 32778



Bet You Didn't Know - Interesting Facts about Georgia O'Keeffe



Georgia O'Keeffe, by Dennis Brack, 1977

Best known for her paintings of colored flowers, New York Skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes, Georgia O'Keeffe was an influential American Artist. One of Art in Action's 4th Grade lessons highlights O'Keeffe's Poppies masterpiece and explores her contribution to modern art. Included in this article are student art pieces inspired by O'Keeffe.

At the start of the twentieth century, Georgia O'Keeffe was at the forefront and became a leading figure in the cultural and artistic movement — American Modernism. During Art in Action's lesson, students learn about her realistic flower paintings, her artistic style, and her inspiration to create art. Through examining O'Keeffe's work, students engage in group discussion questions that focus on key cultural and artistic concepts. Here are five more inspiring facts about Georgia O'Keeffe.

She always wanted to be an artist since she was a child

Like all dreamers, O'Keeffe's ambition had no bounds. Following her dream to become an artist, O'Keeffe started her journey at the young age of 10. She attended the school of Art Institute of Chicago in 1905 and 1906 and later on won the still-life prize for her work, *Dead Rabbit with Copper Pot*, at the Art Students League in 1908.

She loved to draw nature from the backseat of a Model-A Ford

O'Keeffe often painted in her Model-A Ford when she explored nature. The backseat of her car allowed her to stay out of the unrelenting New-Mexico desert sun. O'Keeffe endured the region's hottest, most stifling conditions in order to capture its most vivid colors. When O'Keeffe was not in her Model-A, she often camped and hiked the surrounding terrain to keep close to the landscapes that inspired her.

She created more than 200 paintings of flowers

Although O'Keeffe is most famous for her eloquent, realistic paintings of flowers — like *Oriental Poppies* and *Jimson Weed* — they only totaled about 200 of her 2,000 plus paintings. The other paintings, like *Black Mesa Landscape*, primarily depict landscapes or cityscapes.

She quit painting three times

Riddled with financial troubles, nervous breakdowns, and crippling eyesight, the famed artist set aside her brushes multiple times. Despite having numerous setbacks, O'Keeffe's passion for painting never ended. O'Keeffe's desire to create and design motivated her to never give up. In the years prior to her death, failing eyesight made painting impossible. With the help of a friend, O'Keeffe moved onto a new medium and began experimenting with clay sculpting. She created many clay sculptures, including making flower bowls.

She was 98 years old when she passed away

On March 6, 1986, at the age of 98, Georgia O'Keeffe passed away and left an everlasting legacy. Her contributions sparked a cultural shift in 20th-century American art and changed America's feminist perspective with her unique artistic style. Although faced with many setbacks, O'Keeffe was determined to keep painting. At the end, O'Keeffe's life attests to one core value: never give up what you love.

"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life — and I've never let it keep me from doing a thing I wanted to do."
— Georgia O'Keeffe

Resource: <https://artinaction.org/5-captivating-facts-about-georgia-okeeffe/>

