

MAY GENERAL MEETING

BIRD KEY YACHT CLUB

Thursday, May 19 | 11:00 am

And the winners are...

The Scholarship Committee has selected the recipients who will receive Arts Advocates support for the next year. You will be introduced to them at the May 19th Scholarship Luncheon.

This is an exceptional group of talented and deserving young people! The contributions of Arts Advocates members and other donors have made these awards possible. This year we will recognize 10 students: six returning scholars and four new scholars from the area. Each will receive a \$2000 scholarship.

Many thanks to those who served on the Scholarship Committee: Co-chairs Tonya Eubank and Debra Altshul-Stark, and committee members Julia

Groom, Carol Hirschburg, Patricia Leeson, Barbara Fisher Long, Lyma Nainys, and Maureen Shea.

Our scholars are Sophia Coscia, Thaleia Dasberg, Lillian Fox, Pablo Gonzalez, Azure Heck, Colin Leonard, Emma Pritchett, John Quigley, Luca Stine, and Katherina Zdravkov. Please see their [bios](#) at the end of this newsletter.

The luncheon at Bird Key Yacht Club will be held **Thursday, May 19, from 11am to 1pm.**

(Please allow additional time to get to Bird Key Yacht Club because of construction of the Roundabout at Gulfstream Avenue and Rte 41)



[CLICK HERE to register](#)



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As I begin another year as President of Arts Advocates, I want to express how privileged I am to be leading this wonderful organization in 2022-2023. So many members did so much to make the past year during Covid such a success. We –



- Opened our first gallery in the organization's 50-plus year history with docent-led tours of our incomparable collection of Sarasota Art Colony paintings and sculptures
- Launched a rotating member artist exhibition program
- Selected 10 outstanding students as our scholarship winners
- Held monthly luncheons, sold-out walking tours, educational programs, workshops, and social events
- Raised over \$13,000 in the Giving Challenge and over \$65,000 from the year-end campaign. These are the main sources of our income
- Received our first grant from The Arts and Cultural Alliance

The names of our Officers, Board of Directors and Team Leaders are listed in this newsletter. The teams always welcome volunteers. Get involved and in planning activities and meeting other members who share your interest in arts and culture.

Thank you for your continuing support and I hope to see many of you at our May 19th luncheon at Bird Key Yacht Club where we will honor our talented scholars.

Jeannette Paladino
Jeannette Paladino, President

Read Our Blog

Click on this [link](#) to read our blog post, "Opening Night at the Asolo"

BECAUSE OF YOU

OUR GIVING CHALLENGE WAS A SUCCESS!

With the support of members and friends, Arts Advocates raised \$13,020 in the 2022 Giving Challenge.

These funds can be used for our scholarships, gallery, and other programs we enjoy. We sincerely thank our donors for their generosity.

Arts Advocates also thanks The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, the sponsor of the Giving Challenge. Their knowledgeable staff dedicated hours to this project. They were always there when help was needed.

The generosity of The Patterson Foundation deserves the gratitude of every nonprofit participating in the Giving Challenge. Its match of every donation of \$25, \$50, and \$100 is extraordinary. Our heartfelt thanks to The Patterson Foundation!



On a personal note, as Team Leader of the Giving Challenge for Arts Advocates, I'd like to thank those who worked with me on this project. Our president, Jeannette Paladino, board member Betty Ferguson, treasurer, Elaine Foster, and our public relations consultant, Kelly Fores helped make this so successful for us.

Carol Hirschburg

Meet our new Board Members and Team Leaders for 2022-2023

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Create Dazzling Note Cards

You don't need to be an artist to join in the fun at a workshop where you will create note cards for yourself, your friends or even to frame. That's how beautiful they'll be!

Our instructor is Judy Cole, an arts and crafts teacher with over 20 years of experience. She will bring all the supplies – you just bring your creative self to the Arts Advocates Gallery.

You'll have beads, feathers, and other ornamentation to create your personal masterpieces. At the end of the session, you'll have made at least four note cards with envelopes to go with them.

Attendance is limited.

[Click here to register now for this fun event!](#)



Date: Monday, May 23, 2022
Time: 11 am – 12:30 pm
Cost: \$15 members
\$20 non-members
Location: Arts Advocates Gallery
Crossings at Siesta Key Mall,
Rte. 41 and Siesta Drive, Sarasota
(Use mall entrance next to Connors
restaurant and turn left)

Getting to Know You!



The New Member reception at the Arts Advocates Gallery, where new members and old gathered for wine, cheese, and conversation.

The winners of a drawing for a ride in member Kevin Flankey's Rolls-Royce are Patricia Golemme and Mark Rosenfeld.





Reserve our Gallery



The Welcome Club recently held a reception for its members and guests at the Arts Advocates Gallery. Enjoying themselves were (from left), Cheryl Mendelson, CEO of the Van Wezel Foundation; Peggy Marcus, a Welcome Club Board member who organized the event, and Donna Maytham and Stephenie Frasher, Co-Directors of the Gallery.

The Gallery is available to other organization for special events. Contact Donna Maytham, Co-Director of the Gallery at pavlova03@comcast.net.



MEET COLONY ARTIST SYD SOLOMON

Celebrated American artist, Syd Solomon is represented in The Arts Advocates collection by two paintings, “Sentinel Rock” and “Stravinsky.” The latter artwork was recently moved from the Van Wezel to the Arts Advocates Gallery.

Initially, Solomon studied at The Art Institute of Chicago. Then, after joining the military and while based in California, he began designing camouflage for the United States Army. Subsequently, he was transferred to London and later was awarded several Bronze Stars for his work designing camouflage for the Battle of The Bulge. Following the war, Solomon studied in Paris at The Ecole Des Beaux Arts.

Partially because Solomon suffered from frost bite during the war and was unable to live in a cold climate, he and his wife Annie enjoyed an enviable lifestyle. They spent the summer months in the Hamptons and winters in Sarasota. They were instrumental in bringing many other prominent artists to Sarasota and were known for their generous hospitality. Built in the 1970's, their award-winning home on Siesta Key was designed by architect Gene Leedy.

Solomon's experience with camouflage drew him to abstract art. He was one of the first major artists to use acrylic paint and he developed a resist technique that used lactic casein solution to mask the canvas. His works were influenced by nature and often consisted of basic shapes like circles, squares, and curves. Though he used many colors, black was frequently included in his paintings.

Solomon was the first American Artist invited to exhibit in the Ringling Museum and his works were shown in New York at both the Guggenheim and Whitney Museums. He is credited with establishing The Institute of Fine Arts at New College where he taught art.

Sadly, in about 1990, Solomon began to suffer from Alzheimer's and in 2004 he died at the age of 86.



Top: [Stravinsky](#)
Above: [Sentinel Rock](#)



Merri Mann (left) and Brigitte Spiro at member artist Tony Reinemann's opening day reception in April.



Joan Golub
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Our Scholarship Winners



Sophia Coscia

Sophia is finishing her first year at Carnegie Mellon University where she is pursuing a BFA degree in Theatrical Production and Design. She ultimately plans to be a Projection Designer for theatre and other spaces such as exhibitions, installations, and immersive experiences.

Carnegie Mellon's annual *Playground Festival* included an artistic creation by Sophia. She was the only freshman submission to be granted a fully supported piece. She is a second year Arts Advocates Scholarship winner.



Lillian Fox

A senior in the Manatee School for the Arts, Lillian will attend the University of South Florida. She is a ballet dancer and a gifted visual artist as well. Her keen eye for detail and design can be seen in her visual artwork (painting/drawing) as well as her dance technique. She

also flourishes as a writer and researcher, revealing a keen and driven author with passionate interests in the Sarasota and Manatee communities.



Thaleia Dasberg

Thaleia is currently a junior at Barnard College of Columbia University, and a third year Arts Advocates winner. Thaleia's dream is to create and take part in interdisciplinary movement and poetry-based performance, exploring the ways in which each distinct

form can become one onstage. Poetry: dance in verse. Dance: poetry in motion. Theater: the spoken and dramatized incorporation of both. She hopes to further her artistic development through a study abroad program in Berlin or London.



Azure Heck

A senior at North Port High School, Azure will attend Ringling College of Art and Design majoring in Game Art. She studied French and Japanese for four years in high school, and dreams of working with Nintendo in Japan. She hopes to expand her portfolio throughout college

to participate in other areas that concept art is needed, such as Pixar or Disney.



Pablo Gonzalez

Pablo is a student at Parson's/The New School in New York City and 2022 is the fourth year he has received an Arts Advocates Scholarship. Embracing complexity is what sets his work apart. He describes it as vivid, saturated, and colorful and includes graphic design, videography, performance, motion design, and photography. Pablo wants to combine his multiple artistic pursuits into much more experiential work, such as audio-visual installations. He would also like to be a part of an experimental artistic/creative agency, working towards a multitude of projects with other artists or brands. Pablo was a commissioned artist at the First Friday event by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles on Friday, March 4, 2022. Their theme this year is 2022 Season: From Seeds to Psychedelics.



Colin Leonard

Colin is a freshman at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. This is his second year to win an Art's Advocate's Scholarship. He is a saxophone major studying jazz; however, he plays in many different genres on various instruments, including flute, clarinet, voice, piano,

guitar, and percussion. His goal is to create a sense of community and activism through music performance, composition, and teaching.



John Quigley

John is a first-year student at Ringling College of Art and Design who is majoring in illustration with a goal of entering a career as a storyboard artist. He is a "non-traditional" college student. John served in the US Army for 8 years and worked overseas for another 5 years, but is returning to

Ringling to pursue his dream of a career in art. He is a self-taught artist who wants to become a storyboard artist and concept designer for a major studio.



Emma Pritchett

Emma is a student at the University of South Florida and is working toward earning a dual degree in Architecture and Urban Design. She thinks that architecture is a unique combination of an individual's experience and understanding of art, history, culture, and design.

The world around us will continue to evolve and transform, continuing the demand for new architecture. She is interested in painting, design, architecture, and photography.



Luca Stine

Luca is currently a junior at the University of Miami Frost School of Music where he is majoring in jazz trumpet performance and minoring in classical composition. This is his third Arts Advocates Scholarship. After obtaining his degree he plans to pursue

both masters and doctoral degrees in jazz trumpet performance. Luca was named a National Young Arts winner in jazz composition and has performed at the Newport Jazz Festival.



Katherina Zdravkov

Katherina is a student at the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture. She spent the summer of 2021 and 2022 with her class studying architecture in Rome. One thing that is very clear to her is that she believes the design of a building and the design of the community are inextricably linked. Her wish is to contribute throughout her lifetime as an architect and urban designer. When she graduates from college, she would like to design with a firm in an older American city like Boston. Then she will return to Florida's Gulf Coast to apply the principles she aspires to live up to, with added work experience. Having grown up in Sarasota her whole life, she would like to add more to our neighborhoods and streets that at every turn reveal to us and our visitors the many traits that set us apart in Sarasota.