

the environment

Uppermost in our minds is the Pandemic and questions about how the course of this virus will continue to impact our personal lives and, more specifically, how the virus will impact our decisions regarding Arts Advocates.

At the personal level, each of us is making our individual decisions by evaluating such factors as underlying medical conditions, whether we are in the "high risk" category, and how concerned we are about wearing masks and maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Anything we say about the future course of the virus is pure speculation. No one knows what lies ahead. We will have to keep open minds as we go forward but pay close attention to the scientists, epidemiologists, the facts and data. We must resist the temptation to make decisions based on hopes or wishes.

I know all of us WISH the virus would disappear and we HOPE to get back to where we were in February. That is understandable; however, the health and safety of our members is paramount.

MEMBER SURVEY/ MEETING FORMATS:

Please be on the alert for online member surveys regarding your preferred format for 2020 meetings and events. In planning for the October and November General Meetings, the Program Committee will prepare substitute online programs in case large group meetings are not possible.

When making decisions about Arts Advocates General Meetings, please bear in mind that whether we include a luncheon option or not, we still pay Bird Key an estimated \$1,500 per General Meeting.

ARTS ADVOCATES TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Donna Maytham
Vice President	Tonya Eubank
Recording Secretary	Sarah Skebba
Corresponding Secretary	Barb Sander
Treasurer	Cynthia Burnell

BOARD MEMBERS* TEAM LEADERS AND TEAMS

With the approval of the President, board meetings are open to Team Leaders, Team Members and all Arts Advocates members in good standing.

Coordinator of Member Activities and Programs

Tonya Eubank*

- Educational Tours Team Leader: Liz Trostli/Lynn Coppinger
- Salons Team Leader: Mark Muse
- Workshops Team Leader: Judy Levine/Priscilla Adams
- Programs Team Leaders: Kris Gardel/ Rennie Carter

Co-Coordinator of the Collection

Kristi Bundrant */Linda Bruemmer*

- Collection Team: Jerry Chesley, Tonya Eubank, * Evelyn Levin, * Judy Levine, Miqui Lora, Barb Sander, * Sarah Skebba, * Petra Ratner, Meg Krakowiak.

Coordinators for Communication, Marketing, Website, Social media

- Newsletter Team Leader: Faith Perkins*
- Marketing Team Leader: Gary Donson (Pro Tempore)
- Publicity/Communication Team Leader: Kelly Fores (Pro Tempore)
- Online Conferencing Team Leader: Jane Sheridan (Pro Tempore)

Coordinator for Sustainability

Donna Maytham*

- Membership Team Leader: Betty Ferguson*
- Mentoring Team Leaders: Martha Ballard/ Priscilla Adams
- Fundraising and Finance Team Leader: Donna Maytham*
Team: Martha Ballard, Cynthia Burnell, * Joan Endrizzi, * Tonya Eubank, * Marjorie Floyd, Louise Tesmer
- Philanthropy:
Scholarship Team Leader: Jackie Salvino*
Community Outreach Team Leader: Open
- Governance: Marjorie Floyd (Pro Tempore)

Board Members At Large: Joan Endrizzi*, Evelyn Levin*

art is everywhere Ethiopia, People of the Omo Valley

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ARTS ADVOCATES DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

MAY 1, 2020 – APRIL 30, 2021

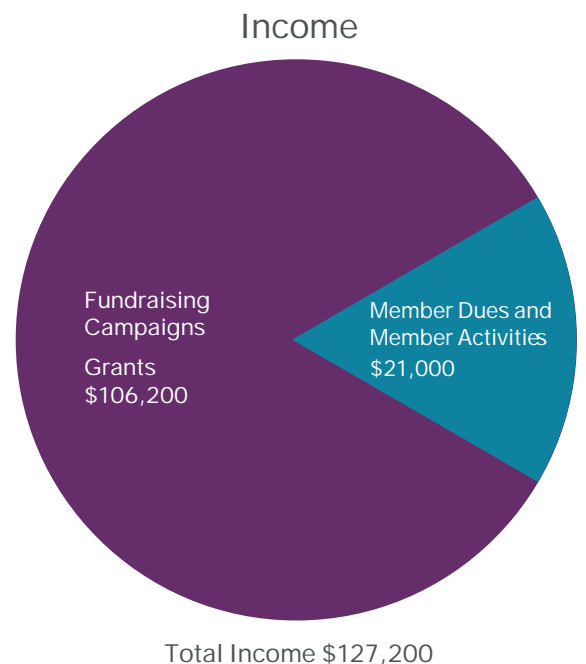
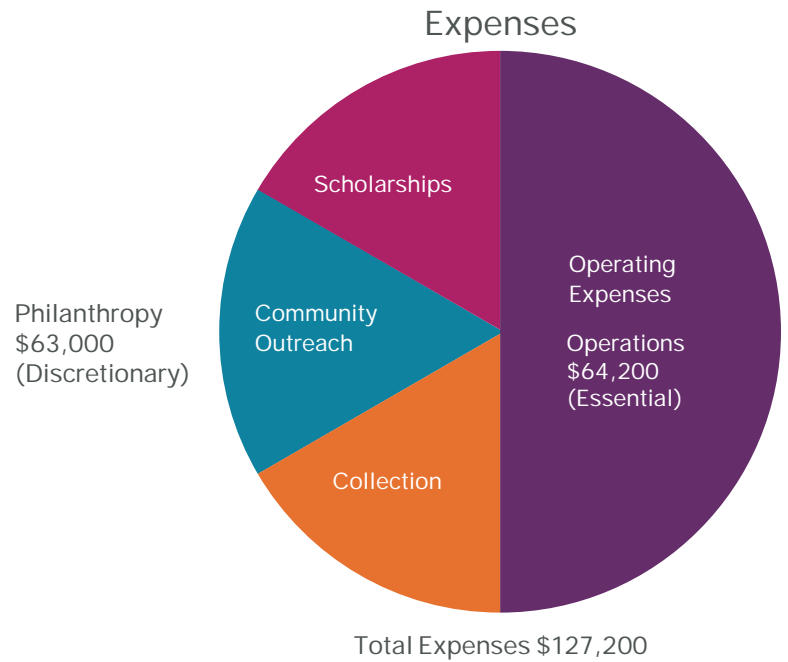
CONTINGENCY PLAN - EXCLUDING PHILANTHROPY

Accounting	\$6,000
Bank Charges	\$2,000
Bank Fees	\$1,000
Board Education/Meetings	\$1,000
Credit Card Services	\$2,000
Financial Review (Audit)	\$4,000
Fundraising Mailing	\$1,000
Legal and Professional Fees	\$5,000
Liability and Board Insurance	\$1,000
Licenses and Permits	\$1,000
Newsletter/Emails	\$2,000
Postage /Office Supplies	\$1,000
Publicity	\$6,000
Storage	\$2,000
Tax (#990) Preparation	\$2,000
Website/Social Media	\$12,000
TOTAL	\$49,000

6 Bird Key Meetings and Luncheons	\$9,000*
Scholarship Luncheon	\$3,000*
General Meeting Programs	\$1,200
Member Activities	\$2,000*
TOTAL	\$15,200

GRAND TOTAL **\$64,200**

*Offset in part by paid luncheons and Tour fees





- Please be on the alert for periodic member surveys. We want to know what you are thinking and value your opinions as we progress through the coming months. Also, please feel free to contact me or any other board members if you want to ask questions or share ideas.
- With the approval of the President, all members in good standing are invited to attend Arts Advocates board meetings. Online conferencing makes it easy for members to listen in. Transparency is our goal.
- We are focused on exploring available foundation grants and sponsorships. It is important to tap additional sources of funding beyond member dues and income from member activities.
- The Arts Advocates Board of Directors meets regularly online, and individual teams hold meetings through online conferencing platforms such as Zoom and, in some cases, Go-To-Meeting. The work goes on remotely.
- We have heard from Bird Key Yacht Club that the premises have been thoroughly cleaned and they plan to be open for "Members Only" beginning in July. The club will observe social distancing guidelines and other health authority protocols.

- Jane Sheridan has stepped up to assist Arts Advocates with online conferencing, member surveys and other communications projects. She also participated as a member of the Scholarship Team and coordinated the performing arts applications and awards. Jane is an outstanding example of what new members can contribute.
- Jackie Salvino, Linda Milberg and Scholarship Team members have done an outstanding job in selecting ten incredible scholars. Well done!
- Linda Bruemmer and Kristi Bundrant are leading the Collection Team. Everything is under wraps for the moment but we can hardly wait to share information about two totally new venues where all or part of our Collection will be displayed. These Co-Coordinator made miracles happen.
- Tonya Eubank, Cynthia Burnell, Martha Ballard and Joan Endrizzi helped us raise over \$13,000 from the Giving Challenge. Now, they are focused on revising our formal document (Profile) that is kept on file at the Community Foundation. Our thanks for an outstanding job.
- Our Publicist and Public Relations Consultant, Kelly Fores, will take over some of the projects formerly managed by Cynthia Burnell. Cynthia is becoming increasingly involved in the financial and business-related aspects of Arts Advocates' operations. Thank you both.
- Kris Gardel and Rennie Carter are leading the Program Team and are providing alternate programs for the coming season. In the event that we are not able to meet face-to-face, they plan to have online speakers and presenters "in the wings." Thank you for being flexible and imaginative.

member activities update

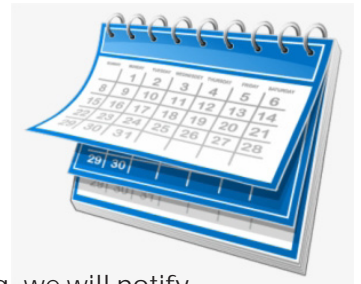
It is still too early to provide alternate dates for three of our member activities:

- *Salon at the home of Ronald Kendall
- *Paint Your Own Silk Scarf with artist Jamie Kirkel.
- *Salon at the home of Karin Jones

As soon as we are able to safely provide these activities and you are comfortable attending, we will notify participants of the new dates. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters!

As we spend more time at home, we would love to hear ideas for salons, workshops and educational tours that we can explore when we are able to resume our regular activities!

If you have some thoughts or suggestions, please email to tonya@artsadvocates.org.



arts advocates awards acholarships to 10 local students

Arts Advocates recently awarded 10 Sarasota and Manatee county students with \$26,900 in scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. Since 1969, the scholarship program has awarded over \$1.1 million to students whose studies include visual and related arts, dance, writing, music, theater and architecture. All scholarship monies are generated through Arts Advocates activities.

Members of our organization are proud to support students in furthering their education in all fields of the arts. We have bright lights among us, even in these unforeseen times, and we are looking to the future by continuing to financially support scholars. As our entertainment is so focused on arts that are brought into our homes, we are contributing to training the next generation that will stretch our imaginations, touch our emotions, and inspire our dreams.

Recipients of the 2020-2021 scholarships, their fields of study, and the educational institutions they'll be attending, are: Emily Cain, architecture, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY); Angelina Cotto, film, Savannah College of Art and Design (Savannah, GA); Thaleia Dasberg, performing arts, Barnard College (New York, NY); Danny Bò DeLongaig, music, Baldwin Wallace University (Berea, OH); Pablo Gonzalez, digital art, The New School: Parsons School of Design (New York, NY); Alexis McKinnon, fine arts, Florida International University

(Miami, FL); Emma Pritchett, architecture, University of South Florida (Tampa, FL); Haley Rosenthal, theater, Boston Conservatory at Berklee (Boston, MA); Elijah Schildkraut, music, Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA); and Zachary Timmons, visual art, Savannah College of Art and Design.

Our remarkable committee has handled the adversity of the times with their focus on the future of these young talented members of our community. They have fully cooperated and supported each other beyond expectations. Special thanks have been earned by Violetta Chandler, Karen Geck, Carol Hirschberg, Karen Mathis, Barbara Kerwin, Sue Shimelman, Maureen Shea, Jane Sheridan, Elizabeth Van-Riper, and Marci Weisgold. These dedicated Arts Advocates members have kept positive attitudes as they rode the rough waters with aplomb.

Regretfully, we were unable to present the talent of our special Scholarship Recipients at an annual luncheon this year. However, please find out more about each Scholar by following their links below.

Linda Milberg and Jackie Salvino
2020 Arts Advocates Scholarship Co-Chairs

“My biggest pleasure through the years has been reviewing and seeing all the wonderful youth talent in the arts. Offering them scholarships has been an incredible experience. The talent really blows me away and inspires my own artwork.”

Karen Mathis, Scholarship Committee Member



