

ENCOURAGING BLACK ARTISTS

Meet Michele Redwine, artist, teacher, civic leader, and diversity consultant, the Founder and President of Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative (SBAC), whose mission “to advocate for artists of African descent and marginalized communities by bridging the cultural gap in visual and performing arts.”

Arts Advocates members will have two opportunities to learn more about Michele's advocacy. The Arts Advocates Gallery is one of three sites to host SBAC's juried art exhibition, *Visions in Black*. The other venues are the Arts & Cultural Alliance Gallery and the Manatee Performing Arts Gallery. “We were looking for art that told powerful stories in an original and fearless way,” she said.

A reception to celebrate the creators and their artworks will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on February 4th at the Arts Advocates Gallery. There is no fee to attend but members are encouraged to [register](#) so that we can plan for refreshments.

Michele will be the featured speaker at our [March luncheon](#), and will discuss other SBAC programs, including *The Arts & Social Justice/Discovery Series: The Black Experience in the Arts and Higher Education*, co-sponsored by The Community Foundation and Florida

Studio Theatre. This panel featured university presidents, diversity experts and students. Another panel brought theatre directors together to discuss their challenges in choosing plays and diversifying staff and performers.



Michele Redwine, Founder and President of Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative



Come and find out more about the work of this important voice in our community!

REGISTER HERE.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our hearts are touched by the beauty of a painting, a ballerina's pirouette, and the opening notes of a symphony. This month we're looking forward to Valentine's Day when we celebrate our friends and family with our heartfelt love.



But It's also Heart Month, and time to take stock of our heart health so that we can continue to enjoy our lives and the arts that we love. Heart disease is the leading killer of women and men. So, this month — and always — keep your heart healthy by staying fit, choosing healthy foods, and not smoking.

Let's live our lives to the fullest with a healthy heart.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannette Paladino".

Jeannette Paladino, President

H A P P Y
Valentine's Day



THE LEGACY OF THE CIRCUS IN SARASOTA



Dolly Jacobs and Pedro Reis followed crisscrossing paths throughout their lives as circus performers. They never imagined they would create a professional circus with an outstanding education and outreach program ... but that's exactly what they did. The founders of Florida's only professional not-for-profit circus — celebrating its 25th anniversary this year — will share their story and discuss the legacy and future of circus arts.

Pedro Reis was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and began his circus training at a YMCA when he was 12. He developed his skills on the flying trapeze and later helped establish the first circus school in South Africa. Dolly Jacobs was born into circus life. Her father was Lou Jacobs, the legendary clown for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey for over 40 years. As a girl, Dolly trained with the Sailor Circus and at age 16, launched her career with the Ringling circus as an aerialist.



Dolly Jacobs and Pedro Reis

Pedro and Dolly have brought the magic of circus to more than 200,000 people to date. Recognized for leadership in artistic programming, The Circus Arts Conservatory has received the Small Business Award from the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. Both Pedro and Dolly have been inducted into the Circus Ring of Fame on St. Armands Circle and the Circus Hall of Fame at the John and Mable Ringling Museum.

Event:

March 16, 2023 | 11:00AM – 1:00PM
Sarasota Yacht Club

REGISTER HERE.



CREATING A CULTURE OF KINDNESS

Sarah Wertheimer, Executive Director of Embracing Our Differences (EOD), our January luncheon speaker, described the organization's dynamic, multifaceted program intended to inspire people to create a world that embraces diversity and respects differences.



EOD's 2023 annual juried exhibit of billboard-sized artwork and quotations are now on display in Sarasota's Bay Front Park.

The 50 works of art and 50 quotes were selected from 13,733 submissions from 119 countries and 45 states.

The exhibit is just one component of EOD's educational initiatives designed for teachers and students. Through grants and private donations, the

organization provides free field trips for thousands of children to see the outdoor exhibit, inspiring conversations about the profound messages conveyed by the artwork and quotes. Embracing Our Differences also provides workshops, lesson plans and student docents to facilitate art appreciation and character building throughout the school year.



CITY HALL WALKING TOUR



Members and their guests enjoyed a tour of the paintings and sculptures on exhibit during the City Hall walking tour. Arts Advocates Gallery co-director and docent Stephenie Frasher (black jacket) described our Art Colony paintings on special exhibit in City Hall and the hanging sculpture nearby. Member tour guide Judy Levine (back to camera) describes the sculpture in the City Hall Garden. Mary Davis Wallace, MUP (in red jacket), senior planner lead, Office of Public Art, with member guide Nanette Crist, discussed the history of the sculpture in the City Hall Garden. Two other large silver sculptures dot the landscape in the Five Points area.





Elisabeth Trostli (left) designed and decorated the ballet slippers in the January luncheon raffle that was won by Carol Darling (right).



Arts Advocates members were privileged to visit the home of member Maryann Armour (in brown blouse) at Villa Amalfi where they toured her eclectic collection of paintings and sculptures. Afterwards, members enjoyed a cocktail reception inside her home and on the patio.



Artist **Mike Solomon** (left) was the featured speaker at an Art Talk at the Arts Advocates Gallery co-director **Stephenie Frasher**. He showed examples of his artworks as well as those of his father, Syd Solomon, one of the original members of the Sarasota Art Colony.

Art Talk: Bill Hartman – Living in the World of the Sarasota Art Colony

FEBRUARY 17, 2023 | 4-6PM

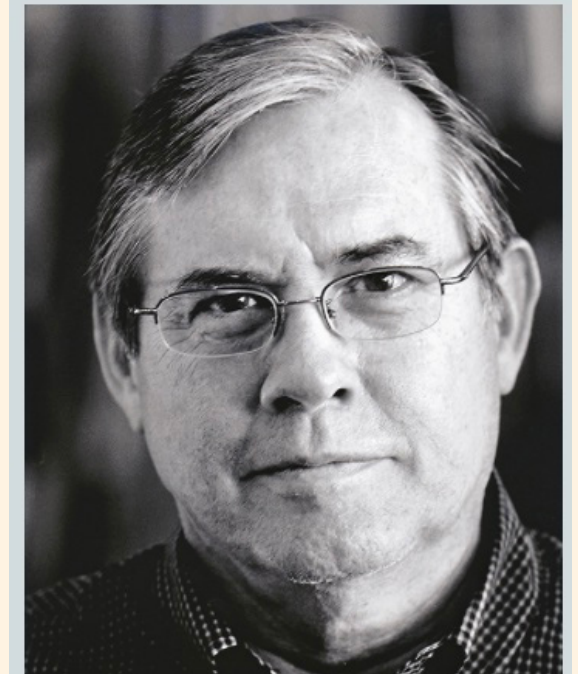
Bill Hartman is a monumental contributor to the Sarasota visual arts community. He is an art dealer and sole owner of the William Hartman Gallery on Palm Avenue. He is an archival frame maker, historian, collector, cataloguer of Florida artists with a specialty in the Sarasota Artists' Colony, and he is a founding member of the Sarasota Art Museum

His father was William Hartman, artist, teacher, and founder of the Hartman School of Art. His mother Marty, an artist and teacher, was the founder of the Petticoat Painters.

Place: Arts Advocates Gallery, Crossings at Siesta Mall

Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members

Register by: February 16



Bill Hartman

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



Art Talk: Combining the Beauty of Imagery and Poetry

During the month of March, the Arts Advocates Gallery will present *Seven Sacred Pauses* with poet Teresa Carson and visual artist Leslie Butterfield.

A collaboration between these two artists inspired them to form Art in Common Places. The organization was designed to mitigate the debilitating isolation experienced by artists of all genres during the COVID-19 lockdowns, but also about the great need for art during traumatic times.



Teresa Carson with Leslie Butterfield

At the core of Art in Common Places is the six-week long collaborations between visual artists and poets that result in a new image and a new poem. Broadsides and postcards are created from this new work and placed in locations such as car washes, libraries, senior citizen housing, and mental health facilities throughout Sarasota County.

Over a three-year period, Butterfield, and Carson themselves have created seven paintings and seven poems in tandem that will be on exhibit at the Arts Advocates Gallery.

Place: Arts Advocates Gallery, Crossings at Siesta Mall

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members

Register by: March 3

Maximum number of registrants (if any – will go to waitlist after this number is reached):30

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



TOUR PHILLIPPI CREEK AND MANSION

MARCH 7, 2023 | 10:30AM

This 60-acre nature park that is included in the National Registry of Historic Places is located on the shores of Phillippi Creek. We will have our own docent-guided tour of the recently renovated Italian Renaissance Edson Keith Mansion.

Afterwards you have the option to download the park's phone app and use its self-guided tour to explore the rest of the 60-acre county park that includes nature trails, a gazebo, rose garden, mangroves, and beautiful plants. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat and sunscreen. On-site parking available.



Place: Phillippi Estate Park 5500 South Tamiami Trail Sarasota 34231

Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members

Register by: February 27, 20 maximum

REGISTER HERE.



“SEVEN SACRED PAUSES” WRITING WORKSHOP

MARCH 9, 2023 | 1-3PM

Join us for a writing workshop at the Arts Advocates Gallery. The workshop will be based on the book *Seven Sacred Pauses*, in which Macrina Wiederkehr reinterprets the tradition of the seven monastic canonical hours for contemporary, nonsectarian life. She proposes that stopping to pay attention to the world around us seven times every day is an act of “to be” which is often crushed under our never-ending “to do.”

The participants will use Wiederkehr’s descriptions of the characteristics of the pauses and will write two poems, using Carson’s poems as models, in response to two of Butterfield’s *Seven Sacred Pauses* paintings. We will focus on the art of being, the act of paying vigilant attention to the rhythms and patterns that are everywhere – everything is shot through with them. If we pay close attention to these patterns and rhythms, there is the possibility of harmonizing with them.

No previous writing experience required. Participants should bring pen & paper, or iPad, or laptop.



Place: Arts Advocates Gallery, Crossings at Siesta Mall

Cost: \$10 members/\$15 non-members

Register by: March 8, 15 maximum

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

Member and jewelry designer Judy Levine has donated this beautiful glass fruit and woven glass beaded necklace for our February luncheon raffle. It's one of a kind. But you've got to be present to win!

If you're an artist and would like to donate a piece of your artwork for a luncheon raffle, [click here](#) to send us a note.



Get an Arts Advocates Name Tag

Haven't yet gotten an Arts Advocates name tag or still using your old one from the Fine Arts Society? Then you can order one so that people will know your name at events.

Email Sarasota Trophy at order@sarasotatrophy.com with your name as you want it on the tag and your phone number. The cost is \$13.38 (incl. tax). They will call you to pick it up and you pay then. Or they will ship for an additional fee. Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Avenue, Sarasota 34231.

Did I Register?

Wonder if you registered for an Arts Advocates event and forgot to put it on your calendar?

Here is an easy way to check:

- 1) Go to artsadvocates.org
- 2) Click on the purple Member Login and login
- 3) Click on Events Purchased (lower left)

Voila! All the events you registered for are there.

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2023 Luncheon Programs

SAVE THE DATES for our upcoming 2023 luncheon programs! Don't miss these entertaining and informative presentations offering the insider information about Sarasota's most dynamic cultural organizations!

+ February 16

Pedro Reis and Dolly Jacobs, founders of **The Circus Arts Conservatory**, on the legacy and future of circus arts. [REGISTER HERE](#)

+ March 16

Michele Redwine on **Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative's** initiatives to promote interest in art created by artists of African descent.

+ April 20

Jeffery Kin of Sarasota Rising on plans for a new citywide arts festival, "**Living Arts Festival Sarasota.**"

+ May 18

Celebrating our 2023 Arts Advocates **scholarship winners.**

All programs will be held at the Sarasota Yacht Club, 11am-1pm.

2023 Gallery Events

+ February 1

Ringling College Tour

+ February 3

Walking Tour in the Rosemary District

+ February 4

Opening of Visions in Black Exhibit

+ February 10

Memory Box Workshop

+ February 14

Art & Backstage Tour/Van Wezel

+ February 17

Bill Hartman Art Talk Sarasota Artist Colony - Memories and Memorabilia 4-6pm

+ March 3

Preview and Art Talk Leslie Butterfield and Teresa Carson "Seven Sacred Pauses" 4-6pm

+ March 4

Opening of Show "Seven Sacred Pauses" 2-4pm

+ March 23

Design Workshop. Time TBD



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