

SUNCOAST BLACK ARTS COLLABORATIVE

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Michele Redwine is an educator with 50 years of executive leadership experience in not-for-profit organizations, government, and educational institutions. At our March luncheon, she will share how she helped bridge the culture gap for artists of African descent and marginalized communities by founding the Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative, (SBAC) one of the newest arts organizations in Sarasota.

Michele holds degrees in fine arts, human resources and equal employment opportunity studies and is widely recognized for her visionary leadership. Her accomplishments include linking education and business in programs supporting institutional diversity, recruitment, awareness, and cultural learning.

Since her arrival in Sarasota in 2004, she has served on the boards of The Ringling Museum, The Hermitage Artist Retreat, Art Center Sarasota, Choral Artists of Sarasota and Community/Schools Partnership for the Arts. She is currently a Diversity Forum consultant for Florida Studio Theatre.

Her most recent accomplishment is SBAC's juried art exhibition, Visions in Black, exhibited in three locations in the area, including the Arts Advocates Gallery.



Top: Michelle (center) with her Board of Directors.

Above: Michele Redwine (right) and Stephenie Frasher, Co-Director of the Arts Advocates Gallery, at the reception in the Gallery honoring winners of the Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative 2023 Visions in Black exhibition.

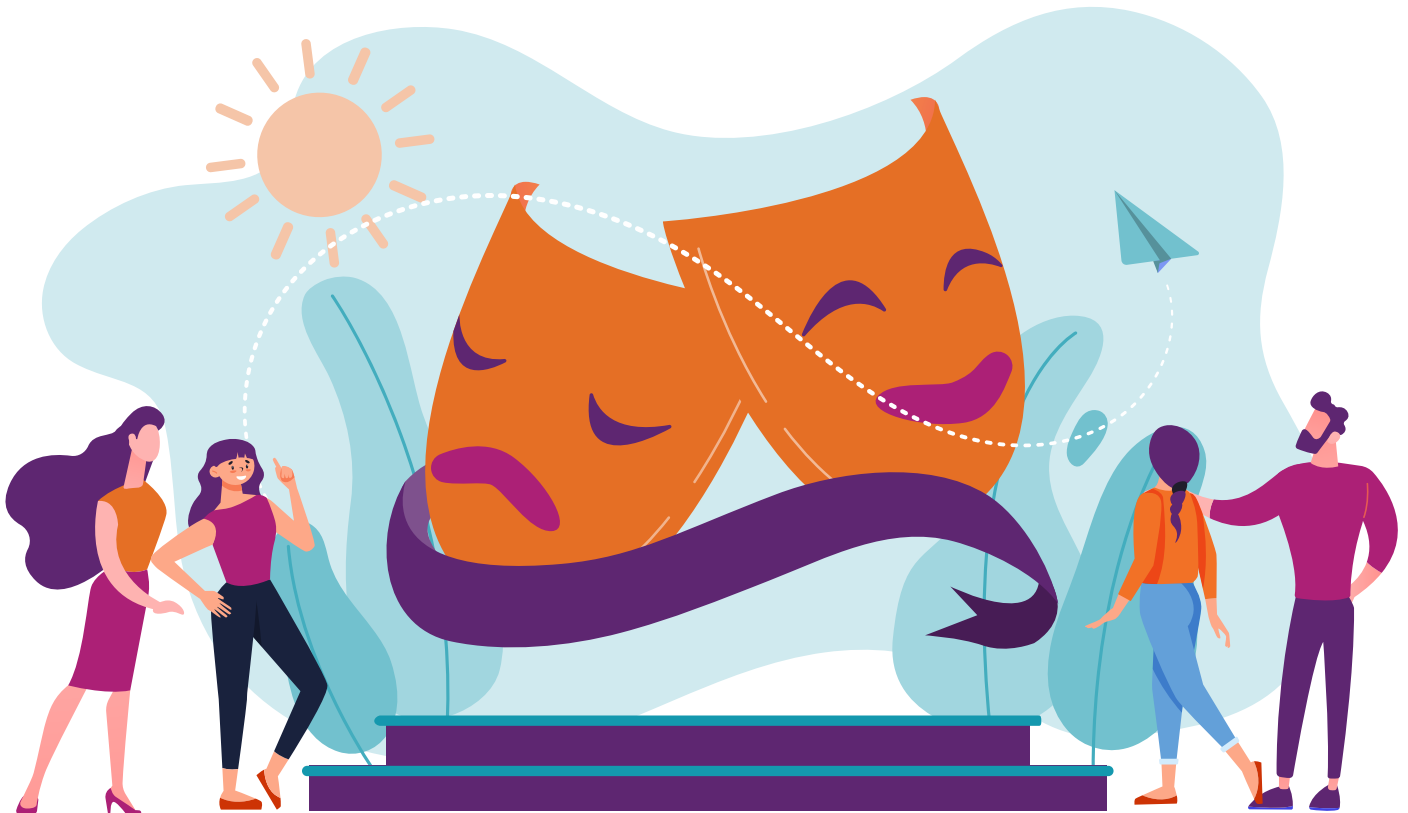
FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Aren't we fortunate to have a veritable buffet of performing arts programs to enjoy this month at the height of the tourist season: The Sarasota Opera, the Sarasota Ballet, Asolo Rep, Florida Studio Theatre, West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, the Players, Venice Theatre, the Sarasota Orchestra...I could go on and on.

Arts Advocates celebrates and supports all the arts – including the fine arts – through our programming and scholarship program for students who are studying for careers in the arts. Thanks to our members who volunteer their time to make these programs come to life. And enjoy the performing arts programs!

Jeannette Paladino

Jeannette Paladino, President






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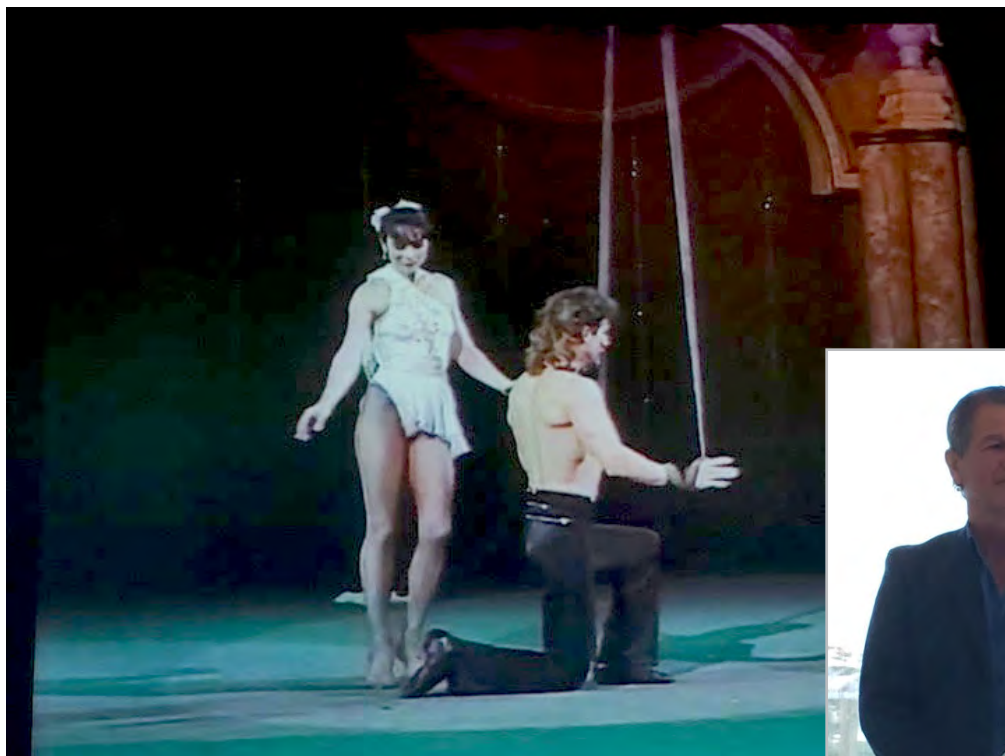
We deeply appreciate the recent \$10,000 donation from Joan Endrizzi. Joan's generous gift is given in honor of her late husband, Fred Endrizzi, and is designated to fund scholarships.

Following the very special Salon at her home, Maryann Armour made a gift of \$2,000 to demonstrate her support of Arts Advocates mission. Thank you, Maryann

We have received a generous donation of \$10,000 from Judy Fiala, past president. Over the years, Judy has steadfastly championed our collection and our most sincere thanks for her long-standing commitment to preserving visual art in our community.



February Luncheon Program Celebrates Circus Arts



Circus Sarasota is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, with performances under the Big Top in Nathan Benderson Park through March 5th.

Pedro Reis and Dolly Jacobs wowed the audience at the February luncheon with the story of their lives as circus arts performers who traveled the world before taking a chance and founding the Circus Arts Conservatory.

Several video clips highlighted their presentation, including one of Dolly's father, Lou Jacobs, generating laughs in his legendary clown act with Jimmy Stewart in the movie "The Greatest Show on Earth." Other clips featured Dolly's Roman Rings act and "The Wings of Love," a sensual pas de deux performed by Pedro and Dolly 25 feet in the air.



Top image taken from a video they screened shows them as a couple in action at a circus performance.

Above: Pedro Reis and Dolly Jacobs



Above Center: Tour guide Judy Levine in front of large mural of two African Americans and Tour Guide Stephenie Frasher in front of the white statue.

Above Right: Tour guide Nanette Crist is standing with Mark Wiseman in front of his work "Portals 2.0."

GALLERY ARTIST **COSETTE KOSIBA**



Award-winning Cosette Kosiba's initial focus was with watercolor and acrylic painting until she fell in love with pastel.

She studied pastel with Julie Skoda, Kathleen Newman, Jean Hirons, Joanna Karpay, Jacob Aguiar and Richard McKinley. With a focus on pastel, Cosette has exhibited in several local, national, invitational, and juried shows. Her works will be on exhibit at the Arts Advocates Galley from April 4-29.

NEW! **Let's Have Lunch!**

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 12-1:30 PM
SEASONS 52, 170 UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER DR.
(UTC mall next to valet parking)

We meet and mingle with other members at our popular events that attract a large turnout. “Let’s Have Lunch” are occasional get-togethers for a chance for art lovers share good conversation in a more intimate setting. This month we’ll meet at Seasons 52.

- This informal lunch is limited to 10 members who will pay for their meals at the restaurant.

So, register now and don’t miss out on the fun!

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Writing Workshop: “SEVEN SACRED PAUSES”

MARCH 9, 2023 | 1-3PM

This writing 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.

This is a separate event from the Art Talk. 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

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April Luncheon Program Preview: **SARASOTA RISING**

Sarasota's arts and cultural assets are an enormous draw for residents and visitors alike. [Sarasota Rising](#) was established in 2021 with the goal of unifying the region's arts and cultural assets into a "powerful beacon," by creating an annual week-long interdisciplinary arts festival that celebrates Sarasota's arts assets and as a catalyst for tourism during the off season.

Sarasota Rising Executive Director Jeffery Kin, former artistic director of The Players Centre for Performing Arts, will disclose how plans for the festival are evolving at our April 20th luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club.

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Jeffery Kin, Sarasota Rising Executive Director

SALON: Private Viewing of Gudrun Newman Studio Home Studio/Gallery

APRIL 11, 2023 | 1-3:00PM

We have a rare opportunity to view a vast collection of art in one place – generally only available to designers and private collectors by appointment.

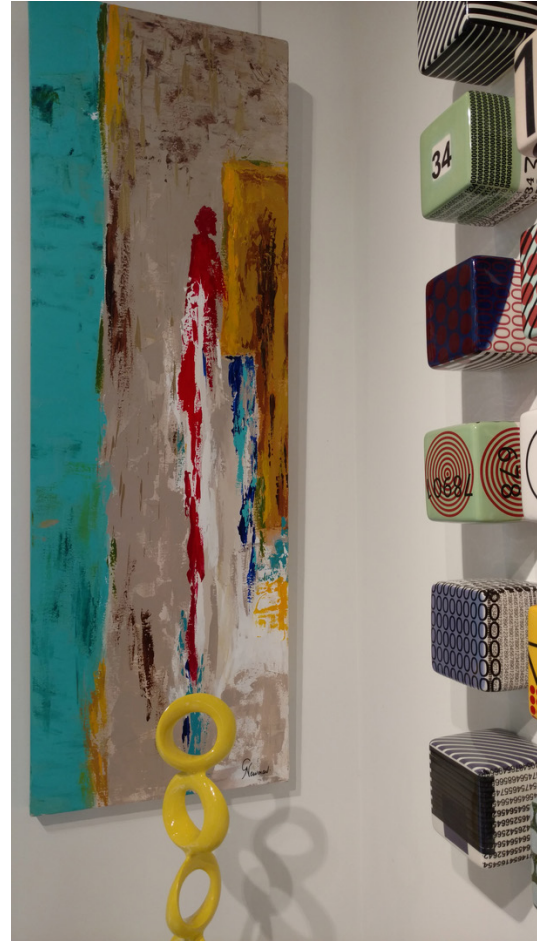
Gudrun Newman is one of the most successful contemporary artists to emerge out of Iceland in recent years. Her paintings are represented by nine galleries across the US and can be seen among private and corporate collections internationally.

For over ten years, Gudrun owned galleries on St. Armand's and downtown Sarasota, representing both herself and other internationally known artists. After closing her galleries to focus on her passion, she now paints in her Sarasota home and sees designers and private clients, selling her own works and selective others.

Gudrun's passion for art, and her desire to educate, interact and share is contagious - you will leave having experienced her spirit.

A sample of Gudrun's work can be found at www.gnewmanart.com.

"I am only the instrument holding the brush and applying the paint, everything else happen on its own" -Gudrun Newman



Place: 7429 Palmer Glen Circle, Sarasota 34240

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Cost: \$50 members, Limited to 20 people

Art Talk: Five Visionaries Unite Sarasota's Visual Arts Community

APRIL 14, 2023 | 4-6PM

The Colony Artists put Sarasota on the map as a city with a vibrant visual arts scene. Now five visionary artists are building communities of artists to showcase their artworks.

In 2021, Jen Palmer created [Sarasota Studio Artists Association](#), a dynamic community of 65+ artists that enables visitors to meet artists in their studios, learn about their creative inspiration and directly purchase their art.

[Creative Liberties](#) was founded by Elizabeth Goodwill and Barbara Gediman to provide services and affordable studio space. Participating artists work in a communal space, enhancing the artists' ability to share ideas and help one another realize their visions. The basic concept has proven so successful, they have expanded to a second location with a classroom for monthly family art days where members of the community can create their own art.

Craig Palmer recently opened [Palmer Modern](#) next door to Creative Liberties. His space features an art gallery and includes a studio for himself as well as affordable studios for five additional artists.



The two Creative Liberties sites and Palmer Modern are in the [Limelight District](#), which is quickly transitioning into a major arts destination. There are now 27 artists within a few blocks, making it easy for visitors to walk from studio to studio. Having a high density of artists in one area is a win for the artists and those looking to purchase local art. These artists and jewelry designer Judy Levine will be our panelists.

Place: Arts Advocates Gallery, Crossings at Siesta Mall

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

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DOCENT TOUR OF ELLING EIDE RESEARCH CENTER AND PRESERVE

APRIL 25, 2023 | 10:00-11:30AM

Our tour guide will take us through the acclaimed building designed by Guy Peterson, showcasing Asian artifacts collected by the Eide Family. These include a Chinese silk tapestry from the 18-19th century (Qing Dynasty), Japanese screens, ceramics, Chinese figurines, Asian and calligraphy scrolls, paintings, and a restored Persian mural ceiling in the dining room. In the library you will see Mr. Eide's collection of books and journals.



Then we will visit the preserve and learn about the history of the property and enjoy the beauty of the trees and rare plants on site.

The [Elling Eide Center Research Library and Preserve](#) opened its doors in the fall of 2016. The Center provides scholars and students with opportunities to research Chinese and East Asian culture, history, and art on a pristine nature preserve.



Place: 8000 S. Tamiani Trail, Sarasota (follow the signs on the road adjacent to the Presbyterian Church's parking lot. Enter the gate and follow the signs for parking)

Cost: \$12 members, \$15 non-members

Capacity: 10 Minimum/20 Maximum

Register by Monday, April 17



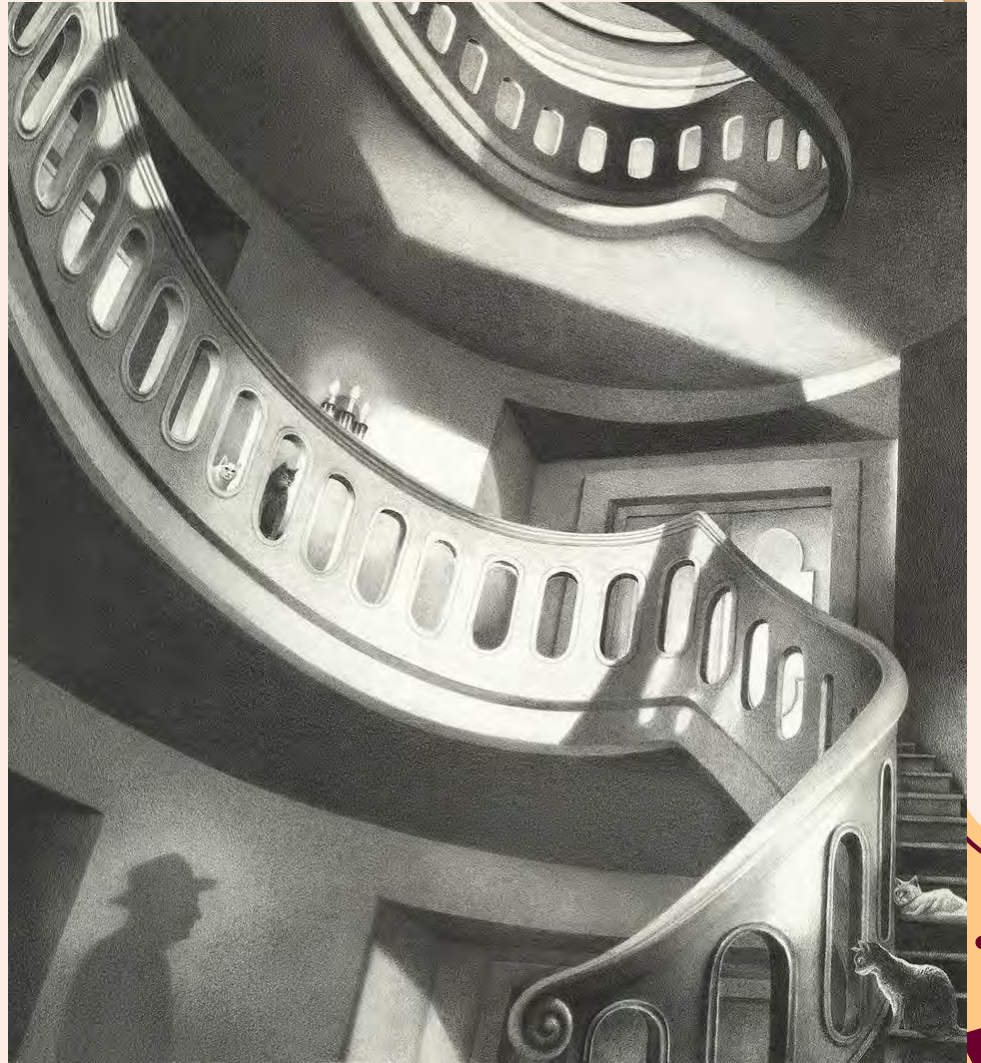
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BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

Win this archival ink print “Shadow” by member artist Tony Reinemann at our March luncheon raffle. Signed, stamped, and numbered 2/10. This print won First prize in Art Center Sarasota’s Member Juried Competition on view until March 11 at the Center.

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.



save the dates

Thursday, May 18th. 11:00 AM | Sarasota Yacht Club Signature Fundraising Scholarship Luncheon

Invitations will be mailed.

GUEST SPEAKER DR. SARAH PAPPAS

Dr. Pappas is a former President of The Selby Foundation, President of Manatee Community College (now State College of Florida) and wife of acclaimed Artist, George Pappas. Two of his works are in the Arts Advocates collection.

Our 2023 Scholarship Award winners are invited to attend and present examples of their work.

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!

+ 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

+ 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

+ April 4-29

Gallery Artist, Cosette Kosiba

+ April 14

ArtTalk: Five Visionaries Unite Sarasota's Visual Arts Community, 4-6pm



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