

JOIN US FOR OUR

55th

Anniversary Celebration

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11 AM – 1 PM

Sarasota Yacht Club

Actor and educator
Kathryn Chesley will portray
artist Martha Hartman.

When you attend our 55th anniversary luncheon,
you will have an opportunity to win "Windows,"
an original painting by Martha Hartman
kindly donated by her son, Bill Hartman.

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About Martha Hartman

Sarasota Legacy Artist, Women's Rights Advocate, and Founding Member of the Petticoat Painters

Martha Dye Hartman was born in Alabama and brought to Orlando as an infant. A child of the Depression, she spent her youth dreaming of becoming an artist.

In 1945, at the age of 23, Hartman cashed in her war bonds and moved to Sarasota to enroll in what was then called the Ringling School of Art. Within a year of arriving in Sarasota she met her husband, artist William Hartman. The couple opened a gallery in downtown Sarasota shortly after getting married. The Seventh Street Gallery, later renamed the Hartman Gallery and Studio, became a hot spot for a rotating cast of established artists. It was the first art gallery in town, the headquarters for the Florida Artist Group, and a school for burgeoning artists.

In 1950, Martha took the top spot at the Sarasota Art Center show. When she won, she expected to receive the advertised cash prize, but the all-male jury thought she would be happy with just a certificate. She was not.

In 1953, in response to the difficulties women were experiencing in being recognized as artists, she founded the Petticoat Painters. Today, the Petticoat Painters is the oldest continuously operating women's painting group in the United States.

Martha was a recognized regional artist with many awards and one-person shows. For many years, she was engaged in the Sarasota Art Association and Ringling School of Art boards and organizations.

Join us as Martha's story comes to life during our 55th anniversary celebration luncheon.

Date: Thursday, November 21 | 11 am-1 pm

Place: Sarasota Yacht Club

Cost: \$45 for members/\$50 nonmembers



The founding Petticoat Painters Elinore Budd, Judy Axe, Margaret Slugs, Helen Protas, Stella Coler, Bebe Hamel, Marty Hartman and Jane Ziegler in 1958. Today, the Petticoat Painters holds the distinction of being the longest continuously exhibiting women's artist group in the country. COURTESY PHORO



Windows by Martha Hartman

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Arts Advocates Members and Friends,

I hope everyone made it through hurricanes Helene and Milton without much impact. During October, our gallery was closed for a few days, but the artwork remained safe. Despite flooding at the Van Wezel, their team responded quickly and efficiently which led to no damage to our art collection there.

SPAACES, our October member artist group, opened their show “SPAACES Studio Artists Present” in the gallery on October 5. Their exhibition showcased SPAACES studio artists’ works as a group for the first time since its inception in 2018.

Unfortunately, our October 17 luncheon that was to feature Dr. Joseph Holt, artistic director of Choral Artists of Sarasota, was cancelled due to hurricane damage to the Sarasota Yacht Club.

Our October art talk by Truman Adams was held on October 22, Truman talked about how he creates his large-scale murals in multiple mediums and styles, based upon his artistic whims and the desires of his clients.

October saw the beginning of our eight-month ad campaign with the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Scene, and Observer Media Group. We are especially grateful to the Observer for their sponsorship.

Looking forward to November:

On November 2, member artist Robert Manteiga’s exhibit, “From Street Photography to Street Art – A

Photographic Journey,” opens in our gallery.

On November 11, there will be a tour of the Sarasota Ballet at the FSU Center of Performing Arts, which includes the backstage area and costume shop.

On November 19, Holly Freedman presents the art talk, “Listening to Women – The Origin, The Women, The Future.”

On November 21, we celebrate our 55th anniversary!

Stay informed by checking our weekly eblasts and monthly newsletters, and remember to visit our website, www.artsadvocates.org, to register for events aligned with your interests.

With warmest regards to all,

Bill Rusling
President, Arts Advocates



Bill Rusling, President

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NOVEMBER MEMBER ARTIST EXHIBIT

ROBERT C. MANTEIGA: “FROM STREET PHOTOGRAPHY TO STREET ART - A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY”

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 2-30 | 2-4 PM
Arts Advocates Gallery

In the 1970s and '80s, Robert worked as a freelance photographer for clients including Paramount Picture Cards in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Since coming to Sarasota in 2013, he has worked independently as a photographer and videographer.



This exhibit is sponsored by Observer Media Group.

NOVEMBER ART TALK

LISTENING TO WOMEN: The Origin, The Women, The Future

Holly Freedman is the founder of OLLI at Ringling College's Listening to Women, an annual lecture series that highlights the life stories and achievements of women who are influential figures in their respective fields. Holly is instrumental in selecting the speakers who are making a difference in today's communities. She will delve into her selection process and share her interactions with these remarkable women.

Date: November 19 | 4-6 pm

Place: Arts Advocates Gallery

Cost: Free for members/\$5 nonmembers



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Where Are They Now?

A look at what 2023 Arts Advocates scholarship recipient Wilderley Mauricette is doing now

Excerpted from an article in the Observer written by Ian Swaby

Wilderley Mauricette was surprised when he realized that no one around him knew what a “sundown town” was and what its implications were for the Black community.

“No professor knew what it was, no classmates knew what it was, nothing,” he recalled of the time he was a student at Ringling College of Art and Design.

As a result, the concept became part of the basis for his short film “Spare Me,” set in Sarasota, which he completed in 2023 as a junior student project.

The young filmmaker hopes an unexpected opportunity to turn the eight-minute short film into a feature-length production will bring more awareness to the subject matter.

After “Spare Me” screened at the Mometu College Short Film Festival in Los Angeles in 2024, it picked up awards for “Best Picture” and “Producer’s Pick,” and the festival decided to fund a full-length adaptation.

[Read the complete article here.](#)



Behind the Curtain Tours at the Van Wezel Canceled Through December

While our artwork on exhibit in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is safe, the building suffered major water damage during Hurricane Milton. The damage forced the cancellation of all events there at least through January 1. We'll notify you via weekly eblasts and [Facebook](#) when tours begin again.



ARTS ADVOCATES 2024 YEAR-END FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: CELEBRATING THE ARTS FOR 55 YEARS

By now, you should have received a packet of information regarding the Arts Advocates 2024 year-end fundraising campaign. The information is designed to help you make thoughtful decisions concerning your contribution. Remember, you may designate whether you want to fund scholarships, the gallery, or other specific programs. Unspecified donations will be allocated to the general operating fund.

Because of your passion, our organization has continued to support the arts in Sarasota by exhibiting and preserving works by Florida and Sarasota Colony artists, by awarding scholarships to emerging young artists, and by collaborating with nonprofit organizations such as the Sarasota Film Festival and with the Florida Highwaymen.

As you consider your year-end donations, you may choose to donate by check or credit card, you may donate funds through your annual IRA required distribution, or withdraw from your donor-advised fund. If you wish to transfer stock, make a match, or have questions about your donation, please contact Donna Maytham at 941-351-5361.

Arts Advocates is primarily funded by generous donations from members like you. Our goal this year is to raise \$55,000. We deeply appreciate your support.



DECEMBER MEMBER ARTIST EXHIBIT **FRANCES POWERS**

SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 7-28 | 2-4 PM
Arts Advocates Gallery

Powers' work has always encompassed organic forms derived from nature. Living in Florida, with its abundance of flora and fauna, is inspiration for her work which can be either stylized landscapes, or landscapes that include architectural forms and flora and fauna. Join us for her reception on December 14, 2-4 pm, in our gallery.

This exhibit is sponsored by Observer Media Group.



Red Flowers

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CALL TO ARTISTS

CALLING ALL ARTS ADVOCATES MEMBER ARTISTS

Join us for our Holiday Bazaar in the Arts Advocates Gallery

December 7 | 12-5 pm

The Crossings at Siesta Key mall, 3501 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Stephenie Frasher and Elisabeth Trostli, our Holiday Bazaar event coordinators, are delighted to invite you to participate in our annual holiday shopping extravaganza! This festive event will take place on December 7, 2024, from noon to 5:00 pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talent and sell your smaller and giftable artwork to holiday shoppers looking for unique and creative gifts.

Event Highlights:

- A festive atmosphere with holiday decorations
- Live music and entertainment
- Complimentary refreshments
- Silent auction
- An opportunity to meet and network with fellow artists and art enthusiasts

If you are interested in being a vendor, please RSVP by November 22 to secure your spot and reserve a table for display. Cost to participate is \$25 for a table plus 15% of sales. You can contact Liz Trostli at etrostli50@gmail.com or 941-780-2818 for complete details and to confirm your participation.

Meet New People and Make a Difference as a Volunteer!

There are many opportunities to become more involved in Arts Advocates as a volunteer for our activities.

LEARN MORE HERE



To volunteer, please contact
Carol Darling



Gallery host

Arts Advocates Gallery or Van Wezel docent

Art talk interviewer

Where Are They Now? researcher/writer

Member exhibit set up

Or join a committee:

hospitality, educational tours/workshops, fundraising, programs, salons, or scholarships



As a core element of its mission, Arts Advocates helps raise awareness of local arts organizations. Please support and enjoy these upcoming programs in our community. Click on the links for more information:

Sarasota International Chalk Festival

[Burns Square Neighborhood](#)

Sarasota Ballet

[Giselle](#)

Sarasota Rising

[Living Arts Festival](#)

The Ringling

[Enduring Light](#)

Asolo Rep

[Beautiful: The Carole King Musical](#)

Special thanks to the Observer Media Group for their media sponsorship of our 2024-2025 season!



save the dates

+ November 2-30

Robert C. Manteiga's Exhibit:
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A Photographic Journey
Saturdays only 2-4 pm

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Sarasota Ballet Tour
Registration is closed.

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12-5 pm

+ December 7-28

Frances Powers' Exhibit
Saturdays only 2-4 pm

Nanette Crist interviews Truman Adams during his art talk, "Murals and More."



Midge Johnson and Alan Wasserman at their gallery during our October salon.



SPACES studio artists exhibited their works in our gallery in October.

