

Show Host



Many thanks to Arts Bonita for inviting us to exhibit our winter show in their wonderful gallery. What a great place to exhibit and we really appreciate it.

Special Thanks

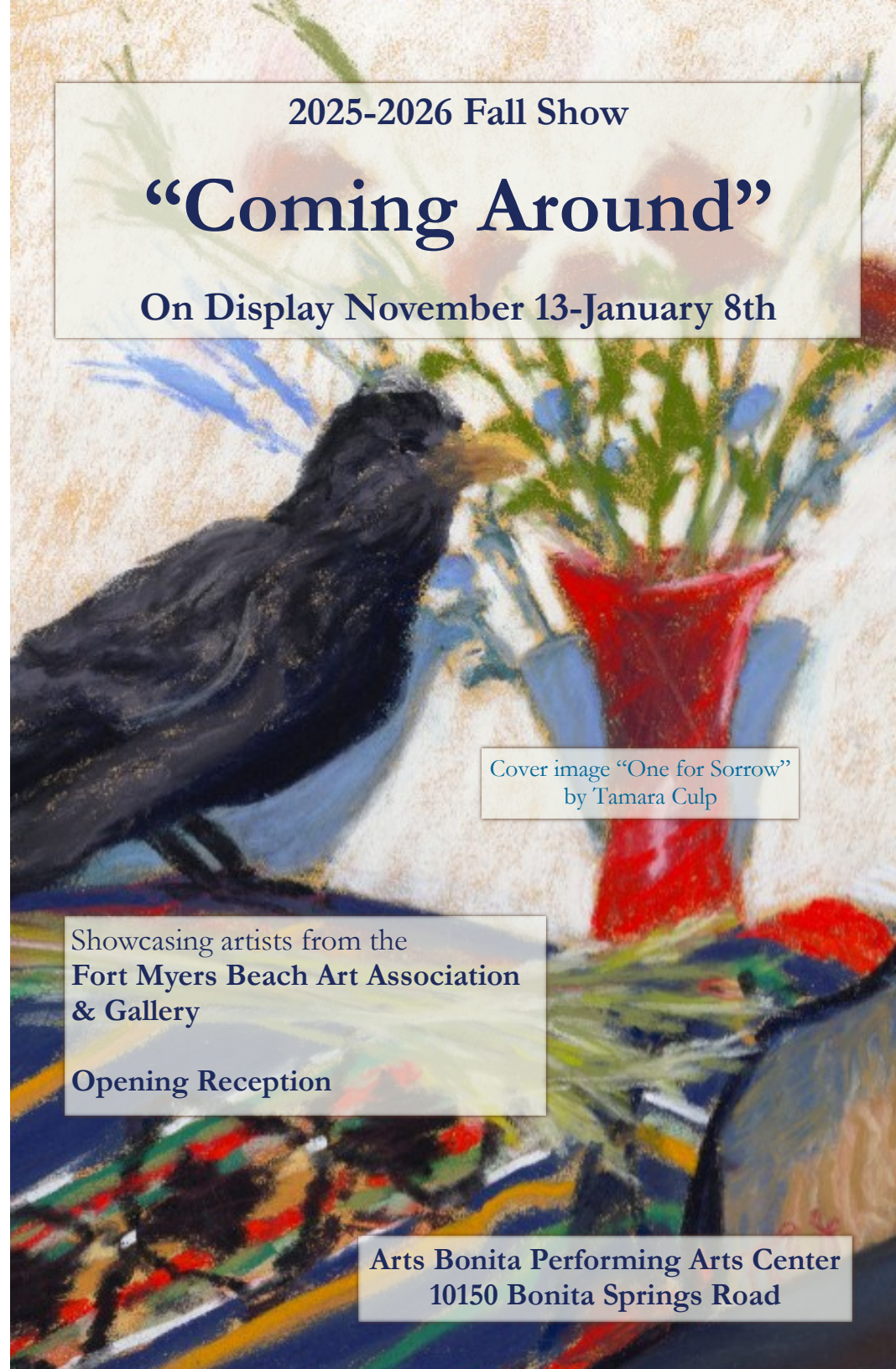
Thank you to our Juror: David Acevedo

Thank you to our Exhibition Coordinator, Helen Kinkin, and her team members: Tamara Culp, Dana Enders, Laura Black, Kathy Taylor, Julie Nusbaum, Steve Eaton, and Sue Simoneau.

Thank you to the Hanging Team from Arts Bonita

Thank you to Arts Bonita for providing the food and drinks for the show reception.

AND... Thank you to all the wonderful artists who entered their amazing works into this show. WOW!



2025-2026 Fall Show

“Coming Around”

On Display November 13-January 8th

Cover image “One for Sorrow”
by Tamara Culp

Showcasing artists from the
Fort Myers Beach Art Association
& Gallery

Opening Reception

Arts Bonita Performing Arts Center
10150 Bonita Springs Road

About the Judge—David Acevedo



Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico in 1975.

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Acevedo's reach has been extended by numerous featured articles in magazines such as Gulfshorelife, the Fort Myers Magazine, Happenings Magazine, the Fort Myers News-Press, D'Latinos Magazine, and others.

He has exhibited in the United States, Spain, and China (Hong Kong). Winning the title of Visual Artist of the Year in 2009 and a Gulfshorelife Magazine FACE Award in 2016 for his community work in diversity and inclusion.

After moving to Southwest Florida in 2000, Acevedo established a reputation as one of the primary artists in the community winning the title of Visual Artist of the Year in 2009 and the Gulfshorelife Magazine FACE Award in 2016 for his community work in diversity and inclusion.

His first professional artist studio opened in 2006, later transforming into a pioneering art gallery for artists called DAAS. It was after opening the first DAAS Gallery that he co-founded the popular Fort Myers Art Walk (2008), then serving in the core committee until 2012.

Acevedo served in the Fort Myers Public Arts Committee from 2011 to 2012 as well. From 2013 to 2020, Acevedo contributed as Arts Editor for TOTI Media INC, publishing numerous articles for their five local and international publications.

Check out his website at: <https://acevedostudio.com>

Juror's Statement

I am extremely pleased with the amount of talent presented for this exhibit. There was something about every piece that I found captivating. As difficult as it was to award prizes, I went for the pieces that dared to show what their medium and go beyond the traditional techniques. I also looked for attention to detail and overall presentation. Everyone should be very proud of the work they submitted.

About Us

This year, the Fort Myers Beach Art Association and Gallery is celebrating 75 years of bringing Art to the Southwest Florida Community.

Although Hurricane Ian destroyed our building, we continue to be an all-volunteer, member operated, not-for-profit art association. We are an easy-going, fun-loving, and art-loving bunch of down-to-earth friendly folks.

The art association was established in 1951, and, shortly thereafter, land was purchased mid-island, on Donora Boulevard. Our working gallery was a place to go where everyone knows your name or soon would!

In April of 2025, we rented a small space for a gallery at Cypress Square Plaza, 13451 McGregor Blvd. Unit #1, Fort Myers

You can follow our rebuilding journey at <http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com> or on Facebook and Instagram. Along with upcoming shows, the website also has our schedule and location for plein air and studio painting.

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association is a 501©(3) non-profit.



Fort Myers Beach Art Association



The purpose of the Association shall be to further and provide education in the cultural aspects of life in Fort Myers Beach and its environs; to promote the study, practice and appreciation of art; to hold art exhibitions and programs which shall be open to the public; and to encourage art instruction of children and junior artists.

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Membership

Any person may become a member of FMBAA upon payment of annual dues.

Members may vote at all meetings of the Association, are eligible to exhibit paintings in all shows and exhibits. All members are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. Members are expected to volunteer as our organization runs on their commitments.

Awards (with comments from our Juror)



Lee Ackert Memorial Best of Show

"Birds, Birds and More Birds" by Cheryl Fausel
Amazing colors and composition. A daring and dramatic piece that kept me intrigued and brought me a lot of joy. Very well balanced and great mix of mediums.

First Place

"Naples Cottage" by Patricia Payzant
This piece is haunting, but in a beautiful way. The monochromatic color scheme drew me in and I really like how the frame matches the old world feel of the piece. Really really beautiful piece.



Second Place

"Birds Flying High" by Julie Nusbaum
The mix of abstraction with realism in this piece is very interesting to me. I really enjoyed the application of the medium and how well it was adapted to create the seascape.



Awards



Third Place

“Fishes II” by Laura Black

This piece is fun, vibrant and full of life. I enjoy seeing color balanced so well, as well as a great combination of mediums.

Maya Bryant Memorial Award for Plein-air

“The Lot Awakens” by Jodi Enders

The scene and colors on this piece are incredible.

Not only is it technically on point, but an extraordinary scene, outside the usual landscapes or seascapes expected. The looseness of the strokes are on point.



Award of Merit

“Pompoms” by Carol Baskin

Another great example of beautifully executed mix media. Great colors and very fluid. A wonderful example of expressionism.



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“Under the Sea” by Lois McDougall

I really like this small scale abstract. It is well balanced and very free. Great use of colors.



News—all information is on our website, www.fortmyersbeachart.com

Show and Exhibit Dates

December 6 (9:00—Noon)

Receiving – Art Divine Exhibit

December 27—Midnight

Deadline to register for Winter Show- “Outside the Lines” – Cape Coral Art Center

December 29 (10-noon)

Receiving Winter Show “Outside the Lines” —Cape Coral

January 3rd (9:00 am - Noon)

Receiving – “Cool to be Square” Exhibit

January 9 (9-noon)

Removal Fall Show—Arts Bonita

January 29—Midnight

Deadline to register for Spring Show—Gallery

January 30—(9-Noon)

Removal Winter Show—Cape Coral

January 31 (9-noon)

Receiving Spring Show “Soaring” - Gallery

February 28 (9-Noon)

Receiving – Lucky Charms Exhibit

Plein-air Group

11/15 – Saturday AM – Sunset Harbor Village (formerly known as Marinatown) 3444 Marinatown Lane, North Fort Myers, FL 33903

11/19 – Wednesday AM – Edison Park Historical District, 1619 Llewellyn Drive, Fort Myers 33901

11/22 – Saturday AM – American Sand Sculpting Championship at Fort Myers Beach – more information to come

11/26 – Wednesday 9:00 AM – Roosters on Route 80 – Gate Opens at 9am – 15500 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva FL 33920

11/29 – Saturday Late Afternoon/Evening 3-6pm – Koreshan State Historic Site, 3800 Corkscrew Road, Estero FL 339

The 4th annual ICONIC IMAGES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SHOW – Registration is open. There is still space to enter! For information and show prospectus, send an email to Dana Enders at pleinair@fortmyersbeachart.com The Show will take place in December at the Norris Community Center in Naples. This is a PLEIN AIR SHOW. To be part of this show, you must participate with one of the following groups: The Fort Myers Beach Art Association, the Southwest Florida Pastel Society or the Gulf Coast Plein Air Painters of Naples and Bonita Springs. If you want to participate and are not yet a member, become one! Now’s a great time. It is only \$75 for a FMBAA membership through the end of 2026!

FORT MYERS BEACH ART ASSOCIATION

Our gallery on Fort Myers Beach is gone but we have rented a space on McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. Now you can visit us in the Cypress Square Plaza at [13451 McGregor Blvd. Unit #1, Fort Myers, FL 33919](#)

In 1951, meetings, art shows and fund raising events were held in a chickee hut built by the members. The Art Association had two more temporary homes, and then, in 1965, land was purchased mid-island, on Donora Street.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on February 22, 1968, and President Mira Sackrison used her "golden spade" to symbolize the beginning of building the first cultural center on the Beach. The skylights and storage room were added in 1978. In 1984, the building was improved by providing a ramp and an altered restroom to make an art experience available to people in walkers and wheelchairs. This project also provided a second gallery.

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A working art gallery is where member artists go to create, teach, learn and share their art. On the walls hang the finished paintings as part of a judged show or an exhibition.

But, in September 2022, major hurricane Ian hit Fort Myers Beach and destroyed much of the island including our beloved art gallery.

After the loss of our gallery, the leadership secured a temporary meeting place at the Fort Myers Congregational Church on College Blvd. The organization conducted its meetings, classes and get togethers while work commences to rebuild a gallery on Fort Myers Beach.

The organization showed wonderful resiliency and was able to put on all the Traditional major shows in the greater Fort Myers community in the 2022-2025 seasons. We are extremely grateful to the Fort Myers Congregational Church on College Blvd. and all of our Show Host sites for their help in this trying time.

While we are currently leasing space at Cypress Square, our long term goals are still to return to our property on Fort Myers Beach.

Visit us now at our new little gallery in Cypress Square.

Awards

Award of Merit

"Vintage Assemblage" by Dorothy McDowell
Simply beautiful. I really like the scene and subject. Great balance and composition. Beautifully presented as well.

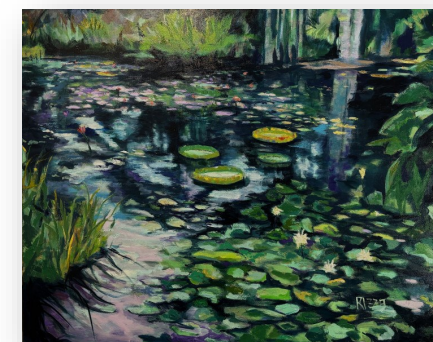


Honorable Mention

"Homegrown Pineapple" by Helen Kinkin
Impressive technique and balance. Very good use of the colors and well presented.

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"Peaceful" by John Rizza
Big and bold, with unapologetic use of the colors and wild brush strokes. A great large scale scene that seems complicated and simple at the same time.



Honorable Mention

"Shangri-La Springs Mysore Fig" by Susi Wingenroth
I love the impasto effect and overall technique of this piece. Great choice of colors as well.

Artists

Carol Baskin		
Carnivale	Acrylic	300
Pompoms	Acrylic	350
Laura Black		
Egret Spreading Her Wings	Batik/Watercolor	425
Fishes II	Batik/Watercolor	575
Becky Botts		
Summer Vacation	Acrylic	600
Tamara Culp		
One For Sorrow	soft pastel	300
Resolute	soft pastel	475
Dana Enders		
Beach Vibe Café	soft pastel	920
Reporting for Duty	soft pastel	850
Jodi Enders		
Between Shade and Shine	Acrylic	1200
The Lot Awakes	Acrylic	750
Cheryl Fausel		
Birds, Birds and More Birds!	Mixed Media	1200
The Glasses Up Front	Watercolor	1800
Karen Johnson		
Rows of Sunshine	Oil Paint	600
Helen Kinkin		
Homegrown Pineapple	Watercolor	875
Midnight Stroll	Watercolor	750
Diane Kuntz		
Botanical Blues	Collage	400
Enchanted Forest	Collage	325
Lois McDougall		
Splash	Acrylic	89
Under the Sea	Acrylic	89
Dorothy McDowell		
Tug At Dawn	Oil	400
Vintage Assemblage	Oil	600
Sharee Morse		
Ocean Whisper	Acrylic	3500
Eileen Nowak		
A view from the shore	Water based oils	450
Let's go fishing	Water based oils	350

Artists

Julie Nusbaum		
Birds Flying High	Watercolor on yupo	650
Gray Day	Watercolor on yupo	325
Patricia Payzant		
Just Passing Through	Oil	400
Naples Cottage	Oil	450
Nance Polomski		
Level Up	Acrylic on Canvas	800
Skydiver	Oil on Canvas	1200
John Rizza		
Edison Sailing School	Oil	595
Peaceful	Oil	2850
Starlin Sherwood		
Grandma's Garden	Collage Mixed Media	500
Sue Simoneau		
November	Watercolor	400
Jill Staples		
Solitude	Acrylic	2700
The Gathering	Acrylic	13000
Arlene Stigum		
Isaiah 11: 6-9	Oil and Galkyd	1800
Lunch for Three	Oil and Galkyd	1800
Kathy Summer		
Anchored Light	Pastel	800
Leomas Secret Gate	Pastel	NFS
Kathleen Taylor		
Curious	Watercolor	450
Times Square	Watercolor	450
Lynne Wesolowski		
Coquette	Acrylic Collage	395
Healing	Acrylic	395
Susi Wingenroth		
As Above, So Below	Acrylic on Gallery Wrapped Canvas	448
Shangri-La Springs Mysore Fig	Oil on Panel	NFS