

SHOW HOST

Hey! That's us. Yes this is the first Major Awards Show held at our very own gallery here on McGregor Blvd.

How exciting!!!

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

SHOW SPONSOR

We especially appreciate our show sponsor, who donates towards our awards and refreshments. Gavin's Ace Hardware, now in 3 locations—serving Cape Coral, South Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach.



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our Juror: Jan Ellen Atkielski

Thank you to our Exhibition Team Coordinators, Helen Kinkin and Kathy Taylor.

Thank you to the Receiving Team members for showing up in so many ways: Carol Baskin, Cheryl Black, Robyn DeMattia, Stephen Eaton, Helen Kinkin, Janine Lakatos, Suzan Lanz, JoAnn LaPadula, Clair St. Louis, Susan McCoy, Paul Mollon, Sharee Morse, Jerry Peregord, Gretchen Phillips, and Kathy Taylor.

Thank you to Tamara Culp and the Hanging Team: Jill Staples, Paul Mollon, Heidi Fausel, Chris Woodring, Susi Wingentoth.

Thank you to the refreshment Committee, Jill Staples and Star Sherwood.

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

Program created by Helen Kinkin

* Front cover courtesy of Irvin Hawkes – whom we all will miss very much! This was one of his paintings entered into last year's show.



Painting by Irvin Hawkes

Fort Myers Beach Art Association & Gallery

Winter Hours (October 15-April 14)
Mon.-Wed. 10-3, Thur.-Sat. Noon-6
closed Sunday

Summer Hours (April 15-October 14)
Thursday-Saturday Noon-6:00pm
Closed Sunday - Wednesday

Cypress Square Plaza
13451 McGregor Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33919

ABOUT THE JUDGE—JAN ELLEN ATKIELSKI



Jan Ellen is highly regarded as a strong, lyrical impressionist painter. Although she paints in pastel, acrylic, and watercolor, her focus for the past several years has been painting in oil with painting/palette knives. With pure skill and vision, Jan has radically taken knife painting to an astonishing level.

Her works stand out with a brilliance of rich color that can only be produced with palette knife and a sure hand.

A professional artist with a Bachelor's Degree in Art, Jan Ellen has exhibited for over 45 years and has an extensive list of collectors, both private and commercial. Her largest private collector is Jean DeDouvre of LaLique Glass, who owns 14 paintings. Some of her more noteworthy commissions include: The Town Hall of Ft. Myers Beach, NFL Alumni and Northwestern Mutual.

She has judged local and national exhibits, was Executive Director of "International Art Search Inc.", is also a published author and popular lecturer, and has been featured in print and on television. She was nominated as an "Angel of the Arts" for Best Visual Artist in 2006 by the Alliance for the Arts.

Check out her website at <https://janellenart.com/>

JUROR'S STATEMENT

What a wonderful exhibit. So many beautiful paintings and very hard to judge. I especially love all the various styles. I judge based on overall appeal, composition, skilled use of medium and originality. Every artist should be very proud.

ABOUT US

This year, the Fort Myers Beach Art Association & 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.



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)

Special Awards - There were 2 special awards for this show. All Artist levels were eligible for these special awards



Joan Stobart Best in Show

"The Still Water Garden" by Paul Mollon
This is a very dynamic painting. It has drama, depth and shows great skilled us of the medium. Transparent water and reflections increase the appeal. I feel like I could put my hand into the water and touch bottom. The receding lily pads are exceptionally done. Fantastic!

Lee Ackert Best Use of Color

"Pivotal Mix" by Dannica Walker
So loose, yet controlled – this painting has taken a limited palette and created a vibrant, joyful burst of color. I love the juxtaposition of hard and soft edges, lights and darks. A real beauty.





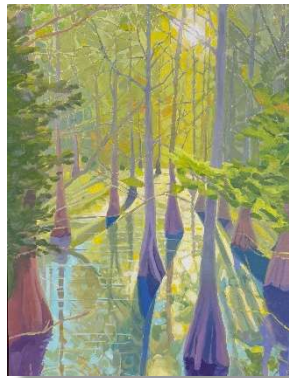
First Place - Professional Level
 "Storms A Brewing" by Dana Enders
 This simple scene derives power from the use of the strong negative spaces and color contrast in the clouds. A wonderful composition, great lead in and skilled supplication of pastel.



Second Place - Professional Level
 "Wellness Creek" by Irvin Hawkes
 There is a lot going on, but it is still serene. Great reflections, depth and control. This looks like a place I've visited and would like to go back to.



Third Place - Professional Level
 "Good Habits" by Kathy Summer
 I love this composition and the unusual subject matter. Deep blue tones against the lighter value and mood and atmosphere. It looks a very interesting discussion and it is a lovely piece that draws the viewer in.



Award of Merit - Professional Level
 "Cypress Sunlight" by Susi Wingenroth
 Glowing and colorful, this painting is a joy to explore. It has wonderful depth.



Honorable Mention - Professional Level
 "Glory" by Lynne Wesolowski
 Such Atmosphere! This painting has a magical appeal, almost like walking into a fairy tale, but still has the skill and expression of a serious piece.

Upcoming Workshops

Feb8
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm EST
[Susi Wingenroth: "The Artist's Way" Book Group](#)

Feb10
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST
[Portrait/Figure Drawing Group](#)

Feb11
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST
[John Robbolino: Oil Painting Class 1-4pm \(Feb 11,18,25 & March 4\)](#)

Feb12
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm EST
[John Robbolino: Oil Painting Class 6-9 pm \(Feb 12,19,26 & March 5\)](#)

Feb19
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EST
[Cheryl Fausel - Approaching Abstract Through Collage 2-Day Workshop](#)

Feb21
 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm EST
[Susi Wingenroth - Fast and Fresh Florals with Alcohol and Acrylics 1-Day](#)

Feb24
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST
[Portrait/Figure Drawing Group](#)

Mar6
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm EST
[Laura Black "Beginner Acrylic" 4-Day](#)

Apr20
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT
[Dana Enders: Soft Pastel \(2-Day workshop\)](#)

Plein-air Group

What is Plein Air Painting? "En plein air" is a French expression meaning "in the open air" and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist's subject in full view. Plein air artists capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, color, and movement into their works.

Come give it a try! No experience necessary!

We paint on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, at a different location each week. We start around 8:30-9:00 and gather for a critique at 11:30.

Feb 11 – Wednesday 9AM – Pottery Express & Bamboo Farm, 25370 Zemel Road, Punta Gorda 33955

Feb 14 – Saturday AM – Lynn Hall Memorial Park at Fort Myers Beach, 950 Estero Blvd

Feb 18 – Wednesday 8:30-9AM – Sanibel Marina & Grandma Dots, 634 N. Yachtsman Drive, Sanibel, 33957

Feb 21 – Saturday Late Afternoon 3:30 – Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Trail, 15801 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Feb 25 – Wednesday 8:30-9AM – Rotary Park Environmental Center, 5505 Rose Garden Rd, Cape Coral, 33914

Feb 28 – Saturday 9AM – New! Fort Myers Farmers Market, Downtown Fort Myers, 1st Street between Monroe and Broadway

Gallery Speakers

Feb 22

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EST

[Tammy DeCaro: Pouring Fluid Bloom Acrylics](#)

Mar 14

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT

[Sunny Lee Grabert: Minimize your Frustration, Maximize Your Fun](#)

Apr 4

11:00 am - 12:30 pm EDT

[Angela Quezada Padron: From Artist to Illustrator](#)

Lunch -N-Learn will resume on Saturday's this summer!

First Place – Emerging Level

"Flying High" by Nanci Polomski

Wonderful movement and dynamic color. Loose, but correct. Very well presented, but most of all, FUN! Composition and application of paint Rocks!



Second Place – Emerging Level

"3 Friends" by Carol Baskin

These birds are having fun. Great sense of movement in this piece. Nice control and composition. Holds together. Beautiful value shifts. I want to keep looking at it.

Third Place – Emerging Level

"Mars from a Distance" by Marie Crist

It's so hard to combine muted colors in a painting without them turning into mud/ This piece does it brilliantly. Fascinating textures, shapes and movement. Great control of the medium. A wonderful piece.



Merit – Emerging Level

"Gulls Escaping" by Glenna Andrade

This painting has a wonderful moodiness. The subtle value shifts in the sky really tell the story. The gulls are escaping just in time!

Honorable Mention – Emerging Level

"Live the Dream" by Heidi Fausel

So fun and very smart. This little gem tells a story with originality and great application of mediums.



ARTISTS

Abedi, Phyllis			
Roaring Stream	Acrylic		300
Stay On Your Path	Acrylic		300
Andrade, Glenna M			
Balloon Escaping	Watercolor		295
Gulls Storming / Gulls Escaping	Acrylic		295
Baskin, Carol			
3 Friends	Watercolor		350
Awaiting	Pastel		300
Batz, Kelly			
Leaving Home	Mixed Media: Watercolor, Ink, Pencil		325
Black, Laura			
Spoonbill On The Fly	Batik/Watercolor		225
Takeoff At Sunset	Batik/Watercolor		425
Botts, Becky			
Summer Vacation	Acrylic		600
Yellow House	Acrylic		500
Brown, Susanne			
Angel Rings	Watercolor		275
Soft Landing	Watercolor		275
Burbridge, Carol			
Free At Last	Oil		300
Moonglow	Oil		400
Charest, Cher			
Flying High In Love	Acrylic		500
In Flight	Acrylic		650
Crist, Marie			
Mars From A Distance	Watercolor On Yupo		175
Reflections	Mixed Media		250
Culp, Tamara			
Standing On A Rise	Soft Pastel		500
Two For Joy	Soft Pastel		400
Davis, Louise			
Going My Way	Oil		275
Rising Above	Acrylic		175
Enders, Dana			
Storms A Brewing	Soft Pastel		580
The Cottage	Soft Pastel		575
Fausel, Heidi			
Live The Dream	Collage		90
Hawkes, Irvin			
Takeoff	Watercolor		550
Wellness Creek	Watercolor		275

NEWS—ALL INFORMATION IS ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.FORTMYERSBEACHART.COM

Show and Exhibit Dates

Feb 28

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

[RECEIVING – Lucky Charms Exhibit \(25-26\)](#)

Apr 11

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

[RECEIVING – Anything Goes Exhibit \(25-26\)](#)

Jun 2

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

[RECEIVING – Beach Bliss Exhibit \(25-26\)](#)

Jul 21

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

[RECEIVING – Essence of Water Exhibit \(25-26\)](#)

Sep 8

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

[RECEIVING – Enchanted Exhibit \(26-27\)](#)

Oct 25

All day

[DEADLINE – Happy Accident Fall Juried Show \(26-27\)](#)

Oct 27

9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

[RECEIVING – Happy Accident Fall Juried Show \(26-27\)](#)

consultants were contacted to build a new facility. The organization showed wonderful resilience and was able to put on all of the “Traditional Major Art 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 our Art Show Hosts for their generous cooperation and help in this trying time.

Together we decided

We are here for each other! We didn’t know how our art association’s future would be shaped but we have a space, a home, a plan... we paint and laugh together again.

We were more than a building! Together, we will help each other move forward in sharing, classes, workshops and art shows.

Recovery and Renewal

In 2025, we leased and began operating our new working art gallery located in Cypress Square — a place where artists actively create, exhibit and sell original works, while we offer workshops, demonstrations, and community events that invite participation at every level. Most of all we feel we are “healing ourselves’ as well as the communities around us”.

Still Dreaming

While rebuilding plans continue, the Fort Myers Beach Art Association remains dedicated to its mission of supporting artists, enriching community life, and celebrating creativity in the Fort Myers Beach area.

Visit us now at our new little gallery located in Cypress Square, the “dream is alive”, and the future is still being shaped.

Johnson, Patricia(Pat)		
Ocean Spray	Acrylic	199
Waves At Sunset	Acrylic	249
Ketteman, Helen		
Funky Still Life	Acrylic	375
Story On The Square	Mixed Media	275
Kinkin, Helen		
Batik Butterfly	Watercolor Batik	225
Batik Flower Arrangement	Watercolor Batik	225
Lakatos, Janine		
Le Mur Rouge	Acrylic	240
Riding The Wind	Acrylic	115
Lanz, Suzan		
I'm Peaceful	Oil	900
Kites	Oil	450
Maillakakis, Minna		
Blue Octopus	Acrylics	200
Iguana	Acrylic	200
McCoy, Sue		
Beach Path	Gouache	125
Inland Stream	Gouache	125
McDowell, Dorothy		
Seaside Soaring	Oil	450
Mollon, Paul		
The Illuminated Dragonfly	Oil on Gesso Panel	900
The Still Water Garden	Oil on Canvas	4,500
Montgomery, Sylvia		
Blush Over Canal Waters	Oil	225
Florida's Loud Neighbor	Oil	225
Morse, Sharee		
Soaring In Moonlight	Mixed	285
The Roar	Acrylic	125
Mueller, Bob		
Skiff In Waiting	Watercolor	270
South Bay Clammer	Watercolor	250
Nusbaum, Julie		
Meandering	Watercolor on Yupo	750
Olmstead, Barbara		
Joyful Youth	Acrylic	450
Madonna And Child	Acrylic	350
Peregord, Jerry		
Mountain Lake	Oil on Canvas	450
Phillips, Gretchen		
Beach Flight	Oil	1,200
Water Hazard	Oil	700
Polomski, Nanci		
Flying High	Oil on Canvas	250

Raimondi, Jeanne			
Soaring Skies	Acrylic and Mixed Media		1800
Up And Away	Acrylic		85
Raimondo, Lynne			
River Walk	Acrylic		275
Waterfront Park	Acrylic		225
Rangel-Houser, Adriana			
Dove Orchid	Watercolor		580
Floral Dreamscape	Watercolor		580
Schlitzer, Kathryn			
Cafe Afternoon	Acrylic		200
Off to the Beach	Acrylic		200
Staples, Jill			
Island Time	Acrylic		350
On The Hunt (Yellow Crowned Night Heron)			
Acrylic		450	
Summer, Kathy			
Good Habits	Pastel		300
White Squad	Acrylic		500
Swafford Page, Sherry			
After The Rain	Acrylic		395
Your Heart Is A Golden Garden	Mixed		695
Taylor, Kathleen			
Blowing in the Wind	Watercolor		400
Where Is My Shadow	Watercolor		400
Walker, Dannica			
Color Fusion	Watercolor		1,500
Pivotal Mix	Watercolor		800
Wesolowski, Lynne			
Algorithm	Cyanotype		295
Glory	Acrylic		525
Wingenroth, Susi			
Cypress Sunlight	Acrylic		480
Fresh Flowers	Acrylic		160

FORT MYERS BEACH ART ASSOCIATION

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, member-operated arts organization. It functions as a working art gallery where member artists create, exhibit, teach, learn, and share their work with each other and the community.

Our Gallery for 54 Years

The Association was incorporated in 1951. In its early years, meetings, art shows, and fund-raising events were held in a “Chickee Hut” built by the members. After two additional temporary homes, land was purchased on the mid-Island on Donora Street in 1965, and our presents was established on Fort Myers Beach.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on February 22, 1968. President Mira Sackrison used her “golden spade” to symbolize the beginning of building the “first cultural center” on the Beach. Skylights and a storage room were added in 1978 and in 1984 the building was further improved with a walkway-ramp and modified restrooms to make the art experience accessible to visitors using walkers and wheelchairs.

Over the decades, the Association grew into a “vibrant creative community”. While preserving its long history, the organization has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of artists, residents, and visitors. Today, members describe themselves as a fun-loving bunch who share a passion for creativity, learning, and a strong community connection.

Hurricane Ian

On September 28, 2022, major hurricane “Ian” slammed into Fort Myers Beach and destroyed much of the island’s infrastructure, homes, businesses and our beloved art gallery.

First business was to check on the welfare of our 150+ members to be sure they’re safe. An Email sent to the membership read: “On September 28th, 2022. Hurricane Ian did indeed destroy our gallery on Fort Myers Beach, and much of the island.” Many had serious property damage, and many were unable to get to their homes. Most members were without electricity, water or cell service. But there was a glimmer of hope felt at the time, and it still sustains us today! One member wrote back the following: “We lost our building, but we did not lose our spirit. We are still an art family. That determination is still alive today and has been shared throughout our entire history.

After Hurricane Ian

Our Leadership secured a temporary meeting location at the Fort Myers Congregational Church on College Blvd. The organization conducted its meetings, classes and get togethers while planning to rebuild a gallery on Fort Myers Beach. An Engineering firm was contracted to design a new gallery and construction