



JACKSONVILLE FINE ARTS FORUM

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LOOKING BACK WHILE MOVING FORWARD

Hello All:

These past six months have been trying to say the least. Families everywhere were looking to adjust to some semblance of normalcy. I know in my family we stopped having family dinners and started social distancing with just 2 or three people. Most of the time we meet in the backyard with outdoor fans on us. I know you have been managing as well with your families.

Looking forward to the next six months several things are in the works for our Jacksonville Fine Arts Forum. Your Board members have been attending Zoom meetings with agendas and action items to work on. I want to bring you up to date on some of the things we are planning.

1. Circumstances permitting, we will re-start our luncheons in January 2021.
2. Our yearly dues notice will be coming your way in November 2020.
3. In January or February 2021, this year's award recipient will be having a show at MOCA and we are all invited (more info to follow).
4. We are planning on starting Art After Hours in late March with a location in the Towne Center area. The time will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We are hoping to do this once a quarter. These meets and greets will be in addition to our regular luncheons.
5. This art meet-up is a great way to grow our membership with a younger, professional group of men and women with a dues structure liken to our regular membership.

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NEXT MEETING:

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6. We have had several Zoom meetings with the Executive Director of FemArt Gallery, Kim Miller. We will be featuring their artists at our Art After Hours program.
7. The FemArt Gallery website is a great way to wile away time in this restrictive environment. The web address is: www.FemArtGallery.org
8. Each month we are putting the spotlight on our members, with an article in our newsletter. We are going to be calling each of you (one a month) to set a time for a phone interview.

In order to accomplish the objective of increasing our membership, both for our regular luncheons and the Art After Dark meet and greet we will need your participation and your help. We are in desperate need of a Publicity Person, tasked with the objective of getting the word out about our wonderful organization. Perhaps you or your friend would like to work together in this position, supporting each other and halving the work to be done. Maybe three of you would like to participate in this endeavor to contact your local newspaper or community newsletter. Please e-mail me or call, as I am open to all suggestions.

Remember, synergistically we can accomplish great things!!

Stay well, stay happy and we look forward to a new beginning in January 2021

Marty Cawley,
President JFAF

ART FORUM MEMBERS TAKE CENTER STAGE

Hello to all Forum Members! Hopefully you are doing well, and all are excited to receive a Forum Newsletter. Heretofore I have interviewed and written a brief feature on our exhibiting artists.

This time, however, much to the credit of President, Marty Cawley, my general topic has turned to our members, all of whom are deserving of your recognition and your interest. So...here goes--our first Art Forum member to be "center stage"

Janet Anderson!



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Pennsylvania native, Janet moved to St. Johns County about 18 years ago. She spent many years in northern New Jersey in proximity to New York City, visiting often. Why? A devoted fan of cities and art, her location enabled Janet to visit art museums, attend cultural events, and do some serious walking, another one of her favorite activities.

Although Janet had studied Chemistry and was trained professionally as a nurse who spent much time in the operating room, she was influenced by the opportunities and adventures the Women's Liberation Movement presented and switched careers. First, she joined a pharmaceutical company as a sales person calling on physicians (her nursing experience helped), and then on to a medical marketing company where she led focus groups, facilitated discussions between clients and drug companies and ultimately to form her own marketing company due to her vast experience---20 years!! At this point, I had to ask. "From nursing to sales to entrepreneurship, I don't get it!" Immediately Janet revealed that her sales job provided the following attractions. "I traveled all across the US visiting many beautiful cities and enjoying all the museums, architecture, and cultural events our major cities offered."

Now I understand. To this day, Janet and her husband enjoy traveling far and wide, especially exploring cities such as Paris in which she revealed having stayed on the Isles de Saint Louis! Lucky girl!

Yes, she has two children, a son in Virginia and a daughter and grandchild in Jacksonville. Janet's life here in Jacksonville involves the interests she has pursued throughout most of her life, walking, reading, a great many books, cooking, and traveling. Her devotion and interest in art never ceases. She has served as President of the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art **Guild**, and at the same time had an **honorary seat** on the Board of Trustees, and of course, as an active Art Forum member.

Janet admits we are in "challenging times" and looks forward to future Art Forum luncheons, meeting other members, and learning all about art from the variety of art and artists the Forum presents. SOON! Thank you, Janet, it was a pleasure!!

~ Interview by Franne Entelis

MEETING DATES:**ALL PRESENTERS HAVE
YET TO BE DETERMINED***The Jacksonville Fine Arts Forum was founded in 1960.**The purpose of our organization is to support and enjoy the Fine Arts in our community as we have for the past fifty years.*JANUARY 26FEBRUARY 23MARCH 23APRIL 27MAY 25**OUR PRIOR DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS****CHRISTY MULL, JERMAINE MARQUIS SHAVES, JR., , RILEY BRAGG,
VIANN YU, AUSTIN ASISADO, KAITLYNN THORNTON****WHEN:**FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH**WHERE:**SAN JOSE COUNTRY CLUB
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THE TERRACE ROOM
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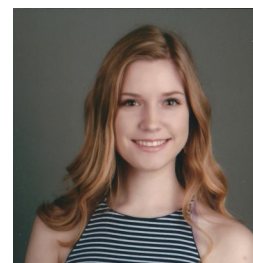
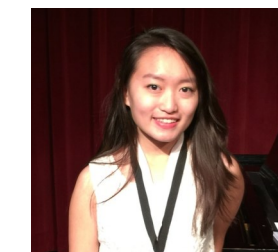
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