

PAC News



January 2020

CALL TO ARTISTS!

We have an opportunity to showcase your artwork for January and February at the **Rocky Bluff Library**.

This is an open, all media and juried exhibit.

Theme: "Open" We are looking for art or photography that inspires you.

The theme is completely open; however, the Jury Committee will only be able to select 12 pieces of artwork to exhibit.

Media: Open to all media including painting, drawing, photography, collage, graphic art, etc. The work can range from representational to abstract. It **MUST** be original work. No workshop or class work is allowed.

Drop off: If selected, you will need to drop off your artwork on Jan 4th at 12pm at the Rocky Bluff Library in Parrish.

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Membership

\$25 / year

Runs Jan - Dec

Check out all the activities and opportunities coming up.

Contact us at

Website -

parrishartscouncil.org

Email -

getinvolved@parrishartscouncil.org

Facebook - Parrish Arts Council

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Rules :

1. Entry submissions by Dec 27th
2. Submissions should be submitted in the following format for file name
- your initials artwork title.jpg.
(nlp_happyface.jpg)
3. Submit artwork to Fran at
mrsfmk@tampabay.rr.com.
4. Artwork must be ORIGINAL and not from a workshop or class
5. Accepted entries will be notified by Jan 1, 2020.
6. 12 pieces of artwork will be selected by a committee for the show
7. MAX of 2 entries per artist
8. Max size with frame is 16 x 20
9. Min size with frame is 8 x 10
10. Artwork must be wired hung ready
11. Artwork will be on display around Jan 4th to Feb 29th.
12. Parrish Arts Council may take pictures for publication on their website, Facebook or brochures for promotional use ONLY.

NOTE: Artist are responsible for getting any approvals needed if children are your subject. Neither the Parrish Arts Council, Colony Cove Arts Club, Harrison Ranch Arts Guild or Rocky Bluff Library is responsible for approval of any artwork submitted or selected.

Art in the Community

Parrish Arts Council is at it again!

Making the December 14th “Hometown” Parrish Christmas Tree lighting event, a little brighter, PAC members assembled and distributed hundreds of goody bags. Colored pencils, stickers, ornament crafts and sweets were shared with children in attendance. Joined by a rotation of helpful volunteers from the Board and membership, Julie Lonegro represented PAC and lead the effort on the day of the successful event.



Julie shared her comments at the end of a long and busy day; “What a magical day and night in Parrish celebrating with the

Community! You could just feel the 'JOY' in the air! Here are some pictures of all the hard work that went into making the day such a success for our town."



Photos by Julie Lonergo

PAC helps bring Christmas to Ellenton

By: Sheila Gallagher-Montone
Parrish Arts Council

What makes a Christmas Tree lighting uniquely Florida? When it's surrounded by Manatees, handsomely dressed for the holidays, of course. On Saturday November 23, 2019, Christmas came to The Ellenton Premium Outlets.

The annual Tree Lighting ceremony was made extra special as the 2019 Holiday Manatees were unveiled to the delight of

shoppers, members of The Parrish Arts Council, local student artists and their families.



2019 Painted Manatee winners and runner-up students along with Zulema Vega, Director of Marketing and Business Development Ellenton Premium Outlets, Hailey Palatano PCHS Art Teacher, Karalee Hammes, Board Member Parrish Arts Council

For the second year in a row, Simon Property Group who manages The Ellenton Premium Outlets, hosted a spectacular tree lighting ceremony which included the mall's signature Manatees dressed in newly designed T-shirts. Each Manatee, sporting new hand painted attire, added to the spirit of a tropical Christmas.



“We were thrilled to welcome families to Ellenton Premium Outlets for our 2nd Annual Tree Lighting on November 23rd. We hope to continue this Christmas tradition and bring holiday cheer and joy to the families of Manatee County for years to come.” said Zulema Vegas, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Ellenton Premium Outlets. “We are also proud to continue our partnership with the Parrish Arts Council as they have connected us with a wonderful group of students from Parrish Community High School who submitted several creative designs for the Manatee sculptures. We have selected the top three designs for the holiday season and look forward continuing to work with them in the Spring.” The Parrish Arts Council again collaborated with Simon Property Group to make the Annual Tree Lighting an important event for the local Manatee County community, as well as thousands of shoppers from throughout the region. In an effort to both localize this event, and bring area student artists into this creative process, PAC coordinated with Julie Hebert who serves as Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum Specialist at School District of Manatee County. Area schools were invited to encourage student artists to submit their original designs for ‘Tropical Christmas t-shirts’ that would be then painted on the fiberglass Manatee sculptures.



Under the direction of Parrish Community High School Art teacher, Ms. Hailey Patalano, sixty student designs were submitted. Judges from the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce and staff from Bradenton Area Convention center had the difficult task of choosing 3 winning designs and 3 runner up designs. Winning student artists then became working artists as they painted their exceptional designs on site. Members of PAC were on site every step of the way to provide guidance, encouragement and kudos to these up and coming members of the Parrish arts community. Winning student artists included Adriene Driscoll, Eva Heflin and Brook Gillaspay. 2019 Painted Manatee winners and runner-up students along with Zulema Vega, Director of Marketing and Business Development Ellenton Premium Outlets, Hailey Palatano PCHS Art Teacher, Karalee Hammes, Board Member Parrish Arts Council. Art education is a key component of the Parrish Arts Council mission. PAC Board Member, fine artist and



Ellenton resident, Karalee Hammes, has served as Manatee T-shirt project leader year over year. Karalee's efforts help drive this successful initiative that links seasoned local artists with art students...all doing what they are passionate about. She exemplifies how PAC member artists can truly "cultivate an artistically inspired community" and promote the arts through the work of fellow artists. Karalee Hammes is quick to remind this writer that having a good business neighbor is critical to the success of the Manatee T-shirt project.

The Ellenton Premium Outlets, along with Simon Property Group, are proven good business neighbors here in Manatee County. Not only did they insist on local student involvement in the 2019 project...they also provided tremendous incentive to participants. Parrish Community High School was awarded a \$1000 American Express Card for their outstanding level of participation and winning entries. Each of the winning student artists received a \$250 Gift Card and each runner-up received a \$50 Gift Card.

Simon Property Group, Inc. is a commercial real estate company, the largest retail real estate investment trust, and the largest shopping mall operator in the US. The Parrish Arts Council is a 501©3 non-profit serving Manatee County and the surrounding region since 2013. "PAC will support local artists and cultivate an artistically inspired community." By promoting Art Education, Artists and the Arts in Parrish and the surrounding communities, we inspire others while preserving our artistically rich history.

Our Art Conversations

Join us at Rocky Bluff Library each month as we gather to share our art and work together with PAC members. Bring your medium!

1/29, 2/26, (no available March dates), 4/29, 5/20, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/14, 11/4, 12/30.

Jan will be the Annual Membership Mtg / Membership Drive.

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