



CREATIVE PINELLAS

August 2020

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Activity Report

Emerging Artists Exhibit: August 19- October 21

This exhibition showcases a fresh, vibrant group of new works by nine recipients of the Creative Pinellas Emerging Artist Grant. This fourth annual Exhibit features painting, sculpture, installation, drawing, mixed media and illustration by artists Patricia Kluwe Derderian, Lynn Foskett, Steph Hargrove, Mark Mitchell, Zoe Papas, Gianna Pergamo, Kodi Thompson, Judy Vienneau, and Angela Warren. The gallery



is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and the public is invited to socially distance-view and purchase the work of these talented emerging artists as they gain momentum in their careers. Artist Grants are designed to assist artists early in their career with the tools to make the leap to their next step as professional artists. Each year Creative Pinellas awards up to ten grants to artists with a recognized and proven promise, a history of success, a strong portfolio of work and a vision for their future. Press on the Emerging Artist Exhibit:

- The Suncoast News: [suncoastnews.com/window-on-arts-entertainment-aug-20-2020/article_e22ab8b0-e30f-11ea-aabc-9f0ce3cfd931.html](https://www.suncoastnews.com/window-on-arts-entertainment-aug-20-2020/article_e22ab8b0-e30f-11ea-aabc-9f0ce3cfd931.html)
- The DuPont Registry: dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-ten-8-20-23-movies-politics-fiber-art-fringe-finale-and-lots-more/

Glass in the Gallery

On August 2, Glass in the Gallery concluded a tremendously successful run in the Gallery at Creative Pinellas. Since June 3, over 1, 230 guests have socially-distanced visited “Glass in the Gallery”, a group exhibition featuring artists from the Duncan McClellan Gallery representing a mix of traditional and contemporary glass working techniques. The virtual exhibit remains accessible on the Creative Pinellas website for viewers from all over. creativepinellas.org/glass-in-the-gallery-virtual-exhibition/

Gialanella in the Gardens

In partnership with the Florida Botanical Gardens (FBG), Gialanella in the Gardens is going strong. Sculptor Don Gialanella's welded assemblage sculptures, created from discarded steel objects, are artfully displayed in the lush settings throughout the Gardens. Given the setting, the exhibit has been open to the public during FBG operating hours since March and is scheduled to be featured throughout 2020. The Virtual Tour has been featured on the Creative Pinellas Arts In programming as well as on FBG's Social Media.

GIALANELLA IN THE GARDENS

Currently on Exhibit at the Florida Botanical Gardens

12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774

Hours: 7am - 5pm



Virtual Events

August was an exciting month for Creative Pinellas programming. Shows are all broadcast live on Facebook, then featured as a part of the Creative Pinellas Arts In platform, available to viewers all over.

Each event title below is linked to the Facebook Live event page.

[Friend of a Friend: Akiko Kotani & Babs Reingold: August 17](#)

FRIEND OF A FRIEND

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ARTISTS



A new monthly interview series from Creative Pinellas drawing connections between artists, inspirations, friends and mentors, showcasing the individuals that together make a creative community. Each month an artist interviews another artist in Pinellas County that has been an inspiration to them. The next month the interviewee becomes the interviewer, speaking with a Pinellas artist that has inspired them in turn. This month, 2019 Creative Pinellas Artist Laureate, Akiko Kotani, interviewed 2018 Creative Pinellas Professional Artist Grantee, Babs Reingold. 54 people joined in on the conversation.

Press on Friend of a Friend

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[Beauty and the 'Burg: August 27](#)



Viewers discovered the dark side of the sunshine state during this month's Beauty & the 'Burg. 246 viewers were treated to a discussion and readings from the newly released "Tampa Bay Noir" - a collection of stories by some of our favorite local authors, Sarah Gerard, Yuly Restrepo and New York Times and internationally bestselling author of eighteen novels, Lisa Unger. Unger is widely regarded as a master of suspense with millions of readers worldwide and books published in twenty-six languages. In 2019, she received two Edgar Award nominations, an honor held by only a few writers including Agatha Christie. Beauty & the 'Burg is a monthly series produced by Creative Pinellas hosted by Cindy Stovall. Each month Cindy welcomes guests and focuses

on interesting and trending topics in the arts and culture space. Beauty & the 'Burg is a collaboration with the *Arts In* platform, bringing Pinellas County artists to your home.

Press on Beauty & the Burg

- dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-ten-8-27-30-world-class-tap-mindi-abair-record-store-day-more/

Artist Laureate Conversation: August 31

The 2020 Creative Pinellas Artist Laureate Conversation, a new monthly event, features artists Robert Stackhouse and Carol Mickett of Mickett-Stackhouse Studio leading uplifting and intriguing conversations with the Arts and Culture community of Pinellas County. This month they talked about political art with guest Noel Smith, Deputy Director/Curator of Latin American and Caribbean Art for the USF Institute for Research in Art: Contemporary Art Museum, Graphicstudio and Public Art..47 viewers connected to the conversation through the Creative Pinellas Facebook page.

Arts and Culture Outreach Key Meetings/Events

August 3: VSPC Marketing Update (Zoom)

August 20: Meeting with Clyde Smith, Bilmar Hotel

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

August 21: Meeting with Nancy Calabrese & Shawn Routten, Fenway Hotel

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

August 21: Meeting with Annie Schneider, The Birchwood

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

August 27: Meeting with Jerri Menaul, My Favorite Art Place

- Discussed Arts Annual Sponsorship

August 28: Meeting with Ramona Herald & Mike Williams, Innisbrook Resort

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

August 28: Meeting with Eric Waltz, SandPearl & Belleview Inn

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

August 28: Meeting with Jeff Castner, OpalSands

- Discussed Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls 2.0 Partnership

Arts Annual: Beyond the Walls

Arts Annual: BTW is a returning program that stages pop-up Art exhibitions from a selection of visual artists associated with the Arts Annual 2020 in Pinellas County Hotels. Launched last year, it creates new arts & culture engagements and opportunities with visitors, build awareness for the artists and the Arts Annual among our guests and set the groundwork for deeper partnerships between Creative Pinellas, area artists and the hospitality/tourism industry. This year, Creative Pinellas will provide a short promotional video about each hotel, and the art they are exhibiting. Each video will feature interviews with hotel leadership and the artists, as well as enticing shots of the property.



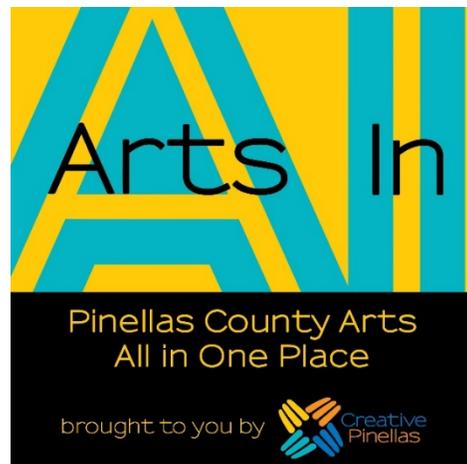
Twelve Hotels, both returning and new locations, have expressed interest in the partnership, including Alden Suites, The Birchwood, Postcard Inn on the Beach, The Fenway, Sheraton SandKey, Bilmar Beach Resort, Innisbrook, Sandpearl Hotel, Opal Sands and the Bellview Inn. Returning partner, SpringHill Suites in Clearwater Beach kicked off the 2020 program this month with an installation by sculptor Christine Bertso, pictured above.

Arts Navigator

The interactive digital project, that allows visitors to put together an arts and cultural itinerary designed especially for them, continues to move forward. The Software Engineering Firm SourceToad, that specializes in developing applications for the tourism industry, is under contract with regular meetings with Creative Pinellas staff.

Arts In

Arts In, the new video platform, continues to showcase over 125 Artists, Arts Organizations and Arts and Culture experiences in Pinellas County. This one stop source of high-quality online arts and cultural experiences developed by the creative community-be it music, theatre or opera performances, gallery tours, artist talks, literary readings, and film-on the platform.



COVID-19 Coverage

Pinellas CARES

Creative Pinellas is leading the county's granting efforts in support of non-profit arts organizations. The Pinellas CARES Arts Nonprofit Micro-Grants address the needs of these organizations that have been profoundly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognize that Pinellas County arts and nonprofit arts organizations have been deeply impacted financially by COVID-19, due to a decrease of revenue from the loss of audience for performances, from visitors to exhibitions, from students in arts education programs and summer camps, from participants in arts activities, etc. Further, we also understand the damage/potential damage to our arts and cultural institutions is severe now and puts the future of our arts organizations and of Pinellas County as an arts and cultural destination at risk. The

purpose of this Micro-Grant program, which opened on August 14, is to provide a source for some mitigation of this financial impact, specifically from loss of these revenue sources. Creative Pinellas recognizes the deep and important trust the community, the Board of County Commissioners and Pinellas County nonprofit arts organizations have given in charging us to manage the Pinellas CARES micro-grants.

The Arts Coast Journal Magazine

Under the leadership of managing editor, Sheila Cowley (playwright, writer/producer of the Shine Mural Tour app and multiple Dali Museum audio tours), the Creative Pinellas Magazine, *The Arts Coast Journal* has covered a range of visual, performing and literary arts in the County. A special coverage section, called [Experiencing Art in Times of Social Distancing](#) was developed in rapid response to COVID-19 closures. Some of the August highlighted articles include:

[Phenomenal Women – That’s Us](#)

- This exhibit at the Morean Arts Center features a portrait of Creative Pinellas CEO, Barbara St. Clair

[Art Experiences on the new St. Pete Pier](#)

[Voice Your Vote Music Video](#)

[Master Chorale Offers a Virtual Season of Song](#)

August Web & Social Media

Web Site

- Users: 3,707
- Page Views: 7,457

Twitter

- New Followers: 23
- Impressions: 3,771
- Engagements: 56
- Total Followers - 3,421

Facebook

- New Fans: 39
- Post Impressions: 37.7k
- Post & Page Engagements: 3,412
- Total Fans - 4,828

Instagram

- New Fans: 872
- Impressions: 9,263
- Total Fans – 3,559