



## CREATIVE PINELLAS

June 2020

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### Activity Report

#### **Glass in the Gallery Re-opening-June 3**

With safety measures in place (aligned with Pinellas County standards), we successfully re-opened the "Glass in the Gallery" exhibit on Wednesday June 5. "Glass in the Gallery" is a group exhibition featuring artists from the Duncan McClellan Gallery representing a mix of traditional and contemporary glass working techniques. We had over 500 visitors in June – *which is more visitors than we had in most months during the first year we were open!*

As we are limiting the number of visitors to ten at a time, we feel this is an excellent

outcome for us in terms of accessibility and balance. We are maintaining our normal schedule of Wednesday through Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The virtual exhibit also remains accessible on the Creative Pinellas website for viewers from all over. [creativepinellas.org/glass-in-the-gallery-virtual-exhibition/](https://creativepinellas.org/glass-in-the-gallery-virtual-exhibition/)



### Virtual Events

June remained a robust month for a variety of virtual programming, both new and returning. Shows in June included:

- **Coffee with the Curator-June 3**
  - A conversation with regional glass artists whose work is featured in the current exhibition "Glass in the Gallery" including Dan Alexander, Josh Coccozza, Jeremiah Jacobs, Fahan Sky McDonagh, Douglas Merritt and from the Duncan McClellan Gallery: artistic director/curator Mary Childs joined artist and gallerist Duncan McClellan. 87 viewers learned about glass art on Florida's Gulf Coast and walked through the virtual exhibition.
  - Press for this event: [tampabay.com/arts-entertainment/fun/2020/06/01/events-in-tampa-bay-for-the-week-of-june-1-7/](https://tampabay.com/arts-entertainment/fun/2020/06/01/events-in-tampa-bay-for-the-week-of-june-1-7/)

- **Conversations with Professional Artists Grantees: June 18**



The 2020 Creative Pinellas Professional Artists grantees are recognized for their outstanding talent and ability to bring awareness and interest to our community, while inspiring other artists and art lovers. Amy Collins, Neverne Covington, Elizabeth Indianos, Steven Kenny, Paula Kramer, James McAdams, Erol Ozsever, Lea Umberger, Joseph Weinzettle, and the 2020 artist laureates Carol Mickett and Robert Stackhouse of Mickett-Stackhouse Studio. “virtually” met with 89 viewers and shared their inspirations, processes and what they're working on.

- **Conversation with Eric Davis, Artistic Director, freeFall Theatre: June 23**

42 viewers tuned into while Leigh K. Davis, Arts and Culture Outreach Manager at Creative Pinellas, talked to Eric about the impact of COVID-19 on the theatre, his perspective on the role of theatre in the Arts landscape and freefall's mission and engagement in Pinellas County, past and future.



- **Beauty and the ‘Burg: June 25**



An close up and personal interview on the lives and careers of Nate Najjar, guitarist, composer and producer, whose song "Groove Me", on which he collaborated with singer [Melba Moore](#), was in a top ten spot on the jazz music charts in 2011. Najjar has been collaborating with Daniela Soledade, a singer, guitar player and flautist, originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Daniela’s grandfather Paulo, collaborated with Antonio Carlos Jobim, Baden Powell and other Brazilian legends and her father Paulinho, worked as producer and partner with Ivan Lins and Gilberto Gil. 96 people virtually

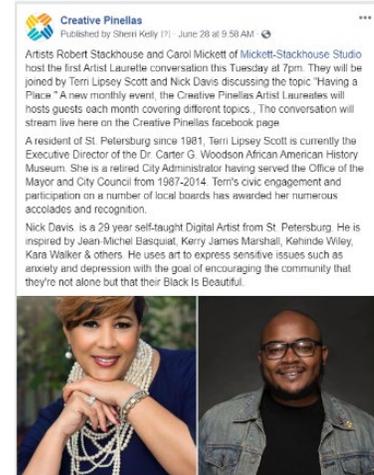
joined Najjar and Soledade, who performed four songs throughout the show. Chad Mize was the featured Artist, who in addition to being interviewed, created a work of art in real time, which received a winning bid of \$200 during the auction. Beauty & the ‘Burg is a collaboration with the *Arts In* platform, bringing Pinellas County artists to your home.

**Press on Beauty & the ‘Burg**

- [dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-10-6-25-28-rays-off-the-runway-thaddeus-bullards-love-walk-and-lots-and-lots-of-pride/](http://dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-10-6-25-28-rays-off-the-runway-thaddeus-bullards-love-walk-and-lots-and-lots-of-pride/)

- **Artist Laureate Conversation: June 30**

The first 2020 Creative Pinellas Artist Laureate Conversation, a new monthly event, featured artists Robert Stackhouse and Carol Mickett of Mickett-Stackhouse Studio discussing the topic "Having a Place." Their guests for this show were Terri Lipsey Scott, Executive Director of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum and Nick Davis, a digital artist whose work expresses sensitive issues such as anxiety and depression with the goal of encouraging the Black community that they're not alone. 94 viewers connected to the conversation through the Creative Pinellas Facebook page.



**Press for Artist Laureate Conversation:**

- [tampabay.com/life-culture/entertainment/2020/06/29/live-and-virtual-events-for-the-week-of-june-29-july-5/](http://tampabay.com/life-culture/entertainment/2020/06/29/live-and-virtual-events-for-the-week-of-june-29-july-5/)

**Arts and Culture Outreach Key Meetings/Events**

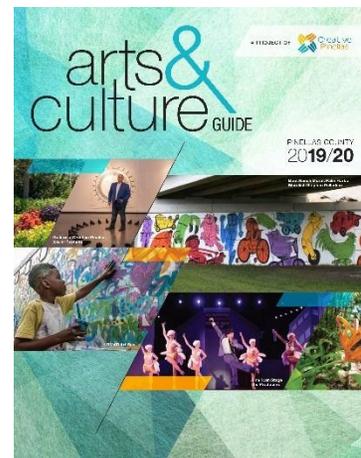
- CEO Barbara St. Clair met with Pinellas County Marketing and Tampa Bay Strong to discuss a public art program engaging artists to help create and be influencers for a positive message about wearing masks. Next steps to come in early July.
- CEO Barbara St. Clair met with Steve Hayes of VSPC to discuss the return of Arts Annual Beyond the Walls (AABTW) and a co-promotion between the Arts Annual virtual exhibit and the Gulp Coast.

**Arts & Culture Guides**

Multiple boxes of Arts & Culture Guides were delivered to PIE airport this month by request from volunteer staffers at the information deck.

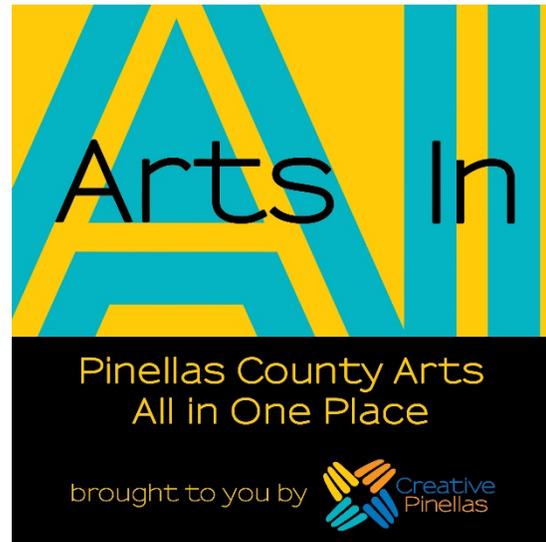
**Arts Navigator**

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 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 now features over 70 videos--Be it music, theatre or opera performances, gallery tours, artist talks, literary readings, and film-on the platform. This month featured a new record in weekly submissions, including a video submitted by the Dali Museum featuring Peter Tush, Curator of Education.



### **Press for Arts In Programming:**

- [tampabay.com/life-culture/entertainment/2020/06/29/live-and-virtual-events-for-the-week-of-june-29-july-5/](http://tampabay.com/life-culture/entertainment/2020/06/29/live-and-virtual-events-for-the-week-of-june-29-july-5/)
- [dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-10-outdoor-dance-virtual-art-beethovens-5th-shakespeare-lite-and-lots-more/](http://dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-10-outdoor-dance-virtual-art-beethovens-5th-shakespeare-lite-and-lots-more/)

## COVID-19 Coverage

### Arts Relief Fund

Creative Pinellas, the Community Foundation of Pinellas and the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance established the Pinellas Arts Community Relief Fund. These grants provided urgent financial support for Pinellas County artists, arts organizations and creative businesses in the face of an unprecedented emergency. The work of the Pinellas Arts Community Relief Fund was successfully completed in June, with the following results:

- Total Funds Raised: \$137,000
- Total Funds Distributed: \$137,000
- Total Number of Applicants: 616
- Total Funded: 246 | Total Not Funded: 362
  - 207 Professional Artists Funded
  - 18 Arts Organizations Funded
  - 21 Creative Businesses Funded

### **Press on the Fund and the effects of COVID-19 on the Arts:**

- [tampabay.com/arts-entertainment/arts/2020/06/12/pinellas-arts-community-relief-fund-gives-out-more-grants/](http://tampabay.com/arts-entertainment/arts/2020/06/12/pinellas-arts-community-relief-fund-gives-out-more-grants/)
- [bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2020/06/26/five-things-that-happened-while-alarms-sounded-abo.html](http://bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2020/06/26/five-things-that-happened-while-alarms-sounded-abo.html)

### Arts In Podcast

The *Arts In* Podcast is on hiatus.

### **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 June highlighted articles include:

[Dancing in the Time of Coronavirus](#)

[The Everchanging Imperatives of Tampa Bay Arts in 2020](#)

[Cam Parker: Black Artists Matter](#)

[Colleen Cherry Pens Personalized Songs About Other People's Pets](#)

[The Lost Art of Communicating by Snail Mail](#)

### **June Web & Social Media**

#### **Facebook**

- Post Impressions – 66,900
- Engagements – 5,745
- New Fans - 72
- Total Fans - 4,724

#### **Twitter**

- New Followers: 13
- Impressions: 6,831
- Engagements: 64
- Total Followers - 3,386

#### **Instagram**

- New Fans - 75
- Total Fans - 2,595
- Impressions: 11,600

#### **Website**

- Users: 5,349
- Page Views: 9,380