



CREATIVE PINELLAS

October 2020

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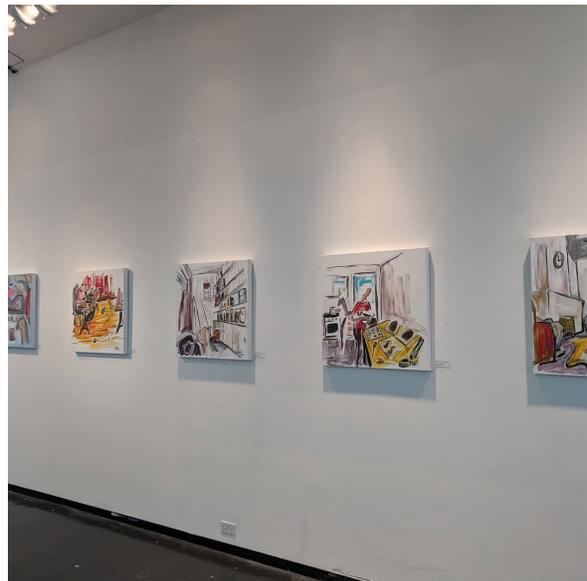
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Activity Report

Emerging Artists Exhibit: August 19-October 11

Over 750 visitors attended the 4th annual Emerging Artist since its opening mid-August. Showcasing a compelling, dynamic group of new works created by the nine recipients of the 2020 Creative Pinellas Emerging Artist Grant, the exhibit features painting, sculpture, installation, drawing, mixed media and illustration. The gallery was open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and the public was invited to socially distance-view and purchase the work of these talented emerging artists as they gain momentum in their careers. Several pieces of artwork were sold at the exhibit. This year's grantees include Patricia Kluwe Derderian, Lynn Foskett, Steph Hargrove, Mark Mitchell, Zoe Papas, Gianna Pergamo, Kodi Thompson, Judy Vienneau, and Angela Warren.



Press on the Emerging Artist Show:

- dupontregistrytampabay.com/weekend-top-ten-10-8-11-artists-at-work-theater-awards-hungerfree-and-more/

Emerging Artist Grants

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. On October 18, an esteemed and very diverse panel of visual, literary and performing artists chose 10 emerging artists from over 50 applicants, to receive the 2020-21 emerging artist grants. Grantees include Tatiana Baccari, Chelsea Catherine, Nick Davis, Nikki Devereux, John Gascot, Mason Gehring, Gabriella Krousaniotakis, Yuly Restrepo, Sara Ries, Emily Stehle. Press on Emerging Artist 2021 Grantees:

- thegabber.com/art-bits/
- suncoastnews.com/window-on-arts-entertainment-aug-20-2020/article_e22ab8b0-e30f-11ea-aabc-9f0ce3cfd931.html

Glass Workshop with Rob Sterns: October 10

This ***sold out*** event featured glass artists Rob Stern and the educational team from Duncan McClellan Glass. The day was divided into three parts:

- Hands on glass etching workshop where participants created their own take-home work of glass art.
- An amazing and interesting lecture from Rob Stern who in addition to being a glass artis is also a professor at the University of Miami and the Corning Museum of Glass.
- A live glass blowing demonstration using the portable glass blowing kiln.

All events were held outdoors with socially distanced safety measures in place. Participants raved about the event and asked when Creative Pinellas was going to offer additional educational experiences.



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.

Virtual Events

October was a captivating month for Creative Pinellas programming, introducing new artists and continuing calls for community and artist engagement. 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.

GIALANELLA IN THE GARDENS

Currently on Exhibit at the Florida Botanical Gardens

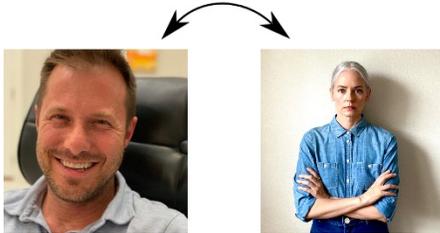
12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774

Hours: 7am - 5pm



Friend of a Friend: Jason Hackenwerth & Alison Tirrell: October 15

FRIEND OF A FRIEND CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ARTISTS



Jason Hackenwerth

Alison Tirrell

Thursday, Oct. 15th 7pm
Live Facebook.com/creativepinellas



A 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. In October, Sculptor, Painter and 2018 Creative Pinellas Professional Artist Grantee, Jason Hackenwerth interviewed painter/sculpture Alison Tirrell. 58 people joined in on the conversation.

Beauty and the 'Burg: October 22

It's election season so this month's show discussed the importance of voting and key issues affecting artists, art in schools, and more. Guests included Nina Ozlu Tunceli, Esq., Chief Counsel of Gov't & Public Affairs, Americans for the Arts/Executive Director, Americans for the Arts Action Fund; Executive Director of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum, Terri Lipsey Scott; Jon Arterton and James Mack from One City Chorus and Larry Biddle, Board Chair of the Plus Projec+. Artist John Gascot created a piece in real time during the show that was auctioned off with a winning bid of \$225. 17 attendees tuned in.

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-10-22-25-martians-grand-prix-patti-lupone-and-oh-yeah-the-world-series/

Artist Laureate Conversation: October 26

The 2020 Creative Pinellas Artist Laureate Conversation, a 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 were joined by Creative Pinellas' CEO Barbara St. Clair to discuss the role of government - counties, cities, states, nations - in the Arts. 36 viewers connected to the conversation through the Creative Pinellas Facebook page.

ARTIST LAUREATE CONVERSATION
WITH
CAROL MICKETT &
ROBERT STACKHOUSE

TOPIC: THE ARTS AND GOVERNMENT
GUEST: BARBARA ST. CLAIR
CEO, CREATIVE PINELLAS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 7-8:00PM
LIVE FACEBOOK.COM/CREATIVEPINELLAS/LIVE



Arts and Culture Outreach Key Meetings/Events

October 6: Meeting with Luis Martinez

- Discussed Latinx Artist Outreach

October 9: Interview with Kelly Clark, Springhill Suites

- Arts Annual Beyond the Walls Video Recording

October 21: Clearwater Arts Alliance Art Walk

- Attended guided tour for new quarterly artwalk in Downtown Clearwater
- Talked with Kristina Alspaw & Jenni Borrow, Amplify Clearwater about personalized artwalk for Amplify members

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 in 2019, 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 created individual short promotional video for each of the thirteen partner hotels and the artist(s) they are exhibiting. Each video features interviews with hotel leadership and the featured artist, the art they are exhibiting as well as enticing shots of the property. Each hotel name below is linked to their video.

Participating hotels include: [Alden Suites, St. Pete Beach](#); [The Birchwood and Teak, St. Petersburg](#); [Postcard Inn on the Beach, St. Pete Beach](#); [Fenway, Dunedin](#); [Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach](#); [Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island](#); [Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort, Palm Harbor](#); [Sandpearl Hotel, Clearwater Beach](#); [Opal Sands, Clearwater Beach](#); [SpringHill Suites, Clearwater Beach](#); [Bellview Inn, Bellair](#) and [Hyatt Place Downtown , St. Petersburg](#).



Echo of the Dove by Christina Bertso, pictured here, is one of the artworks featured at the Springhill Suites.

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 more than 155 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.

Press on Arts In:

- thegabber.com/local-storyteller-crafts-st-pete-set-romcom/



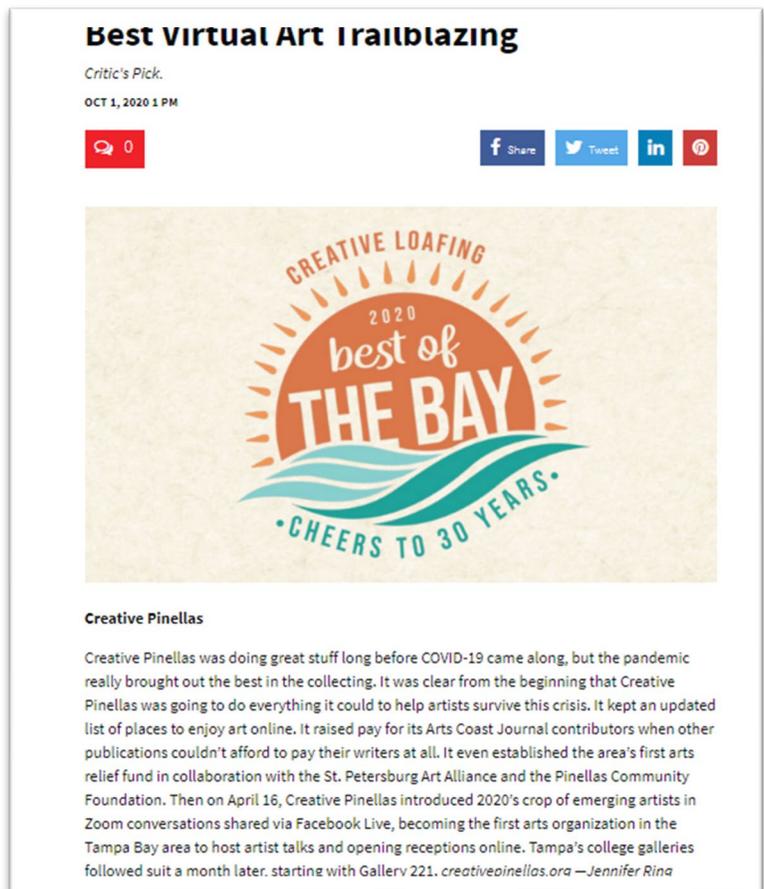
Creative Loafing – Critics Choice, Best of the Bay

Creative Pinellas was recognized by Creative Loafing for our leadership as “Best Virtual Art Trailblazing. Here is what they had to say:

- *Creative Pinellas was doing great stuff long before COVID-19 came along, but the pandemic really brought out the best in the collecting. It was clear from the beginning that Creative Pinellas was going to do everything it could to help artists survive this crisis. It kept an updated list of places to enjoy art online. It raised pay for its Arts Coast Journal contributors when other publications couldn't afford to pay their writers at all. It even established the area's first arts relief fund in collaboration with the St. Petersburg Art Alliance and the Pinellas Community Foundation. Then on April 16, Creative Pinellas introduced 2020's crop of emerging artists in*

Zoom conversations shared via Facebook Live, becoming the first arts organization in the Tampa Bay area to host artist talks and opening receptions online. Tampa's college galleries followed suit a month later, starting with Gallery 221. creativepinellas.org —Jennifer Ring

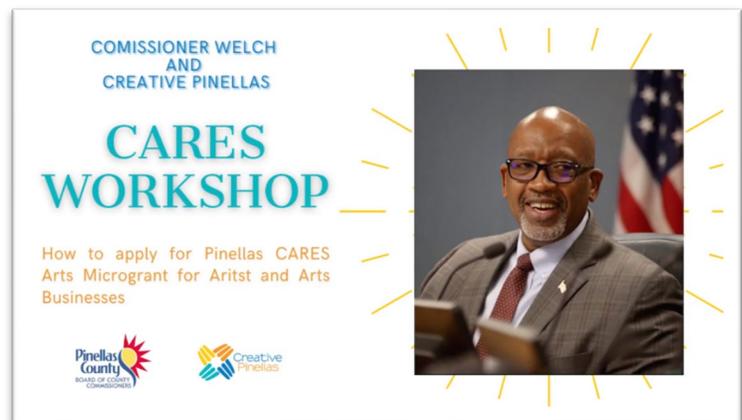
- Link: www.ctampa.com/arts-entertainment/article/21144797/best-virtual-art-trailblazing



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. As part of our effort to get the word out we scheduled 4 online workshops that were hosted by various partners.



These include:

- October 1: hosted by Mickett-Stackhouse Studios
- October 15: hosted by Dunedin Fine Art Center
- October 21: hosted by Commissioner Ken Welch
- October 30: hosted by Deuces Live and Cultured Books

Press on Pinellas Cares:

- abcactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/creative-pinellas-helping-local-artists-affected-by-the-pandemic-get-federal-money

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 October highlighted articles include:

[American Stage Production Shines Light on Political Women of Color](#)

[SHAMc's Live Music Flatbed is Rolling to a Location Near You](#)

[Heroes, Sheroes, Science & Elvis at DFAC](#)

[Let's all go to the drive-in at freeFall Theatre](#)

October Web & Social Media

Web Site

Users: 4,515

Page Views: 8,951

Twitter

- New Followers: 16
- Impressions: 2,917
- Engagements: 29
- Total Followers: 3449

Facebook

- New Fans: 361
- Post Impressions: 37.9k
- Post & Page Engagements: 4,351
- Total Fans: 5223

Instagram

- New Fans: 56
- Impressions: 11,100
- Total Fans – 3,674