

## **LakeRidge Falls Art League**

The LRF Art League was formed in May, 2007. Our mission is: "To promote the Arts and Artists of LRF, including all visual, performing, as well as creative writing for the enhancement of LakeRidge Falls." The League is an independent entity, and not part of the Homeowner's Association. The League is run entirely by volunteers and each year elects a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Membership is open to all LRF residents. The dues are currently \$15.00 per calendar year.

Members are actively involved, attend meetings, and participate in various activities. Some may be more inclined to offer financial support through payment of their annual dues, and/or provide a donation which could be specifically allocated for an upcoming Artists' Reception. Members are included in all Art League email communications, i.e. Meeting Agendas/Minutes, notices regarding special events, and membership updates.

The Art League annually holds three Art Exhibitions. Through these exhibitions the LakeRidge Falls Art League strives to convey the range and significance of creative work being made in our community, provide insight into individual artists' vision, and nurture artists at all stages of their development. (Guidelines for Exhibiting Artwork are included on this website.) Art League Exhibitions and Receptions are free and open to LRF residents and their guests. Donations from attendees supplement event costs and help to provide scholarships to art programs for disadvantaged youth in Sarasota and Manatee counties. In the past we have supported programs at the Sarasota and Manatee Art Centers, and the Boys and Girls Clubs in the two counties.

Over the years the Art League has offered a variety of activities: bi-monthly Movie Night featuring classic films, Off-site tours, Workshops on a variety of subjects, Lectures, Holiday Boutiques featuring work created by resident artists, as well as sponsoring Play Readings, Book Signings and Workshops by resident authors. After a two-year break for Covid restrictions, the League has returned to offering workshops on a variety of subjects that are open to all residents and some off-site tours open to members first.

For the enjoyment of the community the Art League donated and maintains the Grand Salon Curio Cabinet which showcases the collections or hand-made works created by residents. (The form for Curio Cabinet exhibitors is included on this web site and can also be found on the clubhouse bulletin board.) Completed forms should be returned to the Community Assistant. A committee of Art League members will review the submission and contact the person submitting the form.

We hope the work of the Art League encourages the community to embrace the arts culture as part of a meaningful life. For more information, or to join the Art League, contact: President, Becky Stevens; Treasurer, Carol Elder; or Secretary, Alida Gorin.

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