

SEPTEMBER 08



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CALENDAR FALL 2008

SHOW SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

ISAP Show (International Society of Acrylic Painters)-September 2nd through October 11th

OCTOBER

Bob Grey Welcome Back Show-Entries accepted Oct. 13th & 14th, 10am to 1pm. Reception: Friday Oct. 17th, 6 to 8pm

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

TESA (The Exhibiting Society of Artists) November 17 through December 17th. Reception TBA

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH-FEE \$225-Carol Marine Workshop-Only 3 spots left—sign up now!

JANUARY –Watercolor Seminars, Inc- Demo Sunday, January 25th -fee \$10. for non-workshop participants; Workshop Monday-Friday January 26th-30th - Mark E. Mehaffey-Workshop fee-\$365;

Calendar subject to change. Call Beach Art Center for confirmation or more information 596-4331 or email ARTS1515@aol.com

Closed for the Holiday's
November 26th through 30th
December 20th through January 4th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| <i>Jim & Myrna Adams</i> | <i>Cesar Labrador</i> | <i>Winnie & Don Cospers</i> |
| <i>Sara Stoner</i> | <i>Clara Wehrfritz</i> | <i>Lopez Boarding Company</i> |
| <i>Barbara & Herbert Futrell</i> | | <i>Mary L. Gregel</i> |
| <i>Gloria J.T. Smith</i> | <i>Laura Tanenbaum</i> | <i>Staci Bourke</i> |

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 9, 2008

Dear Beach Art Center Members:

This fiscal year Oct 08-Sept 09 we face financial challenges. As many of you may know, the City of Indian Rocks Beach has found themselves in a 1 million-dollar shortfall this budget year. The City will no longer fund community organizations. This history of the funding to the Beach Art Center from the City for the last three years is as follows:

06-07 the funding level for the Art Center was \$55,000

07-08 funding was reduced to \$25,000

08-09 funding eliminated

While we were fortunate enough to make up the \$30,000 decrease this past year by expanding hours, securing grants, having successful fundraising events while reducing spending; we were able to break even without imposing additional costs to our members. Unfortunately, with this additional cut in funding we find that we have no other choice but to increase our fees.

Membership fees will increase \$5.00 and class fees will increase from \$60 every four sessions to \$70 effective October 1, 2008. We are saddened to have to implement this new charge on our members but without doing so we jeopardize our ability to stay financially viable.

Fee increases alone will not make up the entire cut in funding but our instructors, staff and Board members will be working diligently to seek corporate sponsors and private donations to support our “jewel” on the beach. We are in the planning stages of a new fundraising event, which will be held on New Year’s Eve. This will be an exciting event with a live band and we hope that you all will come out have fun and support us.

We are all making sacrifices this year in this unstable economic environment and hope that you will continue working with us to keep your passion for the arts bustling with enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Grace

Executive Director

EVENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

Fine Arts Festival @ Oktoberfest, October 18th 9 to 4pm.

The Beach Art Center will be hosting a fine arts festival. Enjoy fine food, beverages, festive music, and of course, the first choice of a dazzling array of fine art and pottery.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER-THIS DAY ONLY!

We will be offering an annual Family membership at an Individual price of \$50; Individual Membership at \$40; Our Life Time Membership will be offered at \$400. Becoming a member at the Beach Art Center allows you and/or your family-discounts on classes; discounts on exhibit entries; free “open paint” studio; and accessibility to sell your work in our gift and gallery.



Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his picture.-Henry Ward Beecher

DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Party, December 31st –8 to 12:30am-

Looking to spend this holiday safely on the beach? Join us in this festive fundraising event with your friends and family. Music, dancing, food, door prizes, raffle and champagne. Tickets are \$50 per person.



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR CLASS SCHEDULES FOR NEW CLASSES, TIMES AND DATE CHANGES @ www.beachartcenter.org

Painting is just another way of keeping a diary- Pablo Picasso



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Please keep us informed of any address or email changes so you can be sure to receive this newsletter and any important announcements. A great deal of BAC information goes out via email. Visit our web page at www.beachartcenter.org

The Beach Art Center is a non-profit organization, open to anyone who wishes to experience, support, and promote an appreciation of quality visual art.

Many of our projects are funded in part by the Pinellas County Commission through the Pinellas County Arts Council Cultural Development Grant Program. .

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