

Art Center Update

November 2020

President's Message



Hello talented artists, I hope everyone is working away on their pieces for the January exhibition, “Unity and Equality”. With the holidays quickly approaching, the submission dates will sneak up on us all. Start plotting your next amazing piece of art for the show and build those artist CV's.

The board and I are continuing to work on ways to add value to your membership. Please let us know if you are a featured artist locally in a solo exhibition or a group project outside of TAC. We want to make sure we publicize your accomplishments on our website's “In the News” section.

I have uploaded a guide on how to take photos of your artwork and edit the photos using a smartphone. You will find the guide on our members resource page:

<https://www.tacjacksonville.org/member-resources.html#Guides>.

Please email me at Loftonweb@gmail.com with questions about the guide or if you have any suggestions on other tutorials or guides that would help you grow as an artist and business entrepreneur.

We are working hard on new studio spaces on Union Street – J1. If you would like to take a personal tour of the location, please let Annelies Dykgraaf know as she is the studio manager/coordinator. Four of the proposed seven spaces are already reserved.

I mostly want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday!

Best Wishes,
Lisa Lofton

Opportunities

It's clear that Jacksonville has kicked up it's public arts game this year, in large part thanks to The Cultural Council's **Glenn Weiss**. St. Petersburg is hosting a webinar on December 17th on becoming a public artist, so you can get into the game as well. Here's a [link](#) to the info.

Topics include:

- Requirements to becoming a public arts qualifying artist
- How to find calls to artists
- How to build a winning proposal
- Steps to expect with a call to artist
- Collaborating with a fabricator

[Art Basel Miami Week Virtual Gallery](#)

October 22, 2020

Deadline: November 30

Contemporary Art Projects USA will give the opportunity to 50

established and emerging artists to be part of Art Basel Miami Week Virtual Gallery, a juried online exhibition December 2-6, 2020 with an extension of the platform until January 6, 2021.

Details and an online application can be found [here](#).

YoungArts 2021

Application Now Open

YoungArts is now accepting applications from visual, literary and performing artists ages 15–18 or in

The Cultural Council has created a directory for artists and art organizations. The Art Center joined up right away, but you can also get included as an individual artist. A basic listing is free and an enhanced listing is \$35. You can find out more [here](#).

You can also check out what's happening around town at the Cultural Council Events Calendar [here](#).

Every Single Artist Lounge

The December ESAL will be on the 8th, from 5-7PM. It will be held at the ARTSee&Shop pop-up gallery at the Town Center Markets. Due to COVID-19, only 40 will be allowed in the gallery at any one time. Here's a [link](#) to the info.

We have quite a few of our members in the pop-up. The space has 60 local artists and is curated beautifully.

Sales

October was a slow month for sales at \$225.

Cyndy Reynolds \$40.00 Garden Stakes

Cyndy Reynolds \$55.00 Lace Planter

Ed Malesky \$120.00 It's Raining Purple

Michael Cenci \$10.00 Alligator Key Chain

TAC and the Community

Our arts supplies project for Duval County schools closed last month and was deemed a success by all those involved.

In the end we gave away \$4000 in art supplies to nine different schools. The teachers were so grateful for our surprise efforts that came just when they needed it the most.

We're also working with Sculpture Professor **Jenny Hager** from UNF to host senior shows. Start on December 4th we'll be hosting **KeShauna Davis'** senior show – "My Body, Your Choices, Dissecting Personal Agency and True Color". It will run until December 18th and she'll be having a reception on December 4th. Help support her first solo show.

TAC II and our New Studios

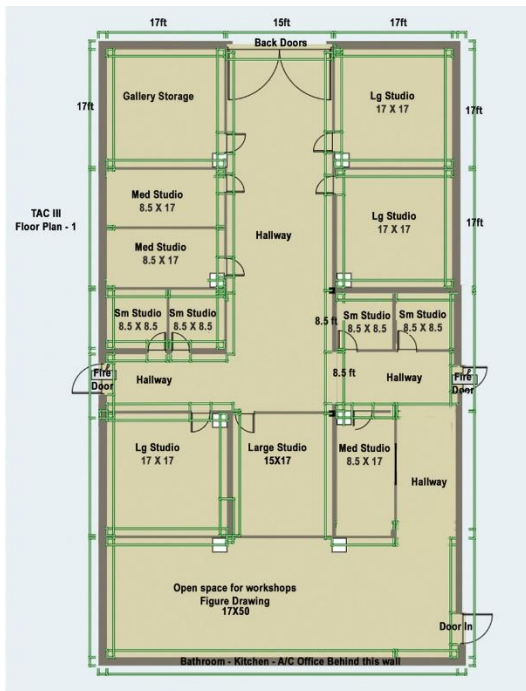
Although we lost some long term studio renters over the last couple of months, Annelies reported that we are nearly full again at TAC II. If you know of anyone interested in a studio, please let Annelies know.

In the meantime, led by **Lisa and Scott Lofton** we have started the buildout of the new studio space. We're so fortunate that we can work with members from JCDC to use this space.

There has been a lot of work done. In addition to **Lisa and Scott** we've had help from **Annelies, Susan**

and **Doug Smith, Marsha Hatcher and Ed Malesky.**

We needed to get the studios built and rented as soon as we could to offset the cost of the rent. Now we have the additional pressure of already having three of the studios rented and they are just waiting for us to finish. We are building in phases and in the next couple of weeks we'll be done with phases 1 & 2. On this diagram, the top five units have walls and are pretty far along.



Our next step on these studios is to get former member and electrician **Steve Miller** in to scope out what we need to do for light and power in these spots. We hope to have four or five of the studios ready to go by mid-December.

One thing we found out already is that people are interested in the bigger spaces, so we have altered our plans and will shift the smaller

studios to 8 1/2' x 17'. Our biggest spaces are 17' x 17'.

Here's what they look like.



Members

Speaking of the new studios, we have new studio artists coming into the new space. **Walt Bunso** and his girlfriend **Lisa Bachman** have claimed one spot. Walt was a member in the past when we were over at The Landing making decorated wooden paddle board paddles.

Shawana Brooks and Roosevelt Washington have also taken one of the new studios. It will be great having this powerful local artist couple in the house.

Elena Oleander has also taken a space and it looks like we're close on a few others.

New Board Members and Officers Needed

Our by-laws require that people can only serve a certain period on the Board and as officers. You can re-up for an additional term if you want, but after that you need to leave the Board as a voting member. You can rejoin the Board after a year off, but because of this we lost **Annelies Dykgraaf and Marsha Hatcher** this

year and will lose **Ed Malesky and Lora Davis-Henningsen** next year. So, we are looking for additional Board members. If you are interested, let us know and we'll give you some additional information on what is involved and invite you to a Zoom Board meeting to see what it's all about.

As was already mentioned many of our members are also displaying their work at the ARTSee&Shop pop-up. **Lisa Lofton** was also able to do a demo there. Check out the video [here](#).

Saturday Work

We still need some help working Saturdays Right now **Valentina Nedelcheva, Denise Sawyer Johnson, Jaqueline Pfaff-Pratt and Annelies Dykgraaf** handle the bulk of it, but they need some help. Let us know even if you can only work a half day. Without the help we may need to cut back to being open only five days/week.

Sadly, we learned that one of the founding members, **Lora Davis-Henningsen** will be leaving TAC. Her outside activities have limited her ability to stay engaged in TAC as much as she wanted. We'll miss her and thank her for all the work she has done over the years. She served almost constantly on the Board and served a number of Officer positions.

Denise Sawyer-Johnson, Valentina Nedelcheva, Michael Cenci, Cyndy Reynolds, Ed Malesky and Cookie Davis all have work in our modest Holiday Market this year. These items are well priced to make excellent holiday gifts.

Grants

Our year end report has been accepted and has now gone to the City auditors for review. The head of the Cultural Services Grant program felt we should have no problems getting approval.

Regency

We contacted Regency Mall this month to discuss what they are doing to help promote traffic, especially since JC Penney has closed. The pandemic has hit them hard. They had to cancel all the events they planned, but are still working hard. They added three new tenants in the last month and the Impact Church will start having events there in December. **Denise Sawyer Johnson** spoke to them this month and reminded them that we talked to them last year that when they open we can do some projects with them. They thought this was great and want to pursue.