

ARTS COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
MEMBERSHIP

40th Anniversary Celebratory Year

A year, unlike any other...

This is definitely a year for the record books!

Although it started in October 2019, all eyes were set to February 2020 with the Carnevale di Martin Gala celebration for the 40th Anniversary of the Arts Council and for ArtsFest hosting the Corning Museum of Glass.

Just a month later the Court House Cultural Center was closed to the public due to the COVID 19 crisis. Our focus was driven to engaging the community with as many virtual experiences we could find and to motivate and inspire our artists and arts organizations to survive and thrive.

Through the shut down, Martin County was able to work to complete the necessary improvements to the CHCC roof and HVAC system. The County has more renovations plans to secure up our wonderfully historic home of the past 30 years. We are grateful for their support and commitment to saving this gem!

As we close out the year, we are gently reopening the gallery space with caution and hope for the future. Many thanks to our board members, our membership and staff for staying true to our mission and inspiring passion for the arts...

Nancy K. Turrell, Executive Director

ARTS EDUCATION

The Arts Education Committee supports our educational planning and advocacy work. Members include School Board Member Tony Anderson, Marie Jureit-Beamish, Faith Paul, Sheryl Levine, Duncan Hurd, and Kimberly Everman.

Projects included:

- Constitution Week Art Project
- Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show
- Story Time in the Gallery
- Writing Workshops with Betty Jo Buro
- Cultural Conversations
 - Food & Culture: with Lorna Day, Laura Richardson and Olivia Ostrow
 - Beethoven with Marie Jureit Beamish



Court House Cultural Center Exhibition Highlights

- Beyond the Classroom
- All Florida Juried Show
- Cut Blown Cast
- Collector's Show
- Virtual:
 - Marvin S Cone High School Juried Art Show
 - Summer Salon with Arts Council Member Artists

Thank You to our dedicated committee: Chair Marie Miele, Roni Rottner, Jane Kiehart, Ken Hooper-Capozzi, Jennifer Brand, Tom Prestopnik, Margaret Gray, Melissa Saumure, Donna Rich and Sharon Hagin

CUT BLOWN CAST A CONTEMPORARY ART GLASS EXHIBIT





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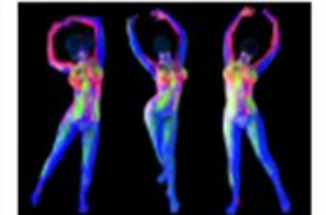
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Visitor Information

Browse the Arts Council's artist registry to find current artist members of the Council.

ARE YOU A VISUAL ARTIST, ACTOR, WRITER, MUSICIAN, DANCER OR CHEF
THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED ON OUR REGISTRY? **BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE ARTS COUNCIL TODAY!**

****For current artist members who would like to make updates to their listing, please contact
Elise Raffa.**



- MartinArts Magazine grew to a new size and continues to reach our patrons and visitors with 10,000 issues distributed throughout the community
- MartinArts Monthly Email subscribers grew by nearly 6% this year with an open rate of 29% which is nearly 8% higher than the industry standard.
- New email outreach efforts launched in response to COVID 19: Motivation Mondays and the Wednesday Weekly Round-up.
- Enhancing MartinArts.Org **Updated Artist Registry Debuts**

Events & Activities

- Collaboration with ArtsFest & the Arts Foundation for Martin County to host the **Corning Museum of Glass**.
- Sunset Concerts season was cut short by COVID 19 but emerged with a virtual Facebook Live presence.
- Tuesday's Tempo @ 2 launched in partnership with The Lyric Theatre featuring the talented pianist, Lindsay Garritson.



Carnevale di Martin

Arts Foundation for Martin County hosted a Gala to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Arts Council of Martin County. The sold-out evening entertained guests from the moment they stepped out of their car. An immersive multi-sensory event, Carnevale di Martin, celebrated the arts in all its forms.

Thank you to our committee for creating such a unique and wonderful memory that will last a lifetime.

The Barn Theatre, Castle Hill Chamber Players, Duck in the Truck Puppets, Florida Aerial Dance & Circus Arts, Florida Arts and Dance Company, Lighthouse SUZUKI Strings, Robbins Music, The Stuart School of Music, Treasure Coast Classical Guitar Society, Treasure Coast Flute Choir, Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, Treasure Coast Youth Symphony



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Grant for Technology

Throughout 2019-2020 we enhanced our technology and our ability to produce virtual programming with a generous grant from the Frances Langford Fund for Martin County at the Community Foundation Martin – St Lucie. What we didn't know in the beginning of the year, was just how relevant that would be.

In the coming months we will be offering livestreaming programs using our new MEVO camera and broadcasting to our YouTube channel and Facebook Live. Sunset Concerts will come to you that way while we host a very small live audience to keep everyone healthy and safe.



The Arts Make a Vibrant Community

As the local arts agency, we advocate for Public Art in our community and to do so work closely with both the City of Stuart and Martin County.

- For the City of Stuart, we reviewed several projects including the Riverhouse proposal for a Geoffrey Smith sculpture, TC3 Church installation and a few murals at the Gilt Complex and Dehon Building.
- Working with the County as an advisor we are assisting with new art to grace Gazebo Park featuring works by Gary Gresko, Cummings Library welcomes artist Kirk Seese, and Manatee Pocket's art come back to life with pelicans from Walt Posten
- We facilitated conversations that lead to the development and introduction of The CREEK – arts and entertainment district

COVID-19 Impact

Americans for the Arts reports that 15 organizations in Martin County *(as of 9/28/2020)*:

- \$-389,000 financial impact to date.
- More than 10,000 in lost attendance.
- 86% of the surveyed organization report an extremely severe impact of the coronavirus.
- 1/3 of the reporting organizations anticipate temporary or permanent reductions in staff.
- 50% have increased their online presence in response.
- 100% are concerned about limited savings and/or cash reserves and an inability to pay bills. 60% are concerned they may have to close.



COVID-19 Response

#MotivationMonday emails filled with curated information to assist artists and cultural organizations respond to the pandemic

- *"I want to thank you for taking the time to put out a weekly newsletter that is inspiring and informative as well. I enjoy reading it every week."*
- *"I love these newsletters, Nancy. They are informative and helpful. Thank you and the rest of the Arts Council for all you do!"*

The Wednesday Weekly Round-up provided weekly emails for the patrons on our email list to engage in virtual arts performances, exhibitions, lessons and other activities to spark creativity in the midst of the isolation.

- *"Thank you and the team for all you do for our community, we could never express how truly grateful we are..."*
- *"This is awesome! You all never cease to amaze me! I'll spread this around to friends. Thank you! Thank you!"*

We partnered with The Arts Foundation for Martin County to raise funds to provide grants to individual artists to assist and with Women Supporting the Arts to provide grants to cultural organizations who were impacted.

- To date, 12 artist relief grants have been given
- Women Supporting the Arts gave 7 grants totaling \$12,000 this month



A group of people, mostly middle-aged and older, are gathered in a gallery space. Some are standing and talking, while one woman is sitting on a low, curved wooden bench in the foreground. The background shows various art pieces, including a large colorful abstract sculpture and a large glass vessel. The lighting is soft and even.

Our Members

We are grateful for our base of membership who support us year in and year out! Despite COVID-19 we retained just over 97% of our members this year. And artist memberships increase by 16% and first-time membership gifts increased by 50%. Thank you!

We extend
our grateful
appreciation
to our
members

Alizarin Crimson Studio
Marguerite Ammons
Leo Arbezni
Atlantic Classical Orchestra
Richard Auger
Pamela J Ayres
Jane Baldridge
Bank of America
Jeanine Baum
Barbara Beal
Lynn Bell
Kathryn Bell
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Donna Maria Bisso
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Lois Friel
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Dot Galfond
Kaitlynn Gallagher
William Terry Ganaway
Katie Gianni
Merle and Barry Ginsburg
Eduardo Gomez
Neil Goodenough
Daniel Gorostiaga
Lorraine Goss
Carol A. Goulding
Margaret and James Gray
Karen Greb
Barbara Grimmer
Paul Hamaty
John Hart
Skip and Jeanette Hartzell
Jane Helsing
Lucinda Shepard Herlihy
Jillane Heveron
Ruthann Hewson
Hohe Sound Fine Arts League
Mary Jo Horton
Rebecca Hose
Thomas Hudson
Kathryn Hudson
Carol A. Hughes
Wayne and Paula Hundt
Gisela E. Hunnicutt
Indian River State College/Clark Advanced
Learning Center
Heather Ivins
Lars and Karen Janson
Lisa Jefferson
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Anne Johann
StarStruck Theatre
Marie Jurek-Beamish and William Beamish
Beth Jurgaitis
Liza Karsai
Renee Keil
Elizabeth Esther Kelly
Carol Kepp
Karen A. Kerwin
Jane Kiehart
Tim and Diane Kimes
Knight and Ann Kiplinger
Susan Klahne
Sheila Kurtz
Holly Laiben

Valerie Lally
Anita Lamb
Alice Laputka
Judi Leblanc
Sophie Ledeme
Marilee Lee
Angela Leggio
Randy Lenna
Sheryl Levine
Lighthouse ArtCenter
Mia Lindberg
Mary Ann and Scott Loomis
Bill Lough and Barbara Pinaire
Barbara Lyons
Joseph E. Marmo
Ann Martin
Maria McCadden
Ms. Gail McCarthy
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Elizabeth McKinley
Michael Leonard's Salon
Maria Miele
Jane Miller
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Leslia and William Morrison
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A Look Ahead to 2021

- Clyde Butcher – In Celebration of 30 years of exhibitions at the Court House Cultural Center which started with an Ansel Adams exhibition
- With our Partner the Arts Foundation for Martin County we support
 - ArtsFest – February 20 & 21, 2021
 - mARTies – March 24, 2021
 - Forward progress for the vision for an Arts Campus Project at Stuart High School
- A New Look...

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