

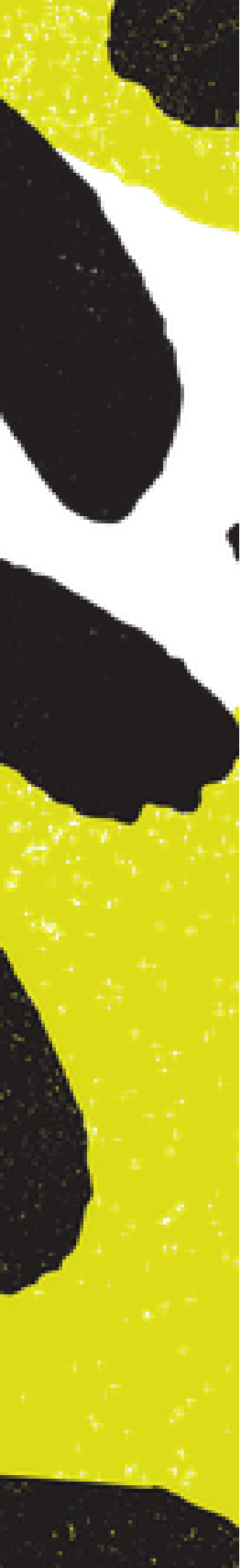


MARTIN *Arts*

Inspiring Participation and Passion for the Arts in Our Community

Annual Report

Year ending September 30, 2026



A Year of New Opportunities & Deeper Connections

This year brought a few notable firsts and, as you'll see throughout this annual report, an even greater number of collaborations. Again and again, we were reminded that the work of promoting and supporting the arts is not something we do alone. It happens through partnerships, shared ideas, and the many people who believe that the arts make our community more vibrant, connected, and inspired.

Our first Art of Food & Wine at ArtsFest was one of those exciting collaborations. Working with Treasure Coast Food & Wine, we brought an elevated food and wine experience to ArtsFest, beginning with an extraordinary kickoff featuring rare and special wines. It was a wonderful addition to our signature festival, and we're already looking ahead to 2027. Watch for tickets coming soon, with some exciting changes and new perks designed to make the experience even more valuable.

We also welcomed a new opportunity when MartinArts became the proud presenter of the Art for Living Calendar, formerly produced by Helping People Succeed. This beautiful publication gives us another way to celebrate and promote our artist members, connect with the community, and create a larger conversation about why the arts matter, not simply as something we attend or observe, but as an important part of how we live.

That idea has stayed with me this year. While visiting London, during our Cultural Excursion, I was especially inspired by seeing the paintings of Winston Churchill at the Wallace Collection. Churchill spoke often about the restorative power of painting. For him, it provided a way to step away from the demands of public life, quiet his mind, focus his attention, and find renewed energy. His example is a wonderful reminder that the benefits of participating in the arts are not reserved for professional artists. Creativity, concentration, discovery, and expression can enrich all of our lives.

So, as I close this year's annual message, I offer you a challenge: **Go a little deeper.**

If you are an artist, how can you go deeper into your practice? If you participate in the arts simply for the joy of it, how might you give yourself more time for that pursuit? Pick up the instrument. Write the story. Sing. Dance. Paint. Visit a gallery. See a performance. Make something. Learn something new.

Give yourself the gift of focused attention and expanded creativity—and discover what the arts can do for you. Because at MartinArts, we believe participation is where the real magic happens.

Nancy K. Turrell

Executive Director/CEO

Arts Education

Arts education is more essential than ever, helping students build creativity, resilience, and critical thinking skills. MartinArts has long served as an advocate and partner to Martin County schools, bringing artists into classrooms, supporting student showcases, and ensuring equitable access to the arts for all children. Our past year's outreach and support of arts education included:

- Marvin S. Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show
- Arts Day
- Sunset Concerts at the Gallery
- Women Supporting the Arts Grants
- Ronald L. Corbin Scholarship
- Art Club Booths and Student Performers at ArtsFest
- MartinArts Awards Student recognition and scholarships
- Partnership with Congressman Mast's office for the annual Congressional Art Award

Arts Day 2026

75 students from local high schools assembled for an immersive art workshop at Memorial Park in downtown Stuart to collaborate with artists who not only shared art techniques but also insights into life as professional artists. The workshop spanned across five media categories with the following artists:

- Indigo & Shibori Dyeing – Suzanne Connors
- Mixed Media Concertina Books – Alice Laputka
- Mixed Media Fabric Collagee – Sheryl Levine
- Photography – Steven Martine
- Sculpture – Sean McGraw



Save the Date to Celebrate...

Marvin S. Cone 41st Annual High School Juried Art Show:

Awards Reception: April 29, 2027 - 5:30-7PM

Exhibit dates: April 27–June 26, 2027

Pictured above, "Still Life" by Nina Puma from Jensen Beach High School awarded the 2026 Best of Show

Court House Cultural Center Highlights



Last Year's Exhibitions at a Glance:

Will It Go Round in Circles

35th Annual All Florida Juried Art Show

Everglow featuring The Florida Artist Group

Marvin S. Cone 40th Annual High School Juried Art Show

Marvin S. Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show Alumni Exhibit

5th Annual Members Showcase

Sunset Concerts at the Gallery

Now finishing the eleventh season, this series continues to showcase outstanding musicians! Each concert emphasizes the unique qualities of the artists, offering a vibrant mix of talent—from young students embarking on their musical journey to seasoned professionals of all ages.

Thank you to our volunteers and committee:

Jennifer Brand

Kimberly Everman

Sharon Hagin

Ken Hooper-Capozzi

Jane Kiehart

Tina Kraft

Maria Miele

Sheryl Odza

Tom Prestopnik

Donna Rich

Roni Rottner

Jennifer Sky

Public Art Makes a Community Vibrant!

Art in public places, a tradition that is deeply rooted in the American story, and one that has shaped Martin County's identity since we first wrote the ordinance and advocated for its adoption by the County in 1997.

From historic monuments to contemporary murals, public art has long been how communities tell their stories, share their values, and bring meaning to the places where we live, work, and gather. In Martin County, our public art reflects our natural beauty, our coastal culture, and our shared pride in this community.

It also delivers real, measurable benefits. The nonprofit arts and culture sector generates over \$31 million each year in economic activity in Martin County. That's jobs, tourism, local business spending and public art is a visible and vital part of that ecosystem. It attracts visitors, sparks curiosity, and adds character to our built environment.

These are not just beautification efforts, they're opportunities to invest in our community's cultural identity and economic future and a partnership that works! Partnerships like this are a key component of our strategic plan.

New Public Art Installed this Year

- At the Hobe Sound Library, "The Reading Post" mural came to life along side 3-D printed book benches. (photo, top right)
- At The Patio at Palm City Place, a site with growing community engagement and regular music program, became home to a sculpture, "It Was a Very Windy Day They Would Never Forget" by internationally recognized team of Gillie & Marc. (photo, bottom right)



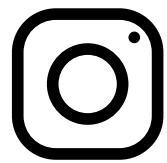
Promoting the Arts

As the local arts agency, our mission includes promoting the arts by engaging today's audience and sparking the imagination of tomorrow's.

Through our presence on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, we strengthen community awareness and engagement across the arts. Our website, MartinArts.org, along with email, text, and traditional print outreach, works hand in hand to expand visibility and support this mission.

We connect monthly with nonprofit arts organizations for discussions about advocacy - both state and local, opportunities for collaboration and other hot topics like cultural tourism, staffing, and seasonal calendars.

Join us on social media...



A Cultural Excursion to London! Promoting Fellowing and Fun through the Arts!

Dr. Marie Jureit-Beamish led an amazing trip to London! A broad overview of so much arts, culture, history, theater and music throughout all of London including a all-day excursion to Windsor Castle, Stonehenge and Bath. Pictured above are our visit to the London Eye, The Devil Wears Prada and the British Museum.



The Arts Make a Community Vibrant!

MARTIN Arts AWARDS

The Marties celebrated "Making Connections," a tribute to the power of art in connecting us to each other, our communities, and the world.

With the generosity of the Kiplinger Family and other donors including the Rappaport Foundation, a scholarship fund has been established that will nurture young artists well into the future. Donations are still accepted to support this fund as we are just shy of reaching our goal of \$100,000.

Honorary Award Recipients

Lawrence A. Sanders Lifetime Achievement in the Arts: Jim Dirks
Excellence in Arts Education: Tami Conrad
Arts Leadership: Tammy Calabria
Arts Service: Faith G. Paul
Corporate Leadership in the Arts: Bank of America
Special Recognition: The Lyric Theatre

Nominated Award Recipients

Visual Artist: Sean McGraw
Performing Artist: Lindsay Garritson
Literary Artist: Suzanne Mogavero
Student Visual Artist: Katharyn Johnson
Student Performing Artist: Natalia Caraballo
Student Literary Artist: Mark D'Alessio



ArtsFest

FINE ART • MUSIC • COMMUNITY • FUN

Thousands of people joined us for ArtsFest 2026 on February 7 & 8, 2026. As the longest running and biggest arts and cultural festival in Martin County, ArtsFest celebrated the county's centennial year the only way we know how — with our hometown pride shining bright.

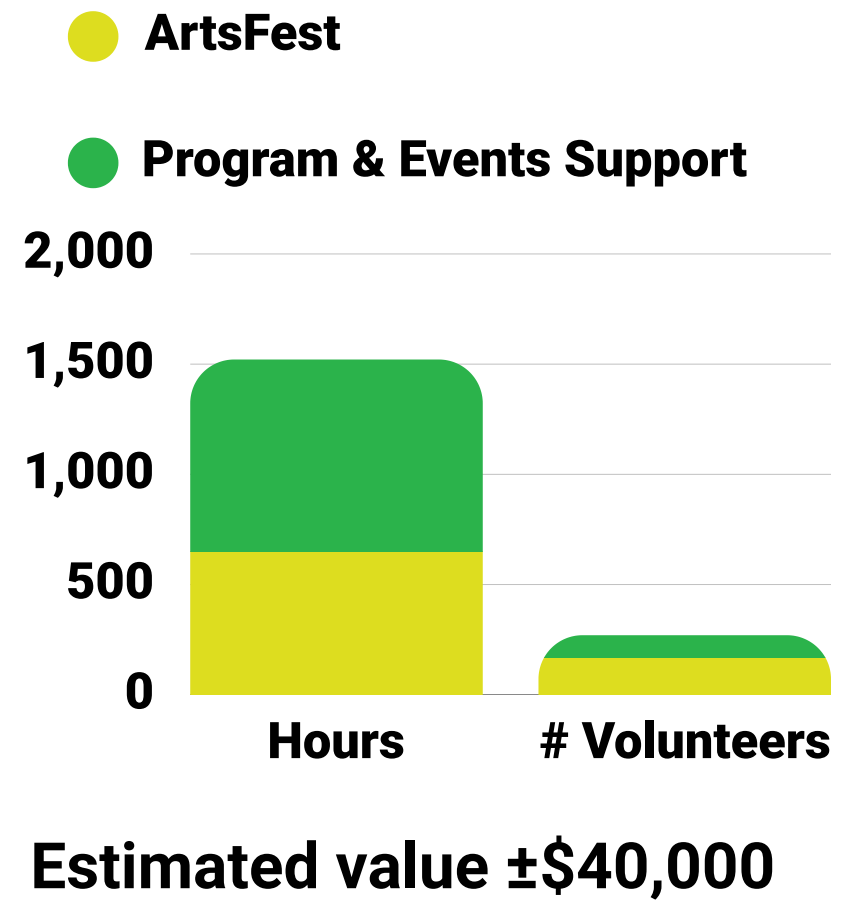
From community booths in Memorial Park to local performances on stage, guests found themselves in the heart of our area's diverse cultural scene even with our primary stage space under construction. The bonds we form, and share via collaboration at ArtsFest are integral to our strategic plan.

- Highlights of the arts-filled weekend of 2026 included:
- The inaugural "Art of Food & Wine" partnership with Treasure Coast Food & Wine
 - 2nd Chopped Jr. in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
 - More than 30 community booth - the most in recent history!

Volunteers Make an Impact!

A new volunteer handbook is in development to strengthen our relationships with the people who generously give their time and talents to MartinArts. The handbook will provide clear guidelines for volunteering with us, outline expectations for communication and behavior, and help ensure a safe, welcoming, and respectful experience for everyone. This deliverable is a part of our strategic plan.

Just as importantly, it will help volunteers better understand who we are, what we do, and how their contributions support our mission. We want every volunteer to feel prepared, appreciated, and connected to the work they are helping make possible.



In August Harvesting the Arts welcomed a sold out crew at the Farm at Newfield, Palm City. Thank you to our magnificent emcee, Anna Valencia Tillery of White Glove Moving and Storage, for orchestrating a fun filled, informative lunch that raised over \$10,000 for MartinArts. Music by Luxe Harmony Music and lunch by Ellie’s Deli made the afternoon a joy.



Imagine a place where a child takes their first art class, a local artist builds a career, and community members are drawn together through the arts. Located in the heart of Martin County at 500 SE Ocean Boulevard in Stuart, the historic 1923 Stuart High School building and two adjacent 1950s classroom structures are waiting to be transformed into a permanent, multidisciplinary arts campus.

Funds are being secured to enable MartinArts to purchase the property from the Martin County School Board and move ahead to implement this project. Board members have been joined by others in the community like the Hirvonen Foundation, the Booth Foundation, the Community Foundation for Martin St Lucie, and Nancy and James Balow among others in making investments to reach this goal.

An NEA Grant is underway now as an artist-led planning project to fine tune educational components, site planning and wayfinding. It will be completed by June 2027.

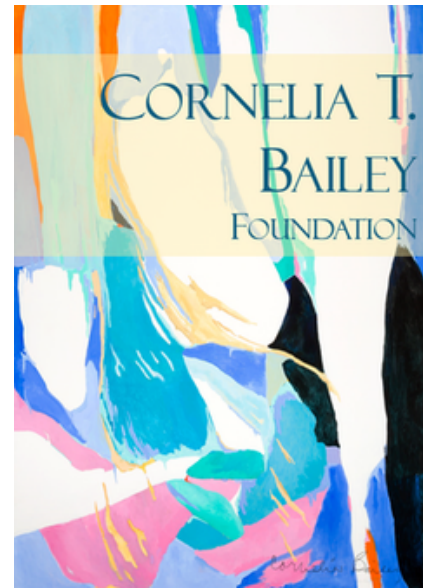
Thank you, Members!

Membership and annual giving is the foundation of our budget each, and every year. Support from our community for our mission is critical to our success. Two years ago we introduced new benefits to our memberships including our partnership with NARM (North American Reciprocal Museum).

Thank you for your continued support! Whether you've been with us for years or have recently joined, your commitment helps us build a stronger, more vibrant arts community.



Thank You to Our Community Partners



Thank You to Our Annual Partners

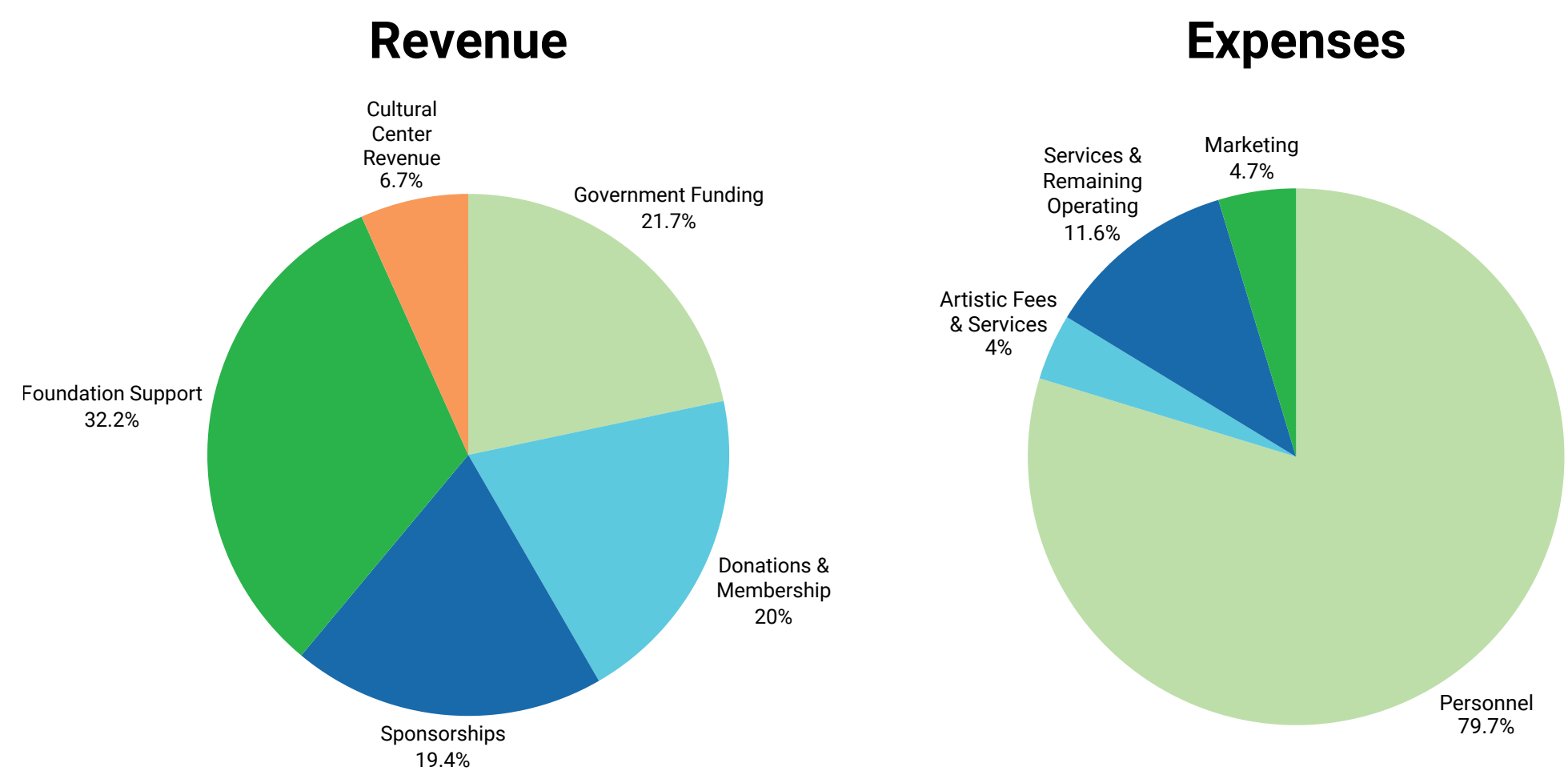
Since 1980, MartinArts has been a leader in the arts community with the mission to inspire participation and passion for the arts. Annual Partners enrich the lives of local residents and our visitors by supporting events and education focused on the visual, literary, and performing arts. Thank you for making an impact on the success of our vibrant arts community! Visit our website to learn more about our Annual Partners: MartinArts.org



Operating Income & Expenses*

FY 2025-2026

Revenues held steady, but barely. State funding through the Division of Arts & Culture Grant for general operating support, despite a score of 99 (out of 100) on our grant, remains elusive. We are looking at creative ways to earn income so that we build back our base that allows us the ability to innovate and create!



With appreciation to our Board ...

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* Financial Data from the Council; does not include the Foundation's income or expenses or funding related to the Stuart High School Arts Center project. Estimated prior to year end.

Mark your calendar for our Signature Events

MARTIN Arts AWARDS

Shining a Light on the Arts!
Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 6PM

Discover more about this year's nominees, honorees, opportunities to support the arts and student scholarships, and reserve tickets.



ArtsFest

FINE ART • MUSIC • COMMUNITY • FUN

Saturday & Sunday, February 20 & 21 | 10AM-5PM



The Art of Food & Wine @ ArtsFest

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VIP Kick Off, Friday, February 19, 2026

Saturday & Sunday, February 20 & 21 | 12PM-4PM

Upcoming Exhibits & Events...

At the Court House Cultural Center



Sunset Concerts at The Gallery

2nd Tuesday, Monthly, 5:30PM

Featuring local music groups, youth, and adults.

Art Out of the Closet

Saturday, April 17

Annual sale of donated artwork, art supplies and other equipment. Donations accepted on a rolling basis.

Artist Talks

Seeking local artists to share their artistic inspirations. Panels will be hosted by a board member(s).

Artist Talk | The Art of Family Folklore with Sonja Mongar

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5:30-6:30 pm

Register Now!



National Association of Women Artists: "Fragility of Florida's Ecosystems"

Discover Florida's wild beauty through art in this exhibition of original works inspired by endangered species. Featuring artists from the Florida Chapter of the National Association of Women Artists, the show celebrates creativity and environmental stewardship.

November 10–December 19, 2026. Opening Reception: Friday, November 13, 5:30–7PM

All Florida Juried Art Show

Celebrating a 36-year legacy, this exhibition showcases recent works by Florida artists across a wide variety of media. The collection highlights the diverse creativity and talent flourishing throughout the state, from traditional to contemporary art.

January 8–March 10, 2027. Opening Reception: Friday, January 8, 5:30–7PM

Estate Art Sale & Auction

Discover original artwork, collectibles, decorative arts, and unique treasures from local estates and private collections during this special fundraising event. Whether you're an experienced collector or simply looking for a one-of-a-kind piece, you'll find paintings, sculptures, prints, pottery, antiques, and more. Proceeds support MartinArts' exhibitions, arts education, and cultural programming throughout the year.

March 19–April 10, 2027. Opening Reception & Auction Preview: Friday, March 19, 5:30–7 PM

Marvin S. Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show

Since 1987, this annual exhibition has featured the exceptional artwork of student artists from our five local high schools. It celebrates their creativity, skill, and unique perspectives, showcasing the next generation of talented young artists in our community.

April 27–June 26, 2027. Opening & Awards Reception: Thursday, April 29, 5:30–7PM (tentative)

The Nature of Things: A Photography Invitational

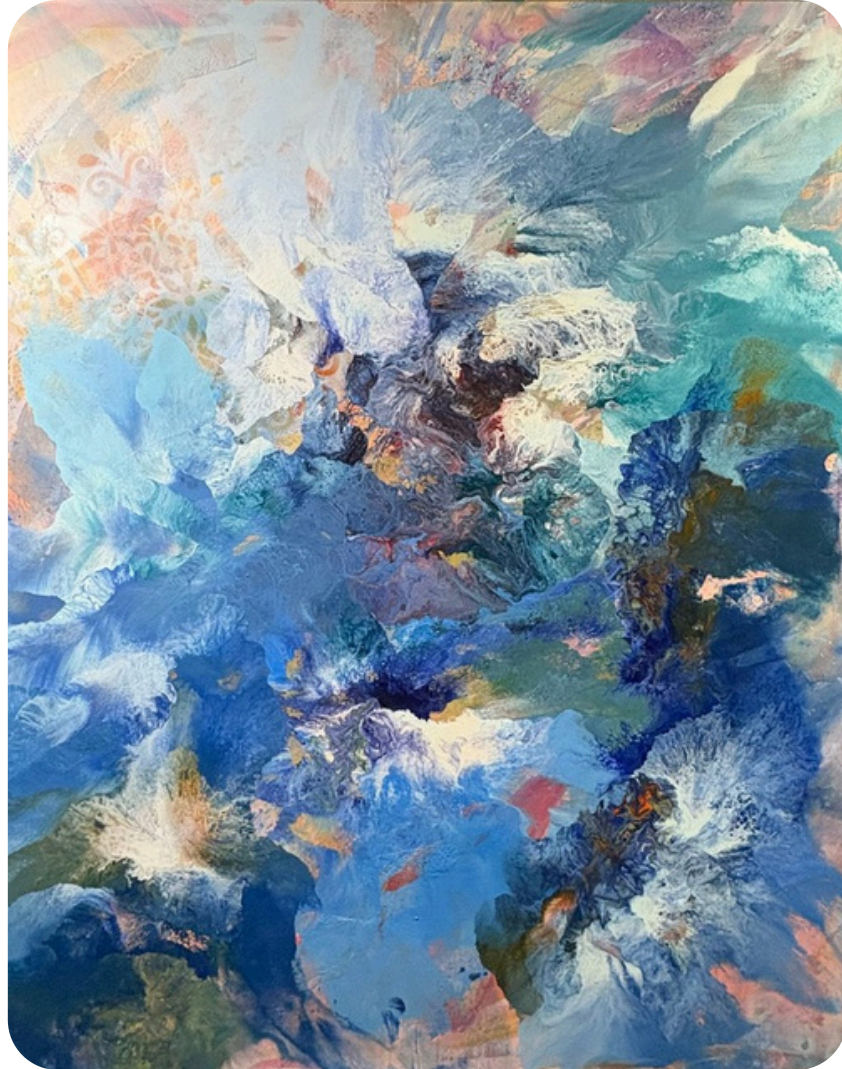
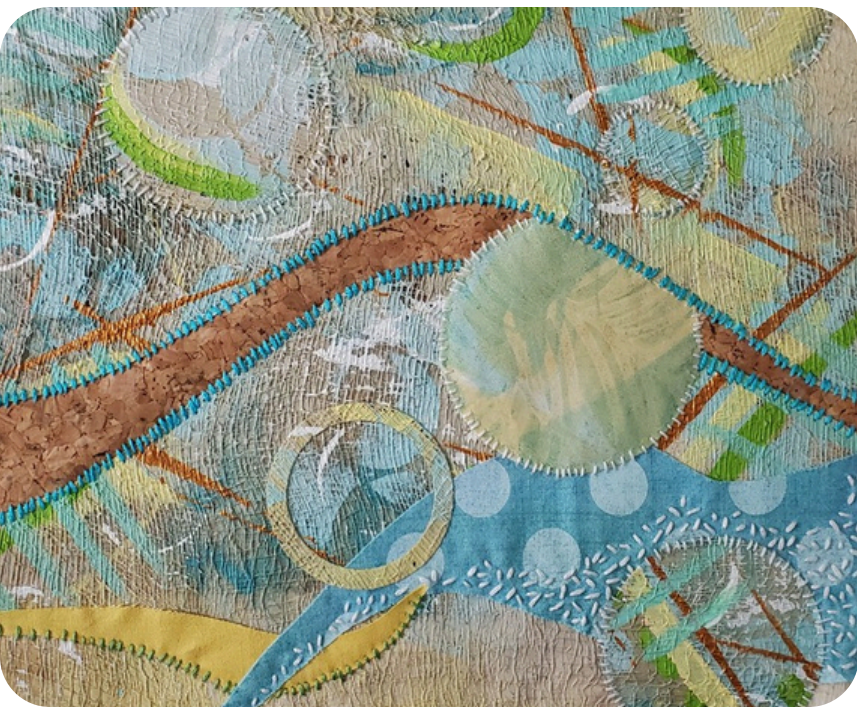
Explore today's photography through a diverse collection of contemporary images celebrating creativity, storytelling, and technical excellence. Featuring regional and national photographers, the exhibition showcases traditional, digital, and alternative photographic processes.

July 9–August 28, 2027. Opening Reception: Friday, July 9, 5:30–7PM

6th Annual Members Showcase

This exhibition highlights the diverse talents of MartinArts Member Artists, featuring a wide range of styles, media, and creative expressions that reflect the vibrant artistic community in Martin County.

September 10 – October 30, 2027. Opening Reception: Friday, September 10, 5:30–7PM



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Members Market & Sale

*Shop Local. Support Artists.
Discover One-of-a-Kind Treasures.*

Saturday & Sunday

October 10 & 11 | 10AM-4PM

Court House Cultural Center

80 SE Ocean Blvd., downtown Stuart

Announcing the 2027 Art for Living Calendar....

MartinArts is excited to announce that we will be continuing the beloved Art for Living Calendar, celebrating the extraordinary talent of local artists while investing in the future of our community, for 2027.

More than a calendar, it is a reminder that art enriches our daily lives, inspires creativity, and helps develop the imagination, critical thinking, and innovation that future generations need to thrive. Every calendar purchased helps provide arts education for young people, exhibitions for emerging and established artists, community arts experiences, and creative opportunities that enrich lives.

Proceeds from calendar sales will support MartinArts' mission to provide arts education, exhibitions, grants, and community programs that ensure the arts remain an essential part of life in Martin County, for today and for generations to come.

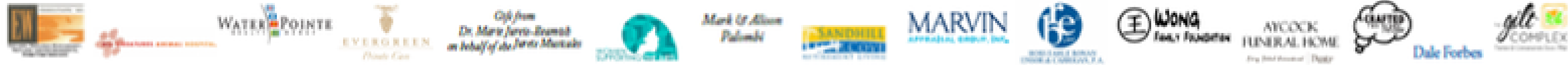
Featuring MartinArts Member Artists:

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| Jane Lawton Baldrige | Pat Hoshino | Geoffrey C. Smith |
| Mallo Bisset | Donald MacIntosh | Charles T. White |
| Susan Clifford | Dan Mackin | Lisa P. Young |
| Jodi Gaines | Mary Lou Pults | |
| Katie Gianni | Patrice Scott | |



Save the Date!

Calendar Unveiling & Reception
Tuesday, October 27 | 5:30PM





Thank you for your ongoing support!

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