



Visual Arts Center
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The Visual Arts Center is a full-service, year-round center dedicated to creating, sharing and promoting the visual arts to the community, artists and students. The Center has two large exhibit galleries (free admission), library, gift shop, jewelry/stained glass studio, pottery studio, and painting labs. There are classes and workshops available in variety of media for all ages and skill levels. The Center also holds an annual Fall Arts Festival in November, National Juried Art Exhibition every two years, and the Peace River National Art Festival every March in Lashley Park. *Unless noted*, all events located at the Visual Arts Center. Updated information will appear on our website. Details will be sent to media in a timely fashion.

Calendar of Events

September 2015 – August 2016

September 2015

- Sep 8 - 24 *Self Portraits* in Goff Gallery. Free exhibit runs thru September 24.
- Sep 8 - Oct 8 *Taking the Scenic Route* exhibit in First Federal Gallery. Free exhibit open September 8 - October 8.
- Sep 14 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.
- Sep 25 - Oct 24 *Earth Matters* in Goff Gallery. Free exhibit runs thru October 24.

October 2015

- Oct 12 - Nov 5 *Color - Bold, Bright And Beautiful* on display in First Federal Gallery. Free exhibit open Oct 12 - Nov 5.

November 2015

- Nov 2 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.
- Nov 9 - Dec 3 26th Annual *Harvest of Art*, the county's oldest juried art exhibit on display in First Federal Gallery, kicking off the Fall Arts Festival. Free exhibit open November 9 - December 3.
- Nov 14 Holly Jolly Sale in the Gift Shop. Shop one of the largest handcrafted holiday sales in the area, 9am - 3pm. Free door prizes each hour.

Nov 20 Fall Arts Festival special event celebrating the 26th annual *Harvest of Art* Exhibit."A Harvest Celebration. Check website for month long events and mural unveiling

December 2015

Dec 2 - Jan 2 Five Artists in the Goff Gallery: Ed Burd, Jane Dickinson, Belinda Duclos, Mary Taglieri and Roxie Vetter. Free exhibit runs thru Jan 4.

Dec 7- 29 *Generations* on display in First Federal Gallery. Free all media exhibit open Dec 7 - Dec 29.

January 2016

Jan 4 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.

Jan 5 - 28 Four Artists exhibit in Goff Gallery. Free exhibit on display until January 28.

Jan 15 - 28 *Art of Photography* exhibit on display in First Federal Gallery until January 28.

Jan 28 *Still Life Demo* by National Art Exhibition judge Jeffrey T. Larson. January 28, 9am to 12pm. Contact the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810 to register.

Jan 29 - March 12 *National Art Exhibition*, one of the Nation's most prestigious juried exhibitions of traditional 2D media featuring artists from across the country. Free exhibit on display January 29 - March 12.

February 2016

Feb 22 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.

Feb 27 Porcelain Artist Show & Sale. Affiliate Group of the VAC will have porcelain painting demos, hand painted porcelain and blanks for sale, door prizes and more!

March 2016

March 15 - 31 Student Show, featuring VAC Student work, on display in First Federal Gallery until March 31.

March 15 - April 6 *Salon De Refuse* on display in Goff Gallery. Free exhibit on display until April 16.

March 19 & 20 10th Annual Peace River National Art Festival in Laishley Park. Over 90 artists from around the country come to sell their art in Charlotte County. Sat & Sun from 10am-5pm.

April 2016

- April 5 - 30 *Primavera* A multi-media, juried exhibit on display in First Federal Gallery. Free exhibit open exhibit at the Visual Arts Center until April 30. (941) 639-8810
- April 11 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.
- April 19 - May 18 Portrait Group exhibit in Goff Gallery. Free exhibit on display until May 18.

May 2016

- May 24 - June 24 *The Essence of Color* on display in First Federal Gallery until June 24.
- May 21 - June 16 Atelier Artists on display in Goff Gallery until June 16.
- May 31 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.

June 2016

- June 25 - Aug 19 *America the Beautiful* on display in First Federal Gallery until August 19.

July 2016

- July 11 Fine Art Classes in all media including watercolor, charcoal drawing, pottery and jewelry making begin. Register at the Visual Arts Center (941) 639-8810.
- July 19 - Aug 18 Starving Artist Sale in Goff Gallery, sale of fine art priced under \$200. Free exhibit on display until August 18.