



# Arts Council of Plant City

## NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2017

### *Letter from the President*

Hello Arts Council Members and Friends,

I hope that 2017 is being good to you already, and that we will have the opportunity to spend time together at the various Arts Council events. The current season began on September 1, and we have certainly hit the ground running. Your Board of Directors are as follows: Marsha Passmore President, Audrey Montella Vice-President, Maggie Carlisle Treasurer, and Edith Kidde Secretary. Board Members Becky Conn, Shelly Drummond, Gil Gott, Melanie Knox, Dodie White, and Cheryl Worsham. If you have the time or interest in serving on the Board, do give me a call at 813.245.2244.

Our annual Tour of Homes "At Home for the Holidays," was hugely successful. The Tour included the homes of Gary Haines & Patti Halloran, 711 North Collins Street, Dub & Pec McGinnes 3012 Sutton Woods Drive, James S. Moody III and Courtney Moody 803 North Collins Street, and the theatrical home of Plant City Entertainment 101 North Thomas Street. It was a fun-filled afternoon rich in history and detail!

The organization has made a commitment to be involved deeply in the fabric of this community. Already in recent months we have participated in the South Florida Baptist Hospital's Diamonds & Denim, Lights of Love, sponsored the Plant City High School's Reflections program, which highlights the artistic talents of local high school students, a PC Main Street event, numerous Chamber of Commerce events to name a few.

We are now concentrating our efforts on the upcoming Seward Johnson Sculpture Exhibit, to be present here in Plant City March 1 through June 1. This is a major undertaking for us as we present the event to you, and the citizens and visitors to Plant City. We partner with the City of Plant City, Unity in the Community, the Plant City Photo Archives and History Center, and others to make this happen! The cost to make this presentation is enormous for such a small organization as we are, and the value of the 10 sculptures is well over a million dollars, but it's worth it. More about this soon, as we will have a planned event for your enjoyment during the time.

A calendar of events will be listed separately, so please Save the Dates and plan to enjoy the promotion of the performing or visual arts together with your family and friends here in your own hometown.

Warmest regards,

Marsha Passmore, President

*The mission of the Arts Council of Plant City is to bring Arts to the Plant City Community, to promote education in the Arts and to develop artists and arts programs. The Arts Council of Plant City is dedicated to the development of cultural excellence, community outreach and educational enrichment in the field of arts as well as the heightening of community awareness and participation in all programs which the Arts Council offers.*

# The Sculptures Return to Plant City!

The Arts Council of Plant City is pleased to announce the return of ten J. Seward Johnson sculptures to the downtown area just in time for Florida Strawberry Festival. The popular sculptures will be installed on **March 1, 2017** and remain in town through **June 1, 2017**. The public art exhibit is brought to Plant City by the Arts Council of Plant City, and is sponsored by the City of Plant City, the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, Unity in the Community, All a Bloom Florist, the Plant City Photo Archives, Main Street Plant City, Don Walden, and Hopewell Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens.

The sculptures are on loan from the Sculpture Foundation which arranges for traveling exhibits of nationally acclaimed artist, J. Seward Johnson.

Ten sculptures will be placed in locations around town including: McCall Park, Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum and Welcome Center, Plant City Photo Archives and History Center, Plant City Entertainment, Inc., Village Green, Bruton Memorial Library, and City Hall. For more information contact Marsha Passmore at 813-245-2244.



## Join the Plant City Statue Challenge

What better way to welcome the sculptures than a mannequin challenge? Join the celebration and participate in Plant City's own Statue Challenge. On April 1st help 'fool' the city and become a living statue downtown. Take photos and videos and share them on our facebook site for a chance to win fame. The competition is free and open to individuals, families, clubs and local businesses. To learn more go to our web site [www.PlantCityArts.com](http://www.PlantCityArts.com). Be sure to tag all your photos on Instagram #PCstatues17.

The website has information on the statues and ideas on family friendly activities incorporating the sculptures.

## Plant City Statue Challenge

#PCStatues17

Saturday  
April 1, 2017  
April Fools Day!

Celebrate the 2017 Seward Johnson sculpture exhibit in Plant City by joining the Statue Challenge.

Individuals, families, clubs and businesses are invited to stage living statues downtown. Post pictures and/or video on social media using #PCStatues17 and enter the Facebook photo contest for a chance to win community cred.

*Technical assistance available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McCall Park.*



Saturday, April 1, 2017  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
McCall Park  
Plant City, FL

Hosted by

**ARTS COUNCIL OF PLANT CITY**  
[PlantCityArts.com](http://PlantCityArts.com)

For more information



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# Arts Scholarships

The Arts Council of Plant City awards scholarships to local students who are pursuing a degree in the arts. Last year two promising artists received awards.

**Landon Davis** is a Plant City High School Graduate and award winning videographer studying Youth Ministry and Video Production/Multi Media Technology. He is a member of the National Honor Society, active in Jr. Civitans, Youth Alive and Soul'd Out Youth ministry.

Award winning Jazz singer, **Karlea Boswell-Edwards** is a Plant City student who graduated from Howard W. Blake High School for the Performing Arts in Tampa. She attends the Berklee College School of Music. Her accomplishments include winning the first Berklee Jazz Singer Showcase, placing 6th in NAACP Act -So National Competition, and Florida Music Education Association's vocalist for All State.

# Arts Education

The Arts Council has been active over the last few months in activities and programs from Plant City to Tampa. Peggy Daubar and Cheryle Worsham provide arts classes for the clients at McDonald Training Center at James Ranch. Artwork created was included in the 'Five by Five' exhibit at the Tampa Museum of Art. The Plant City Arts Council sponsored the participation of Peggy Daubar, Cheryl Worsham and their students. Plant City Arts Council was also pleased to sponsor the 2016 Plant City High School Reflections Contest. Several of the students have gone on to win awards and represent Hillsborough County.

## **SAVE THE DATES: *Spring Arts Council Events***

**March 1st through June 1st** Seward Johnson Sculpture Exhibit Downtown

**March 18th** Arts Field Trip to Tampa: Ulele's for Lunch and a stroll on the Riverwalk.

To join us contact Melanie Knox at [mknnox88@yahoo.com](mailto:mknnox88@yahoo.com).

**March 26th** Musical Soiree at Country Meadows

**April 1st** Plant City Statue Challenge celebrating the Seward Johnson Sculptures

**April 30th** Membership Party



### **JOIN THE ARTS COUNCIL TODAY**

In addition to helping bring arts programs to the Plant City area, Arts Council members enjoy fun events all year round including field trips to area museums and the Holiday Home Tour! Join us today to stay informed on all Arts Council programs.

# Tour of Homes

A special thank you for all those who participated in our annual Tour of Homes, our volunteers, members and especially our gracious hosts! Each year Arts Council members and their guests enjoy a festive tour and reception for a fundraiser that supports Community Arts Projects across the Plant City region. Sponsors of the event include Sunshine Bank, Haight Funeral Home, and the Plant City Photo Archives. Local photographer Rob Yoho generously donates his time and artwork to honor the homes. Tour Committee includes members of the Arts Council Board of Directors, Judy Barta and Lori Orso. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Tour of Homes a success.



The Tour of Homes hosts for 2016 were (L-R) Plant City Entertainment Inc., James S. Moody III and Courtney Moody, Gary Haines and Patti Halloron, and Dub and Pec McGinnes.

**What are Community Arts Projects?** The Arts Council of Plant City is able to send area High Schools money to support arts programs like band, chorus and theater. We also support the Empty Bowls pottery projects in several elementary schools, dance programs, and the Reflections contest at Plant City High School. To learn more about the Arts Council of Plant City follow us on Facebook.



# Arts Council of Plant City

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Make checks payable to: Arts Council of Plant City and mail to:  
Dodie White, 2311 Walden Place South, Plant City, FL 33566

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

TRUSTEE	\$1,000 ( )	CORPORATE	\$750 ( )
BENEFACTOR	\$500 ( )	PATRON	\$250 ( )
SPONSOR	\$100 ( )	SUSTAINING	\$50 ( )
FAMILY	\$35 ( )	INDIVIDUAL	\$25 ( )

### COMMITTEES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON:

MEMBERSHIP ( )	MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ( )	MEMBERSHIP PARTY ( )
NEWSLETTER ( )	PUBLICITY ( )	CONCERT SERIES ( )
VISUAL ARTS ( )	ART EDUCATION ( )	SCULPTURE EXHIBIT ( )
SCHOLARSHIPS ( )	DANCE EDUCATION ( )	ART FIELD TRIPS ( )

Membership in the Arts Council of Plant City supports educational, cultural, informational, and artistic events. We offer scholarships to high school seniors who are continuing their education in the visual or performing arts. Our season runs from September 1 to August 31, and your membership dollars will provide programs that many in our community would not otherwise be exposed to. For further information you may reach me at:

813-927-0595 or [dodiewhite@msn.com](mailto:dodiewhite@msn.com)

Thank you for your support!