



Arts Council of Plant City

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017

Letter from the President

Hello Arts Council Members and Friends,

I hope you have recovered well from Hurricane Irma! It's difficult to believe we are already preparing for our fall events. Over the year, I had the opportunity to spend time together with many of you at the various Arts Council events this spring. The annual sculpture exhibit and associated events this year included the Statue Challenge and a creative lunch and walking tour. We've traveled to Tampa to explore the Riverwalk, and we've distributed four scholarships this year!

We've had an intern this summer! If you noticed the extra activity online, please thank Cierra Craft, a Social Media Major at USF who assisted us with our upcoming event promotions including flyers, the newsletter, Facebook, and website updates.

Your Board of Directors are as follows: Marsha Passmore President, Audrey Montella Vice-President, Maggie Carlisle Treasurer, and Melanie Knox Secretary. Board Members Becky Conn, Shelly Drummond, Gil Gott, Darcy Stottlemeyer, Gwendolyn Thomas, 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.

We are pleased to announce support for the arts in education at numerous schools including Plant City High School, Durant, and Strawberry Crest. The Arts Council of Plant City supports band, chorus and theater programs and we also offer scholarships. We would like to wish all our local arts programs and students success in the upcoming school year.

All of these events and activities wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the City of Plant City, Plant City Parks and Recreation, 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 Arts Council of Plant City is thrilled to be a part of our vibrant community and we look forward to working with many of you in the upcoming months. Prepare to enter your chili in our annual Chilifest on October, 28th— we are accepting applications now. We are also so excited about the Tour of Homes on December 10th. Don't miss the beautiful homes this year!

Sincerely,

Marsha Passmore

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.

J. Seward Johnson Sculptures



We are always pleased to host welcome the J.Seward Johnson Sculptures to Plant City thanks to the City of Plant City and our generous supporters and sponsors. Pictured here are the sculpture installation crew, Mayor Rick Lott and President of the Arts Council of Plant City Marsha Passmore as we celebrate Plant City's Midtown during the unveiling ceremony.

Statue Challenge 17

Congratulations to the Winning Photographs!



1st Place
Melissa Hart



2nd Place
Kelly Bergman



3rd Place
Cassandra Banning / Bonnie

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Plant City Statue Challenge. We had excellent entries, and the judges had a difficult time choosing the winners. We look forward to more statue challenges when the sculptures return!



Field Trips

The Arts Council of Plant City organizes field trips to regional museums and locations of interest. We've visited the Dali Museum, the Tampa Museum of Art, and most recently we enjoyed a stroll along Tampa's Riverwalk and lunch at Ulele's by Waterworks Park. It was a gorgeous day, enhanced by the St. Patrick's Day celebration. We even found Mayor Buckhorn who graciously posed for a group photo!

Join the Arts Council and follow us on Facebook or our Website www.PlantCityArts.com to learn more about upcoming member fieldtrips.

Internship



Please join us in thanking Cierra Craft, our first summer intern.! Ms. Craft is a Mass Communications major at the University of South Florida. She is an experienced Social Media Manager with the USF Oracle and the Social Media chair for Bulls for Moffit. We were so pleased to have Cierra work with us on our social media this summer. She designed logos, prepared PR, media packet, and a promotions plan for the upcoming Chilifest Chili Cookoff, assisted in SEO on our website and helped promote Plant City arts activities on Facebook. Thank you again Cierra! We wish you all the best in your studies this year and hope to see you at our events this fall.

Summer Breezes



L-R Performers Sara Demolli, Sandi Norman and Kevin Barta

Arts Council members and friends gathered to enjoy a late summer concert on August 20th. We'd like to thank everyone who joined us and offer a special thank you for our artists who performed at our Summer Breezes Concert! Kevin Barta regaled the crowd on piano, Sara Demolli entertained with musical theater selections, and Sandi Norman's vocal praise wrapped up the evening. It is just amazing the talent we have in Plant City! To see more photos from the event check our website www.plantcityarts.com.

SAVE THE DATES: *Fall Events*

October 28th **Chilifest - Plant City Chili Cook-off**. Competitors are needed for the Annual Cookoff at the Robert W. Willaford Museum.

December. 10th **Tour of Homes** Visit Plant City community homes, decorated for the holidays!

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Tour of Riverwalk in Tampa, 2017

Arts Scholarships

The Arts Council of Plant City is pleased to announce the scholarship award winners of 2017. Each scholar was awarded \$1,000 by the Arts Council of Plant City to encourage their education in the arts.

Amelia Fong

Amelia Fong is a graduate of Strawberry Crest High School and committed to Franklin University Switzerland in Lugano, Switzerland. Amelia is majoring in Visual Communications Arts with a focus in film and photography. She hopes to intern with National Geographic.

Miss Fong's passion for the arts extends to music, as well. As the Historian and Press Secretary of the SCHS Band, Amelia was responsible for creating promotion videos and taking photographs of the band. She was awarded as a Superior in a Woodwind Trio, earned the title of All-County Band Musician and was named a National Guild Winner of Music Showcase. The former Charger was also a member of Chargerthon, Tech Club, and the National Honor Society, among others. Amelia's volunteer service extends internationally. She taught English while on a trip to Mexico, she participated in Relay for Life, and fund raised for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, a network of hospitals providing pediatric treatment in the U.S. and Canada.

Lauren Daly

Lauren Daly is a graduate of Plant City High School. She will attend Florida State University with a major in Digital Media Production. "I plan to use my experiences and education to create inspiring films that transcend across all demographics."

Lauren was the Salutatorian of the Class of 2017, Senior Class Historian and President of Best Buddies. She also served as President of Future Business Leaders of America and Treasurer of the Interact Girls Club. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Ronald McDonald House Club. In the community, she was a Special Olympics Unified Partner, and Co-Captain of her Relay for Life team. Lauren has created her own small business, Lauren Daly Productions, where she creates multi-media productions. She also generates website design through KCK Consulting.

Ashtyn Steele

Ashtyn Steele is a graduate of Plant City High School with plans to study Theatre. Ashtyn hopes to gain experience in film and become a professional entertainer. Ashtyn was a part of Next Radical Generation, a local performance group and served as a NRG Mentor her Junior and Senior year.

The former Raider has participated in Relay for Life, Empty Bowls and is involved in several First Baptist Church of Plant City programs. She was the 2011 Cover Girl of the PCHS Calendar Girl Contest. Additionally, Ashtyn was also involved in the PCHS Civinettes/Interact Club, Plant City High School PSTA and Youth Alive. Ashtyn also has experience in modeling, film, and in national television commercials. She was awarded the Plant City High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship and the Plant City Lion's Club Scholarship. She was a member of the Florida Strawberry Festival Court, and has received proclamations from the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Plant City Mayor Rick Lott and former Plant City Mayor Mary Thomas Mathis.

Joseph Zaino

Joseph Zaino is a graduate of Plant City High School with a 6.53 GPA and was ranked 14 in the senior class. Joseph's top college choices are USF and FSU. He plans to become a writer, and possibly attend law school. While attending PCHS, Joseph was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Archery Club and Youth Alive. He is an AP Scholar and was awarded Principal's Honor Roll. He was director of the Pleasant Grove Assembly of God Puppet Team Children's Ministry Leader. He also volunteered at Pleasant Grove and was involved with the community through Key Club and NHS.



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2017
11 AM to 1 PM



Hosted by the Arts Council of Plant City
Plant City ChiliFest Cook-Off

Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum
102 N. Palmer Street, Plant City, FL 33563

Chili Competitors Needed

Enter your best chili recipe into the categories of
mild, spicy or novelty!

A panel of judges will select winners from each category!

To enter your prize winning chili and for a complete list of rules,
Contact Shelly Drummond at 813-731-6809 or Marsha Passmore at 813-245-2244

Membership

It's time to renew your Arts Council membership for the 2017-18 season and a current Application is attached to this newsletter. We're trying something new this year - we will issue membership cards to all members that shows when your membership is good through, so as soon as I receive your application and payment, I will mail you a membership card. Thank you to those of you who have already joined for the 2017 - 2018 season. You should have received your cards by now, but if you have not, please contact me at: dodiewhite@msn.com OR [813-972-0595](tel:813-972-0595)

Thanks so much!
Dodie White
Membership Chair

Membership Year: 2017 - 2018



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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, and we offer scholarships to high school seniors who are continuing their education in the visual or performing arts. Our fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31, and your membership dollars this year 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

Thank you for your support!