

INSIDER NEWS

BEST OF SHOW COLLECTION SHOWCASED THROUGHOUT WINTER PARK



The Galloway Gallery at the Winter Park Welcome Center is now featuring several pieces of the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Best of Show Collection. Artwork from the collection, which has been gifted to the City of Winter Park since 1969, is also on display at the new Library and Event Center. Additional pieces will soon be displayed at City Hall.

KUDOS TO 2021 POSTER ARTIST - VICTOR BOKAS



THE WINTER PARK
SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL
MAY 14-15-16 2021



Our whimsical 2021 poster by Victor Bokas was judged the **Best in Originality** and **runner-up** in the **Overall Best** category in Sunshine Artist Magazine's recent poster contest. There were 58 entries this year and the winners were announced in the May issue. Comments from the judges included: "lush & lovely poster", "strong composition", "fun images", "eye-catching with good contrast". It was a great seller too!

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IN MEMORIAM

We recently lost another dedicated festival leader, Margaret Ann Fountain. She passed away March 7 at age 87, just days before our 63rd festival. A service celebrating her life was held May 19 at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Jasper, Alabama. No mention of any local services could be found. Margaret was active on the festival board from 1990 until she became a sustainer in 2007. She had a strong artistic background, being a watercolorist herself, with a BA in Applied Art from Auburn University and a career in advertising art. She enjoyed working with the Judges Committee and the judging process and various other committees, but her real passion was the development of the Emerging Artist Program. Her email account was even emergart@aol.com. In the early days of the program, five emerging artists were selected, but this was reduced in 2005 to the current three. Churchill Thompson, who was recruited by Margaret, remembers her as a wonderful mentor to new members. As to her philosophy about the festival, Hal Downing recalls her cautioning him when he was a newly elected board president with lots of big plans, “the festival is like a wheel, you only need to tweak the spokes a little now and then”. Her love for the festival and her dedication to making it a success year after year was noted by all who knew her. Her tireless efforts have left a lasting impression on the event.



BEYOND THE SIDEWALK . . .



HOLLY HENSON loves art, and now she is part of a street art mural (top middle). Its located in Orlando's Milk District on Livingston St., near SportsTown. Very cool Holly!

THE MAIN STAGE IN NORTH CENTRAL PARK IS GETTING A MAJOR FACELIFT!



The revamped stage will have a hard canopy, enhanced rigging for audio and visual equipment and a slight change in orientation. It is expected to be complete by October in time for the Autumn Art Festival. Estimated cost \$840K made possible with funding help from the American Recovery Plan Act. Watch for a grand re-opening concert to be held at the end of September.



THERE'S A NEW DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!

The festival's Co-President, Jennifer Clark and her husband Tim, couldn't be prouder of their daughter, Dr. Caroline Anderson Clark, D.O., who recently graduated from VCOM-Auburn University. She will be starting her residency in July at USF- Morsani- Tampa General Hospital in Pediatrics. Congrats to all!

SATURDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF CONCERT TO RETURN IN 2023 ON MARCH 11

The reviews are in and replacing the Friday Night Concert with a Saturday Night before the festival Kick-Off event was a success in 2022. So look for a repeat at the 64th Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival that will make an even bigger intro to festival week!



ART FESTIVAL FAVORITE LEAVES TOWN!

Matthew Cornell, winner of three WPSAF Best of Show awards, this year's Morse Museum Award and countless other awards through the years is leaving Orlando and relocating in North Carolina. We are jealous of Wayne Osley, who was fortunate to hear about his moving sale and was able to snag a few of Matthew's amazing paintings at leaving town prices! But he'll be back, Matthew promised Wayne he would not miss the 64th WPSAF in March of 2023. Best wishes on the move.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Artists' Application Opens- August 1, 2022
Screening-& Judges Party- October 22, 2022
Kick-Off Concert- Saturday, March 11, 2023
64th WPSAF- March 17, 18, 19, 2023



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