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## ***ArtCenter Manatee Brings A Premier Season of Visual Arts to Our Community***

**BRADENTON, Fla.** October 15, 2019 – ArtCenter Manatee brings an exciting roster of exhibits, events, classes and new handcrafted gifts to our artisan shop.

As we move into Fall and a new season, we present *Go Wild*, an open, juried exhibit featuring the all media work of local artists, displayed in all three galleries through November 8th. Join us as we celebrate everything that is wild about this time of year.

Coming in November, we feature two shows and an *Ornament Extravaganza*, just in time for the holidays. The Extravaganza features the handmade ornaments of local artists and includes clay, glass, metal and fiber. The Extravaganza also kicks off our annual Artful Holidays Party & Sale on Nov 14, 5:00-7:00, continuing on Nov 15 & 16 from 9:00-5:00.

James Griffin, an accomplished oil painter, displays his work in the Kellogg Gallery, *A Tapestry of Movement*. “On the streets of great cities, people pass by so quickly, we hardly notice them. However, in my paintings, they begin to feel like people I know. Their faces, the way they walk, their lives reveal themselves under closer observation, our shared humanity making a beautiful tapestry.”

Rounding out the exhibits will be an open, juried show, *Giving Thanks*, which invites the artist to consider the things they are thankful for, from objects to people to places. All shows run November 12 to December 13, with a free opening reception that is open to the public on November 14, from 5:00-7:00.

Keeping with our tradition of offering the finest in exhibits, we bring three watercolor masters to the ArtCenter In February: Thomas Schaller, John Salminen and Dean Mitchell. They represent the best in watercolor today and are truly masters. Their work will be on display in the Kellogg Gallery, February 11-March 13. There will be a nominal entrance fee of \$5.00. An opening reception will be held February 13 from 5:00-7:00. In the Searle and Reid Hodges we welcome the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society’s annual open aqueous exhibit. Both are premier, not-to-be-missed watercolor shows.

In May, we celebrate 100 years of women’s right to vote. With exhibits that change monthly in our three galleries there is sure to be something that will delight and engage the most discriminating art enthusiast and collector. An exhibit schedule is available on the ArtCenterManatee.org website.

On the event side, we will hold the Holiday pottery sale on December 6 & 7 from 10:00-4:00, a sale of handmade pottery by ArtCenter artists. January 17-18, 9:00-3:00 brings Used But Useful, a sale of gently used items, mostly art supplies and materials.

February 22 & 23 we present the 19th annual Fine Arts Festival of Manatee County in downtown Bradenton at Riverwalk. The 2-Day festival brings talented multimedia artists together for two days in a location that promotes the rich cultural offerings this area has in abundance. In addition to art, you’ll also find food and music.

And then in March, our fabulous Snatch it! Art & more for grabs, an exciting fundraiser when ‘snatchers’ are guaranteed a prize valued at over \$250 for their \$125 ticket. April 18 brings Jazzy Ladies Fashion Show & Luncheon.

ArtCenter Manatee's new Fall Winter Classes & Workshops Catalog has been released in print and online. Offering instruction in painting, watercolor, drawing, glass, pottery, jewelry and special interest subjects including Yoga in the Galleries and fused and stained glass, all taught by professional artist/instructors. Also featured is Arts & Healing, a free program for those with dementia, focusing on the healing powers of art. Our schedule includes the very popular Nights Out series (2-hr mini classes) offering everything from glass painting and glass fusing to the more traditional painting, pottery and jewelry. Come for 2-hours and go home with a finished piece of art that you have created. Check out our catalog online or stop by the ArtCenter to pick up your copy.

The LiveArtfully artisan gift shop continues to sell the unique handcrafted work of our local and regional artists, offering the finest gifts Manatee County has to offer at very reasonable prices. When you shop Live ArtFully, you support not only the ArtCenter, but an artist and the community. Our online market allows you to shop fine gifts from the comfort of home: [LiveArtfully.org](http://LiveArtfully.org)

For more information on any of these programs, visit [ArtCenterManatee.org](http://ArtCenterManatee.org), or call us at 941.746.2862. We look forward to welcoming you to ArtCenter Manatee for a wonderful season of art.

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### **About ArtCenter Manatee**

Located at the intersection of arts and culture in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The nearly 10,000 sq. ft. building features three galleries, five classrooms, an Artists' Market gift shop and an art library featuring over 3,000 art volumes. Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children are offered year round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more.

Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists. Meet the exhibiting artists at the monthly evening opening receptions.

209 9th St W, Bradenton, FL

H: M-F-S 9:00-5:00, T-W-Th 9:00-6:00, closed Sunday.

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Attached images:

*More or Less* by Larry Felder from Go Wild

*The Dance* by James Griffin from Tapestry of Movement

*Setting Up Bryant Park* by John Salminen from Three Modern Masters

*Bridges* by Thomas Schaller from Three Modern Masters

Event Ads