

**ArtCenter Manatee Closes 2022 with Three Unique Exhibits**  
*Including the International Society of Scratchboard Artists*

**BRADENTON, Fla.** October 27, 2022 – ArtCenter Manatee closes 2022 with three shows that will appeal to a variety of art lovers, from collectors of handcrafted holiday décor to lovers of exquisite scratchboard “paintings.”

On November 30, they welcome the International Society of Scratchboard Artists (ISSA) to the Kellogg Gallery. This prestigious group includes over 110 active artists representing 8 countries. Their president, Cathy Sheeter, MSA, who specializes in wildlife and western art, is one of only 16 Master Scratchboard artists in the world. This is nothing like the scratchboard art you did in school.



*Out to Impress* by Cathy Sheeter, MSA, International Society of Scratchboard Artists

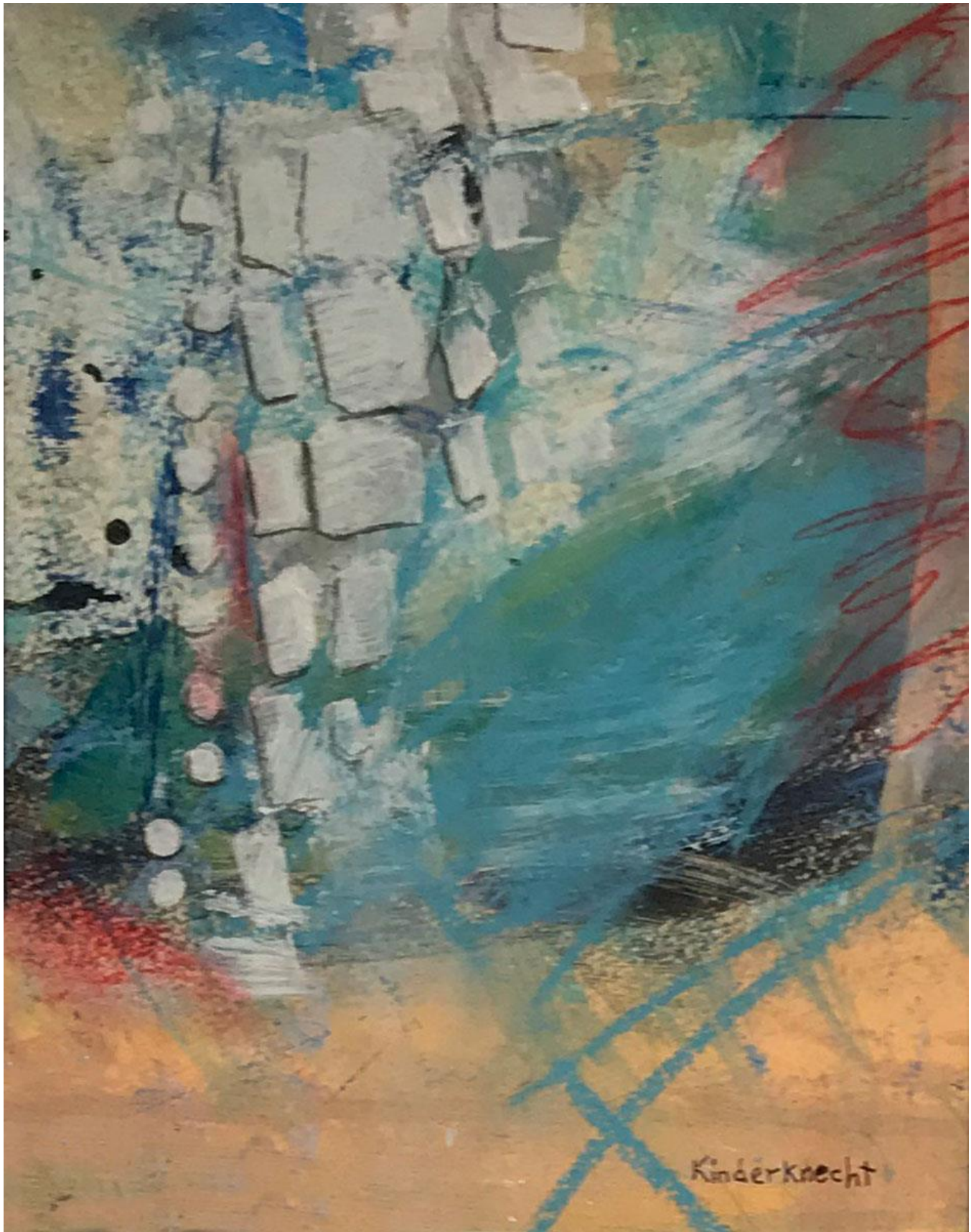


*On the Prowl* by Patrick Hedges, MSA, International Society of Scratchboard Artists

There will be an opening reception on December 1, from 5:00-7:00 pm that is free and open to the public. The ISSA will also hold seminars at the ArtCenter on December 2 and 3 that will be open to members and non-members alike for a nominal fee.

On display in the Reid Hodges Gallery will be 12x12/Off the Wall, an all media exhibit of work that is no larger than 12"x12", framed or unframed. In addition to the size, also unique to the exhibit is that the art can be taken when purchased rather than at the end of the exhibit. Wonderful for holiday gift-giving. In 2021, over 70 local artists displayed their work in this juried show.





*Falling Slowly* by Cheryl Kinderknecht, 2021 exhibit



Rounding out the exhibits will be the Holiday Extravaganza. The Searle Gallery will be aglow with trees, tabletops and walls adorned with lights, handcrafted ornaments and holiday-themed décor made by over 50 local artists. This will be the time to increase your handmade ornament collection.



### *Holiday Extravaganza 2021*

All shows run November 30 through December 30. An opening reception and Artful Holidays Party will be Thursday, December 1, 5:00-7:00. All are free and open to the public.

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### **About ArtCenter Manatee**

Located in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The Center features three galleries with exhibits that change monthly, five classrooms, the LiveArtfully gift shop featuring handcrafted work, 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.

Hours: M, F, S 9:00-5:00 - T, W, Th 9:00-6:00 Closed Sunday  
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