

Seminole Community Library
Spring 2026 Exhibit

The Spring 2026 Exhibit is the library gallery's inaugural exhibit and features two-dimensional and three-dimensional works from artists from Pinellas County and St. Petersburg College, featuring a Florida theme.

The exhibit runs through May 31st, and is located in the gallery space on the 1st floor of the Seminole Community Library and is open seven days a week.

See below for more information about the artists featured in the exhibit.

Name: Lisa Bagley

Title: Whitney Beach

Medium: Collaged fabric

Price: \$600

Artist Bio: My artwork is a diary of my existence, my experiences, my travels.

My art is often feminine & personal, sometimes lighthearted & humorous, but also, tragic & heartbreaking.

I recently complete a series titled, "Hopes & Fears, My Diary of Cancer" (on display at the Largo Public Library), and am currently working on a new series inspired by my travels through Italy.

Originally from upstate NY, I have studied art in NY, PA, HI, NC, Italy, & Japan. I recently retired from teaching art in Pinellas County Schools, although I previously taught art in NY & Japan as well.



Artist name: Carol Blair

Title: After Milton: The Pier at Crystal Beach

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Price: \$900

Artist Bio: Carol Blair's paintings and drawings are based primarily on her own original photographs and life drawings, or a melding of those with imagination or abstraction. She seeks to find and create scenes that convey peace, joy, and reflection, as well as an occasional foray to their flip sides: tension, struggle, and confusion.

She has a bachelor's degree in art from the University of South Florida, a bachelor's in journalism from Western Kentucky University, and a master's in education from the University of Florida. Carol has exhibited her work at the Dunedin Fine Art Center and The Stirling Art Studios and Gallery in Dunedin; the Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater; the ArtsXchange, Werk, and Gulf Coast Arts Alliance galleries in St. Petersburg; and The Contemporary Art Museum at the University of South Florida.



Name: Ashley Champion

Title of Piece: After the Afternoon Shower (Florida in Bloom)

Medium: Acrylic on Canvas

Price: \$225

Artist Bio: I started painting for fun when I was young, but somewhere along the way real life nudged art to the sidelines. This year, I've found my way back to it and rediscovered how much joy it brings me to create. I love giving old canvases a second life, painting over ones that were headed for the landfill and using recycled paints in the process. I'm inspired by the idea that we were made by a Creator, and that creating is one small way we reflect His image. There's something meaningful to me about creating beauty from art that may have otherwise been overlooked. I love capturing whimsy, glowing sunsets, and blooming flowers, and I hope my art feels like your best day ending in your favorite sunset.



Name: Linda Culhane

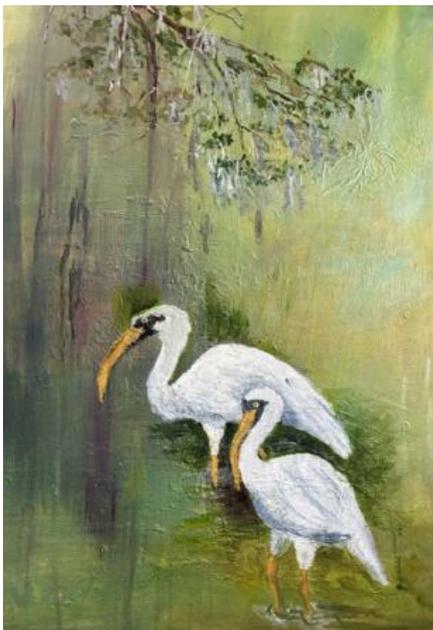
Title of Piece: Life in the Swamp

Medium: Acrylic

Price: \$300

Artist Bio: As a native Floridian I have seen the state institute many changes. Continuing as my favorite is the “old” Florida. The land of slow moving, relaxed living.

Painting is somewhat new to me. Never having a formal training in drawing or painting my background is in gardening and horticulture, which is why I am able to create in the land of plants.



Name: Ariana Elizabeth

Title of Piece: *Palette of the Sea*

Medium: Mixed Media

Price: NFS

Artist Bio: I have been crafting for as long as I can remember, and I love sharing that passion with my kids. *Palette of the Sea* is a beach-themed mixed-media piece featuring a palette with real shells as paint wells, inspired by ideas I saw online and reimagined in my own style. Through my work, I celebrate creativity, family time, and my love for the ocean.



Name: Susan Harbison

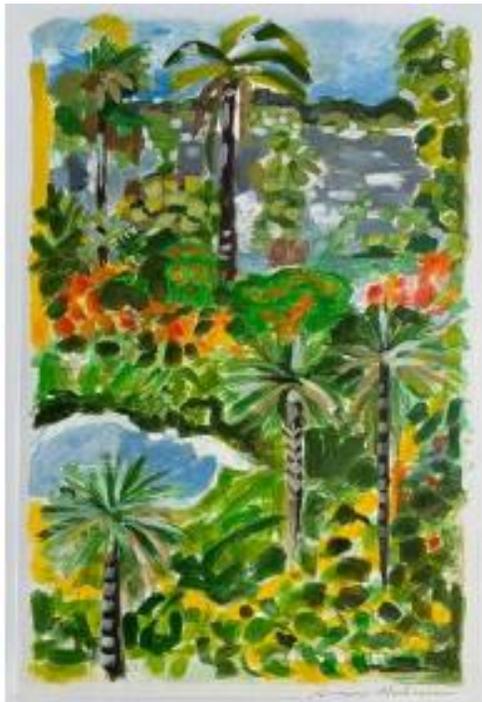
Title: View From the Studio II

Medium: Acrylic on board

Price: \$250

Artist Bio: I am always creating, physically or in my head. Every day scenes appear as compositions or studies in color, texture and light. As a young woman growing up in Ohio, without an art teacher, I copied, either with a set of pastels, given to me by my mother, or with pencil. Undergraduate school in the late 60's and early 70's was lacking in structure, but I was introduced to artists like Julian Schnabel, Helen Frankenthaler, and Jim Dine, and I learned what art is.

Throughout my career as an art educator I continued to do my own work, primarily in mixed media. In the past twenty years (and since moving to Florida) the idea of what lies beneath a surface (like water) interests me. I enjoy the challenge of responding visually to my Florida surroundings, prioritizing the importance of a "feel" of a place over realistic qualities. I have exhibited at The Mirella Cimato St. Petersburg Opera Gallery, The Morean Arts Center, The Studio @ 620, The ArtLofts, The Beach Art Center, and various other locations in Ohio and Florida.



Name: Linda-Jean Jones

Title: Sea Turtle

Medium: Sea Glass found in Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic, & Caribbean Ocean.

Shark's Teeth and fossilized bone found in Venice Area, Florida

Price: \$30

Artist Bio: Linda Jones is a wire wrap artist who handcrafts pendants, French barrettes, and hair accessories using sterling silver and copper wire. She carefully wraps natural stones, crystals, gemstones, and sea glass to create distinctive, one-of-a-kind pieces.

Linda enjoys snorkeling in search of sea glass, shark's teeth, and shell. She incorporates many of her personally collected treasures into her jewelry and other arts and crafts projects.

A resident of Seminole, Florida, Linda is continually inspired by her travels, always searching for unusual and beautiful objects found in nature.



Name of Artist: Patricia Lester

Title: A gentle hello

Medium: Acrylics

Price: \$275

Artist Bio: I am a painter drawn to the spirit of the animals I depict. Through layered colors, expressive brushwork and careful attention to the light, I seek to capture not only the physical presence of each animal, but also its feelings and to the environment it calls home. My work is rooted observation, respect and wonder at the unique qualities that each animal possesses. By translating my fleeting encounters with my subjects, I hope to create paintings that invite the viewer to slow down, look closely, and connect to the wonderful creatures that share our little blue planet.



Name of Artist: Lesley McClain

Title: Bashful

Medium: Soft pastels on Canson Mi-Tients velvet paper

Price: \$145

Artist Bio: After a long career in education, Lesley has transitioned to her lifelong passion for painting in Palm Harbor, Florida. Drawing from her background as a teacher, she brings a passionate, unique, and structured perspective to her pastels. Lesley continues to learn and grow under the teachings of Alain J. Picard, Instructor & Author. Lesley wants to create paintings that invite the viewer to be in the moment with the painting. To be able to capture the beauty of the Floridian landscape and wildlife for others to experience, is an inspiration for Lesley.



Name of Artist: Donna Mansbart

Title: View from my Window

Medium: Photo canvas

Price: \$1,200

Artist Bio: My creative journey began with photography and sketching using the natural world as both muse and teacher. Over time, my work expanded into mixed media, allowing me to layer observation, emotion, and story into each piece. Birds- especially raptors and native species- have become a central focus of my art, symbolizing resilience, freedom, and our responsibility to protect the wild.

Giving back is an essential part of my practice. Through my art, I aim to raise awareness of wildlife conservation, habitat preservation and the delicate balance between humans and nature. Each piece is an invitation to slow down, look closely, and reconnect with the land, with wildlife and with our shared role as stewards of the natural world.



Artist Name: Kim O'Brien

Title of Piece: Rosy Spoonbill

Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Artist Bio: Kim enjoys the pursuit of ongoing learning and exploring the arts, and her inspirations include Georgia O'Keefe, Diego Rivera, and Albert Bierstadt. Her artworks have garnered awards and representation in galleries to include the following featured art exhibits: 2025 Cheap Cheep Cheeps, 2024 Artport Gallery (Best of Show), 2023 Happy Art Show at Five Deuces Galleria, 2022-2023 - Colors of Pinellas Art Show (2x People's Choice Awards), 2022 White Art Show at Ekeko Gallery, and 2013 Scott Air Force Art Center Show (Commander's Choice Award).

