

Arts and Culture Advisory Board

2021 Annual Report to City Commission

I first wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the Cultural Arts Department during the Covid -19 pandemic. At a time when many of us were feeling isolated and anxious, the staff kept a continuing program of online cultural offerings that engaged residents at a time when it was needed most. Taryn Nicoll, our Chief Curator at the Frank, launched a virtual classroom that contained storybook readings, art tutorials and video workshops. The Studio 18 Art Complex also presented four virtual exhibitions during the pandemic. Many thanks to all of the cultural arts staff who helped us navigate the sadness of Covid - 19.

The Frank Art Gallery- the Frank produced six major exhibitions during 2021, five of which were virtual:

The Academy
Biological Futurism
Bits and Pieces
Bruce Beasley: In Pursuit of Form and Feeling
Camouflage & Collaboration

The first in-person event, Warp and Weft was held on July 15th and showcased contemporary fiber techniques and works of diverse media that engage rich textile traditions. 175 patrons attended this event.

The City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$77,000 by the Florida Department of State, which will be used towards programming at the Frank Art Gallery.

Studio 18 Art Complex- hosted five exhibitions four of which were virtual:

Welcome Home
Duality
The 16th Annual Art Competition- which included 55 artists and 109 pieces of artwork. Awards were given in nine categories and the Festival Poster winner was awarded to Ana Aguerrevere for her watercolor- Marbels.
Taking Flight- A Change in Perspective

On August 6th Studio 18 re-opened to the public, its first in-person exhibition since March 2020, to celebrate "Cheers to Eleven Years". The evening was a retrospect of art, culture and community engagement, featuring the Studio's past and present artists. The celebration included live music, eclectic art and beautiful keepsakes that were distributed to those in attendance.

In November, the resident artists of Studio 18 were featured in their own show titled "New Possibilities". "Celebrating the Warriors", was also featured in the Pines Square art space, displaying art created by local veterans of the Alexander Niningger State Veterans Nursing Home.

The Studio also celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with an in-person "Got Culture" workshop in September.

The Pines Art Center- began virtual art classes in September 2020 and they continued thru July 2021. 157 students enrolled in classes.

PPTOPA debuted their first show since 2019 in October of 2021. The Broadway classic Cabaret produced over \$32,000 in tickets sales.

The Storybook Festival which was co-sponsored by the City and the Regional Library was held in November. This charming children's event included the Fantasy Theatre Factory and a story walk.

Sadly, the **Annual Art Fest in the Pines** was not held in 2020 and delayed until November 2021, due to the pandemic.

But we came back with a bang for the 23rd Annual event held at the Charles F. Dodge City Center.

The two-day show included diverse live entertainment, a digital festival booklet, awards to the artists in twelve categories and a Student Art Competition with 152 students participating. A live tango dance performance was an exciting part of the entertainment.

The Frank Art Gallery hosted art workshops on Saturday and Sunday during the Festival.

There have been many other art events that were held throughout the year and all were a success and very well planned by the Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. The traffic box wraps, which was a concept originated by the Art Board has been a fabulous public art project. Fourteen boxes were decorated in 2021 and there will be additional boxes completed in October, depicting Hometown Heroes.

The Art Board wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Christina Sorensen, Holly Bonkowski and the entire Recreation and Cultural Arts staff.

The Art Board would like to recommend additional performing art events, such dance, singing and musical events.

In conclusion, the Art Board wishes to thank the City Commission for their ongoing support of the Arts in Pembroke Pines. When other organizations and museums succumbed to the financial hardships created by Covid, the Arts remained strong and engaging in Pembroke Pines.

Thank you,
Rose Colombo
Chairperson
Arts and Culture Advisory Board.

MEMBER NAME:	AUG 21'	SEPT 21'	OCT 21'	NOV 21'	DEC 21'	JAN 22'	FEB 22'	MAR 22'	APR 22'	MAY 22'
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COLMENARES	P	P	P	P	P	P		NM	NM	
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DIAZ	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	NM	NM	
KOREN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	P
MIRVILLE	E	P	P	E	UE	E	E	NM	NM	no quorum to approve absense
PIERCE	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	P

P - PRESENT

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E - EXCUSED

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NM - NO MEETING

