

My Fellow Members,

Thank you all for your support. Since June I have been working feverishly to develop programs and conceive of ideas that would benefit the members of the art league and the overall artist community of Flagler County. This is a golden moment for art in Flagler. We're on the verge of a breakthrough. We should be in the position to take control of this movement by celebrating the artist in our community day in and day out. I had ideas which I have shared with the board. I hope the board take from these ideas hopefully in whole and promote FCAL gallery ready artists. One of my main goals was also to embrace the youth in our community by bringing them into the fold. I wanted to Form an Art mentorship program. Also I wanted to help these young people get their community service volunteer hours though US.

Inclusiveness was another area that I wanted to implement. Reaching out to outside entities is essential for FCAL growth and appreciation.

By embracing the other art entities and forming a united front much can be accomplished. Forming a partnership in spirit with the Hollingsworth Gallery and The Gargiulo Foundation to create a wave of excitement for the arts on the second Saturday of very month in this complex has proven to be a great decision. I must also thank flaglerlive.com for having the presence of mind to understand that the art movement is growing in this town and should be talked about. Art happenings is news. Flaglerlive.com has helped tremendously with this wave of enthusiasm for the arts I talk about. Joan Mangano and the Education committee has brought together inspiring people who are unselfish and want to share their art experiences with every member and aspiring artists.

Stefanie Salkin also has made strides to perfect the community exhibits. She has made serious strides and the Community Exhibits will be very successful.

At this time in the game I must resign from my post. I have done much to enable the potential for success. Unfortunately as a board we all have different ideas that clash and as a result whim and reality gets confused. Subsequently, implementing change can take far longer than necessary. Example: We were still negotiating baseboard, Floor paint, and track lighting 4 months after our move. The vastly different life experience has sometimes created a tough FCAL environment and has taken far too much time from my family and my numerous art projects. Art is being creative. Understanding art trends and movements are significant. I have spent far more time than I can give to this process. I regret that I must move on. My Family and my art are my main priorities at this time in my life.

Respectfully,

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