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# Art Center Sarasota Announces “Faces and Places” Winners

## Exhibit runs through August 6

*The center received submissions from 173 artists from throughout the region.*

(June 4, 2022) Christina Baril, exhibitions coordinator for Art Center Sarasota, announced the winners for its regional, juried exhibit, “Faces and Places,” which runs through August 6. Baril says the center received submissions from 173 artists from the Southeast region. Baril says the work had to be inspired by or reflect their surrounding community, including faces, places, landscapes, and societal experiences.

The juror for the exhibition was Amanda Cooper, chief curator at the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg.

“We were deeply impressed with the artistic quality of the submissions,” says Baril, adding that the center’s annual regional exhibit “gives area residents and visitors a chance to see outstanding works by area-based artists—as well as art by artists from outside our tri-county region. By staging this exhibition in the summer months, we’re able to create cultural opportunities for tourists and year-round residents during a time when there are less arts and cultural events happening in our area. *Art Center Sarasota is part of #SafeArtsSarasota. Art Center Sarasota, 707 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. For information, visit [www.artsarasota.org](http://www.artsarasota.org) or call 941-365-2032.*

## **“Faces and Places” Winners**

### **1st Place: Karla Pirona**

“Southgate” (2022)

Oil on canvas; 13 x 36 x .7 in.

### **2nd Place: Li Volk**

“Shane” (2021)

Charcoal on paper, stretched on wood board; 24 x 20 in.

### **3rd Place: David Fithian**

“Quiet Pool” (2021)

Oil on canvas; 36 x 42 in.

### **Merit Award: Tony Reinemann**

“Danger on a Sutton Place Terrace” (2022)

Pencil on paper; 21 x 18 in.

### **Merit Award: Gianna Santucci**

“Bottoms Up!” (2021)

Oil on canvas; 24 x 24 x 2 in.

### **Honorable Mention: Brian Jones**

“Pink” (2021)

Photograph: digital capture, printed on archival photo paper w/archival pigmented inks

24 x 30 x 2 in.

### **Honorable Mention: Nika Zusin**

“Home” (2020)

PLA: biodegradable plant-based plastic; 15.7 x 17.3 x 4.5 in.

**Honorable Mention: Tony Souza**

“Federal Style Living Room c. 1800” (2021)

Acrylic on canvas; 36 x 60 x 1.5 in.

**Honorable Mention: Alaina Pompa**

“Sunday Float at Siesta” (2022)

Hand-painted tissue collage on canvas; 20 x 24 x 2 in.

**About Art Center Sarasota**

Art Center Sarasota was the first arts and cultural institution in Sarasota. Founded in 1926 as the “Sarasota Art Association” by Marcia Rader, the art supervisor for the Sarasota County schools district, the Association was later incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 1943 and has been in its current location in the Sarasota Bayfront Cultural District since 1949. Art Center Sarasota is a member-supported organization that offers curated and juried exhibitions, adult and youth education programs, outreach initiatives for underserved youth, and culturally related public programming. Art Center Sarasota is admission-free and open to all public; its mission is to inspire individual creative expression, nurture artistic talent and provide the community with accessible and diverse visual art opportunities.

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**Gallery Hours**

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: Noon-5 p.m.