

# **About the Artists in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery Sept. 2 thru Oct. 30, 2023**

## **MEMBERS OF DEDICATED ARTISTS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA (DASF)**

A wide array of beautiful two and three-dimensional work by members of The Dedicated Artists of Southwest Florida Inc. (DASF) fills the gallery walls and display cases of the Cape Coral Library. This marks the 7<sup>th</sup> time that the local club of artists is featured at the Library. DASF members have been working on new pieces of art to display, and the variety of their designs and the surfaces on which they paint is extensive. That's no doubt why the club's exhibit of members' latest artwork is always eagerly anticipated by Library patrons and visitors.

The Dedicated Artists of Southwest Florida is a local club with approximately 60 members who are full or part-time residents of various cities within the local tri-county area. People of all ages and levels of ability- from those with no experience up to accomplished artists- are welcome to join. DASF members attend monthly meetings (held in the Cape Coral Art League building) that feature different painting projects in acrylic, oil, watercolor or colored pencil and are conducted by talented instructors. For more information about membership, meeting schedules, location, projects, seminars and events visit [www.DASFartists.com](http://www.DASFartists.com).

While learning and teaching the art of painting is integral to the club, they also perform an impressive amount of community outreach. As a 501(c)(3) public charity, DASF philanthropic projects support the Harry Chapin Food Bank, an annual scholarship for a graduating Lee County student who wants to pursue the visual arts, donation of wall art for youngsters leaving the foster system at age 18, a Suitcase Project that provides decorated cases for the Children's Network of SW Florida, and a Memory Box Project that donates hand-painted keepsake boxes to various hospitals around the state for grieving families to hold remembrances of a child lost. To support its community projects, DASF holds an annual Winter Luncheon fundraising gala for 150 guests at the Legends Country Club, and the 2023 luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 starting at 11:00 AM. It will include a silent auction of DASF members' beautiful artwork and theme baskets, plus a boutique with stocking stuffers for sale. To get details about the December fundraiser, visit [www.DASFartists.com](http://www.DASFartists.com), go to HOME on the menu, then fill out the form under "Contact Us."

## **FOR INFORMATION ON PURCHASING ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE**

**If interested in purchasing any artwork that is on display in the library and is available for sale, contact Carol Blankenship of DASF: 812-525-7661 or [cablankenship70@gmail.com](mailto:cablankenship70@gmail.com) and mention the number and name of the artwork that is listed on the title card. (Please note that some items are not for sale, and that is noted on the particular card.)**

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