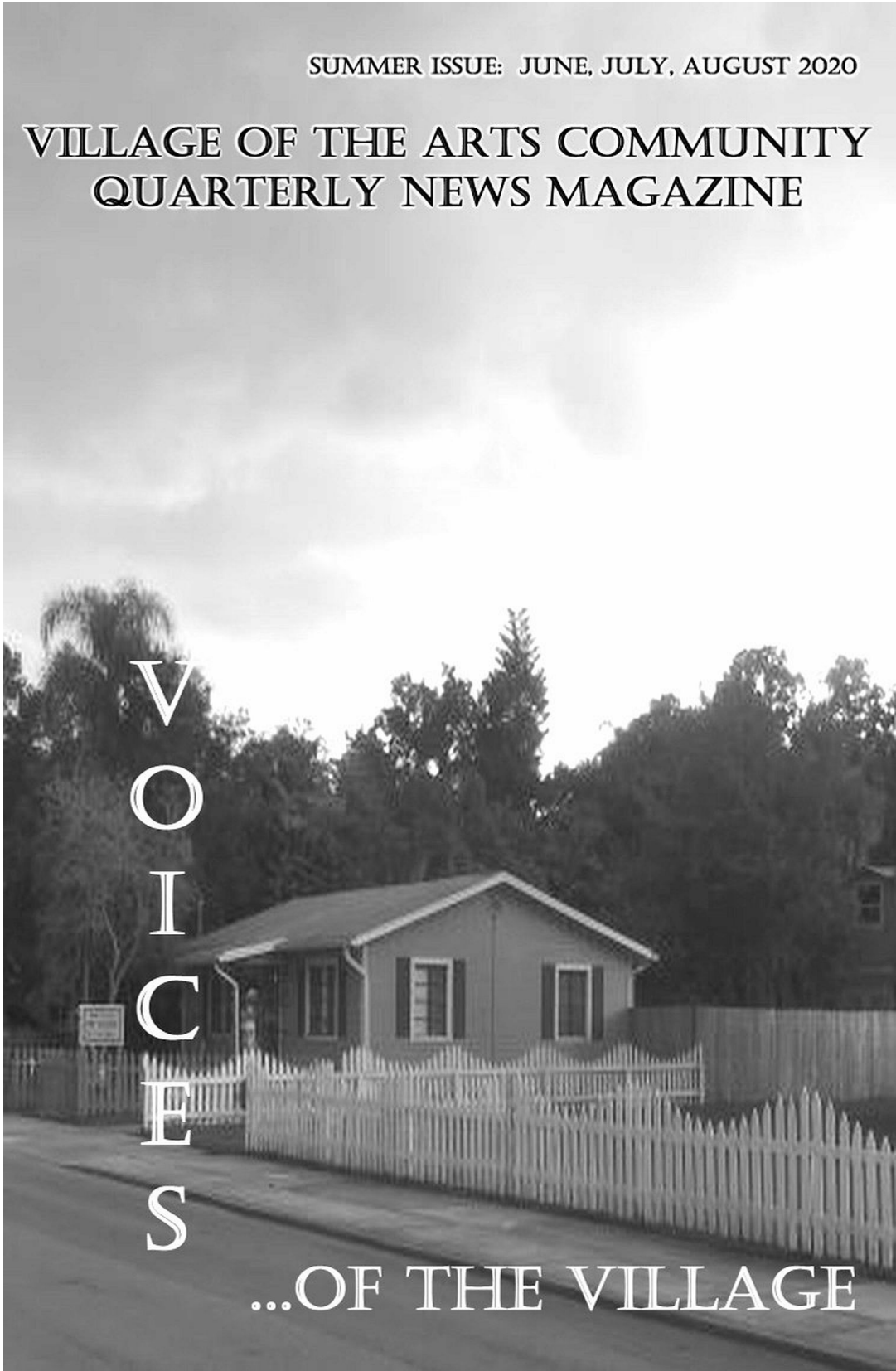


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Happenings in the Hood

Monthly Ongoing: A few of the galleries will be open for the Artwalk & regular hours starting in **JUNE**. Custom facemasks are a popular new item. Other galleries have chosen to wait until Fall or Winter to reopen. Please wear Facemasks and protect us as well as yourselves.

July& August: Depending on how the Corona Virus is affecting the area, each gallery will have to decide for themselves how and when they reopen. Some will still open for the Artwalks, others will open by appointment only., so CALL US and ask.

The planned Community Yard Sales will be on hold until the pandemic can be properly risk assessed. Hopefully individuals will still manage to sell their stuff either through their own sale or for an even safer method, try posting it on Facebook's "Sell It Bradenton" or "Marketplace."

Coming up in November are Local and National Elections. Please register to vote and research each candidate. I am trying to interview the local candidates for the City of Bradenton Openings. If they respond before August 15th, I will publish their views on the City and the Village in the Fall issue.

If anyone is interested in a Community Christmas Light Up contest, or next May, a Best Gardens contest, please let me know and I will work on getting sponsors and judges. We must have at least a 30% interest (about 70 homes) to bring in sponsors for the prizes. Contact me on our Facebook Page: VOICES: Village of the Arts Community Newsmagazine or call me @ 941-748-6865.

Residents & businesses, send upcoming events for the Fall issue (September/October/November) to DGould497@gmail.com. Block parties, Community Yard Sales, Solstice Celebrations, Jams, Open Mics, Pot Lucks, Wine Tastings, political get-togethers, Movie Nights, and popups. Happening before the next issue? Post it on FB: Voices Village of the Arts Community Newsmagazine

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Summer Storms Bring More Than Rain

We are dealing with multiple storms this summer. Spring was the quiet before the storm. Our pedestrian traffic was down early in the year and then the storms hit, one after another.

Cat 5: March COVID19 shut down the Village of the Arts with the exception of the restaurants and they are struggling to continue.

While a few individual gallery owners have decided the virus is contained and are reopening, the majority are waiting for the Fall and pedestrian traffic to resume to assess the risk. Gallery contact information is listed within. Please contact galleries you wish to visit. In some cases they may agree to open by appointment to serious consumers. A few will have tables outside weather permitting—their number 1 product will be custom designed face masks. Pick up a few and help out struggling artists who may be open for the Artwalks.

Cat 3: May Protests and civil unrest rock the country, including in our neck of the woods, due to the police brutality caught on video in multiple incidents across the nation. Bradenton had a Solidarity March to stand with the protesters and request changes within our own police department. Well over 100 people marched for over 4 hours throughout the City. There was no damage, violence, or arrests made. A few vehicles were forced to detour around a block or two to avoid the marchers. (100 people do not fit on a sidewalk. JS.) People parked and joined in as they continued.

Cat 10: March and ongoing with no definitive end in sight. The economic collapse we all suffered with the closing of all nonessential businesses. Even with a Phase One reopening, people are not willing to risk their health to purchase art. Pedestrian foot traffic in any summer has been dismal due to our summer heat. Many galleries close until fall every year. This year, after the initial closing, far more chose to remain closed until the virus is actually contained. Best suggestion for success is to start an online shop. 10th Avenue West Studios is already receiving multiple online orders.

Let's work toward a smashing Fall/Winter Grand Reopening for the businesses and a fantastic Holiday Season for the entire community. Maybe a Light up the Village Christmas Contest if I can get some sponsors.

Dealing with Corona Virus in the Village of the Arts

As of June 5th, the State of Florida has issued rules for **Phase Two** reopening as follows:

- Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with appropriate social distancing.
- Bars and pubs may operate at 50% capacity inside and full capacity outside with appropriate social distancing. Patrons may only receive service if seated.
- Retail may operate at full capacity with responsible social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- Entertainment businesses, including but not limited to movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys and arcades, may operate at 50% capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- Personal services businesses, including but not limited to tattoo parlors, acupuncture establishments, tanning salons and massage establishments may operate while adhering to guidance from the Florida Department of Health.
- Gyms may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and frequent sanitation.
- Pari-mutuel facilities may submit a request to open to Department of Business and Professional Regulation (must include endorsement from county mayor or county administrator if no mayor).
- Individuals over 65 or with underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- All individuals that work in long-term care facilities should be tested for COVID-19 on a routine basis.
- All persons in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50.
- Florida universities to submit plan to re-open on June 23, 2020.

Masks have been proven to stop 85% of COVID19 infections.

Gallery Listings Pre-Corona

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| 6) Joan Peters Gallery
941 544-5344 | 26) Frank Peter's Antiques
941 565-8858 |
| 7) Still Life in G Gallery
941 932-1336 | 27) Bromeliads & More
941 920-6824 |
| 9) Arte Café 941 750-9309
930 12th St. W.
Call for Hours & Seating
Reservations
Italian imported cold cuts
and cheese, bread, focaccia,
espresso drinks, pizza, Tra-
ditional Venetian masks and
Glass Art. | 27A) Alfredo Garcia
28) Mark's Plant Place
941 746-9228 |
| 10) Studio C 941 685-0916 | 29) EWE & EYE Gallery
864-353-8626 |
| 13) 10th Ave West Studios
941-744-7080/941-744-
7484 | 30) Raven's Whim
31) Root Life Gallery & Tea
Lounge 727 215-7885 |
| 16) Village Voices & Eclectic
Art Emporium 941 748-
6865 | 33) Village Veranda
941 773-2828 |
| 17) Bird Rock Taco
Shack 941 545-9966
1004 10 Ave West
Call for Hours & Seating
Baja Tacos, indoor/outdoor
dining. Pets permitted. | 34) Left of Center
941 518-3687 |
| 22) The Dancing Crane
Gallery 941 744-1333 | 38) Sign of the Firefly
941 748-9238 |
| 22B) Garden Gallery Coastal
Inspirations 617 756-1974 | 46) Forest to Finish
941 549-5888 |
| 24) Zenergy 941 773-0715 | 49) Art Junkies
941 586-2178 |
| | 50) YOGA ARTS
941 747-9397 |
| | 52) Jan Lewis Gallery
941 909-0140 |
| | 53) Lil Swamp Studio
941 746-0055 |
| | 54) Baobab Tree Gallery
941 744-7465 |



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10th Ave W Studios

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Birdrock Village Taco Voices Shack

MotorWorks Brewery

10TH AVE WEST

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27 Antiques Mark's Ewe

27 Bobby's Arte Coyoacano Plant & Eye

28 Bromeliads

29 Ravin's Whim

30 Root Life 31A Gallery

11TH AVE WEST

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55 Jerk Dog Records

56 Divine Excess

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12TH AVE WEST

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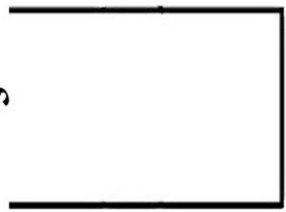
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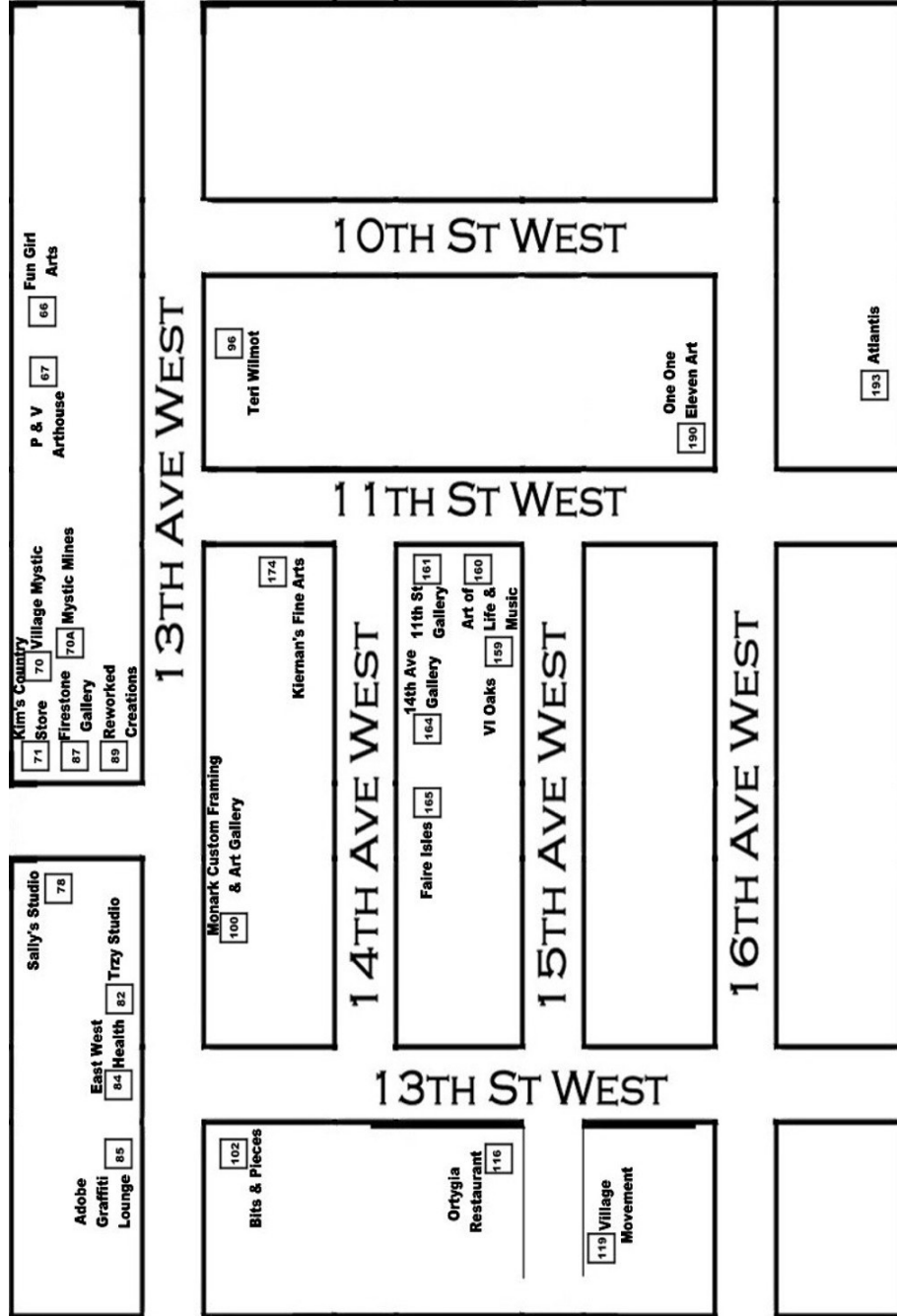
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82 Trzy Studio

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| <p>55) Jerk Dog Records
941 243-7426</p> <p>56) Divine Excess
941 747-1320</p> <p>66) Fun Girl Arts
941 448-7485</p> <p>67) P & V Art House
201 704-8078</p> <p>70) Village Mystic
941 744-2424</p> <p>70A) Mystic Mines
MysticMines.com</p> <p>71) Kim's Country Store
941 744-1098</p> <p>82) Trzy Studios
941 224-7260</p> <p>84) East West Health
941 744-9770</p> <p>85) Adobe Graffiti Lounge
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door seating.
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ing & Art Gallery
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sic, & flavors of Sicily.</p> <p>119A) Village Movement
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Life & Music 941-900-5503</p> <p>161) 11th Street Galley
813-498-8275</p> <p>164) 14 Ave Gallery
941 524-6299</p> <p>165) Faire Isles Trading
Company 941 714-0123</p> <p>171) Kiernan's Peacock Con-
sciousness 941 993-3544</p> <p>190) One-One-Eleven Arts
941-216-5790</p> <p>193) Atlantis Coral & Fish
941 713-6969</p> |
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Interview With Artist Joan Peters

One of our 'almost' founding members, Joan Felsenhardt Peters found the Village of the Arts at the Grand Opening in March of 2001. The energy was strong and vibrant, and felt right. She bought a foreclosed home and it took her months and money to become her home and gallery. She loved her four years in residence but love called and she moved out, keeping it as her studio and gallery.

Joan arrived from France as a lawyer for an international company in what she expected to be a temporary position. She was asked to extend her contract, agreed, got married and stayed. She still retains a wonderful French accent.

Over the years she has enjoyed the opportunity to grow in her art, and was doing rather well until the 2007 Recession hit and the Village slowed down considerably for many years. She worked with every medium in painting, water colors, oils, acrylics, pastels, all of it calls her. She truly loves plein air and her customers love the landscapes, wild life, and flora she captures providing them with memories of Florida, bringing the outdoors into their homes.

She has observed over the last 19 years that the Village is constantly on the verge of success when something strikes. She believes it will revive, probably altered, but moving forward. And as long as her journey expressing her art costs less than an annual golf membership she plans to continue living her dream.

Joan plans to open for Artwalks and see how it goes this summer. All visitors must wear masks, but she has some beautiful custom masks at the door for purchase if needed.

City Elections in November—Mayor and Ward 5

It's an election year and we have a number of local elections to look into. I attempted to contact all candidates for the City elections. Only one responded. Hopefully we will have a more vigorous response in the fall issue.

Harold Byrd, currently Ward 5 Council member, was the only candidate to return my call. Mr. Byrd is running for Mayor against incumbent Mayor Wayne Poston.

His resume for the position is solid. He has a Law Degree and a Masters in Public Administration and sits on multiple Community & State Boards. He has served the City of Bradenton for 20 years

Byrd made his formal decision to run in April after discussing it with his family. For twenty years citizens have stopped and talked to him everywhere, at dinner, in the store, or even knocking on his door. He understands this will increase as Mayor. He acknowledges this is a David vs Goliath fight as Mayor Poston has a strong grip on the position. Yet twenty years ago when Mayor Poston was running against Mayor Bill Evers, he ran on twenty years being enough—time for change and growth with younger officials.

Harold Byrd feels the same, advising it seems the current mayor has lost his vision, seeing only those in his personal bubble. A new “good ole boys” network that is holding the City back.

As mayor, Byrd would use the position to advocate with local governments to ease the affordable housing crunch, improve infrastructure such as the street flooding, and legislate public policy that encourages and embraces diversity. Plans to improve economic development and bring in tech jobs is also high on his list.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Interview with Resident Michael Zucker

Four years ago Michael Zucker was looking into retirement options to wind down after his high stress work in Software Development and Information Finance in fast paced Philadelphia.

He'd studied at Studio Incamminati under the master long enough to know he wanted to explore his artistic interests. Looking for an artistic area, he checked out Ashville but found it overpriced.


His daughter Rachel was attending New College, in Sarasota and while he was visiting he learned of the Village of the Arts. It felt like the right place at the right time.

Both his adult daughter and son live in the Village and are working professionals. Michael has focused his talent on fixing up the house he purchased and using the house as his canvas.

He enjoys walking around the Village and talking to many of the residents. Walking down to Main Street and on to the River and loving the community of both the Village and the City of Bradenton.



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Cool Cats of the Village

Last month we featured a kitten. This month we are starring one of the oldest cats in the hood. Meet Sparkling-Eyes Black-velvet Panther, the Talking Cat aka "Sparky." Shortly after Karen Klosky moved in back in 2001, a female named Spooky decided her VII Oaks looked like a good place to settle with her teens and a new litter. Sparky was one of those teens.

He not only enjoys human company, he even speaks a few words.

Those nine lives were needed as Sparky is adventurous on the side of risky. He has been stuck in a tree, missing for days, and suddenly reappearing looking a bit worse for his misadventures. The last few years Sparky has settled down and watches over his fellow clan of cats with satisfaction of a life well lived. The rest of Sparky's clan also sport names of many words,.



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