



Mark Your Calendars!!
The Circle
General Business Meeting
Wednesday January 10th
10:00-11:30AM
VBMA Great Hall

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Warm Holiday Greetings!

The season is in full swing, and I hope you are enjoying our mild weather, and catching up with your Vero Beach friends.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 10th, at 10:00 am, and will be held in the VBMA Great Hall. The January meeting has traditionally been called the “General Business Meeting,” but it is actually a wonderfully exciting and essential meeting. At this meeting we will hear directly from Sara Klein, VBMA Director of Education, and her staff, with detailed information about the programs under consideration for Circle funding. After Sara and staff present the six programs on the slate, there will

be ample time for your questions, and VBMA experts on hand to answer them. If you want to be an informed contributor, this meeting is not to be missed! It is one of the important touchstones that your Circle membership provides to better understand the programs we support.

And remember, Bring A Guest, Bring A Guest, Bring A Guest!! Introducing your friends and neighbors to the work of The Circle by bringing them to a meeting is how we will grow and meet our goals identified in the strategic plan. These goals are designed to meet the current and future needs of the VBMA education programs, and The Circle is a great group of really fun women, so it’s a win, win, win proposition!

The programs under consideration for funding through Circle dues this season are:

- Family Programs - Pre-K at the Museum - Home School classes - Veterans’ classes ·
- Alzheimer & Parkinson Association Partnership - Senior Resource Association Partnership

Please note that additional programs The Circle has funded in the past may be available for you to contribute to individually. The Circle can facilitate individual visits for members, and/or directed-giving to specific programs not on the 2023/2024 slate. Contact me at trudy@tphllc.com for more information.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all for your kind words of support and condolence on the recent loss of my brother, which kept me from being able to attend the Opening Tea. I am so very thankful for all of you, but especially for our Steering Committee, which did a fantastic job kicking off the Season. Though I could not be there, I have heard resounding positive feedback from many of you. Thank you!

With Deep Appreciation,

Trudy Powers Hoffman, Chair

Hospitality

Diane McGinn & Mary Wright

The Vero Beach Museum of Art CIRCLE is back in full swing for the 2023-2024 season. In spite of wind and rain, a record number of new and old members, as well as guests, filled the Atrium at the Museum. Flowers, wine and a beautiful display of food catered by Adrienne Drew made the event very festive. The room was filled with enthusiasm as friends reconnected and new members and guests were welcomed. Susie Kintner, past co-chair of The Circle, stepped in for Trudy Powers Hoffman, kicking the meeting off on a high note by introducing the 2023-2024 Steering Committee Chairs for the season. The enthusiastic message on the part of all chairs was to encourage everyone in the room to become involved!

Robyn Orzel presented the six VBMA education outreach programs to be considered for Circle funding this year. (See Site Visits Chair report below).

June Fitzpatrick and Catherine Cooke introduced a few of the fun members-only special events that are being planned this season...see their report in this newsletter for details!! All were encouraged to join one of our five committees: Hospitality, Membership & Special Events, Site Visits, Communications, and Finance.

The afternoon concluded with prizes and an invitation to attend our next meeting on January 10th from 10-11:30am in the VBMA Holmes Great Hall. Remember, guests are always welcome and encouraged!

Special thanks to all on the Hospitality Committee for making this event such a success!



Membership & Special Events

Catherine Cooke & June Fitzgerald

We are pleased to report that our membership is thriving: 15 new members have joined our Circle this Fall and we now stand at 143 members. The highest level in our history! We hope that all of our members continue to renew their Circle membership this year so that we can reach the Year 2 goal of our 5 year plan - 200 members!

We would like to get everyone involved in a membership drive to bring new members into The Circle. This will help fuel our growth and increase funding for more of the Museum's outreach programs. Let's surpass that number by each of us bringing just one new friend into The Circle. We're here to help you! During our membership drive we will have special prizes for bringing in the most new members. Stay tuned.

The Membership Committee has planned some wonderful special member-only events this season. Our members will be able to view **"Ancient Egypt & the Napoleonic Era: Masterworks from the Dahesh Museum of Art" on Sunday, February 4th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Museum, led by a docent and followed by a reception. June Fitzgerald will be hosting a **"Mad Hatter's Tea Party" on February 22nd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm** at her lovely home in Bermuda Bay.

Laughter and busy brushes will prevail at our planned **“Cork & Canvas” session on March 21st from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the Museum. All the painting materials & appetizers will be provided, just bring your favorite wine or beverage. Luncheons and tours of the new exhibit at Windsor Gallery are also being planned. Keep checking the new Circle webpage for more information about these events and the others that are being scheduled. Enjoy a few photos below from last year’s Circle events.



Programs/Site Visits

Lori Lazorik & Anne Golensky

We are excited to be the new Site Visit Committee co-chairs and are already planning successful experiences for our volunteers. Serving on a Site Visit Team is one of the most important and fulfilling ways a member can support the mission of The Circle.

Below is the slate of programs proposed for Circle funding this year

Alzheimer & Parkinson Association Partnership

PreK at the VBMA

Home School Program

Senior Resource Association Partnership

Family Programs

Veterans Program

We have already launched the 2023–24 Circle Site Visit sign-ups, and encourage new and experienced Circle members to serve. We thank those members who signed up at the Opening Tea and we hope that all members will consider joining a Site Visit Team.

- Are you interested in learning firsthand about the community access programs The Circle can support?
- Are you energized by the opportunity to work collaboratively with other Circle members in observing and sharing ways these outreach programs contribute to and enrich our community?

If your answers are yes, more information and sign up are just an email or call away:

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Member Snapshot

Connie Murphy

Meet Susan Kintner



Susie Kintner grew up an only child in the chintz world of Scarsdale, NY. She graduated with a BA in sociology from Newton College of the Sacred Heart. Her first job after graduation was with Catholic Charities supervising foster homes where she witnessed a world of poverty, alcohol abuse and walk-ups. Following several years in NYC and Woodstock, NY, she continued a high powered career path in Exeter, NH where she served as Director of the Chamber of Commerce for three years. Then, back to the NY metropolitan area where she had a fabulous sales career in research information, technology consulting and legal services. Susie and her husband followed their dear friends to Vero Beach in 2014 and found a place for her passion for children. Susie has

volunteered at the Hibiscus Children’s Center and the Boys & Girls Club, where a group called Teen Talk was started to help teens build their resumes and learn interview techniques. As a member of The Circle, she loves bringing “kids across the bridge” to expand their lives. Susie loves The Circle and the contributions they make to the Museum’s programs and emphasizes her love of her friends whom she has met through The Circle.

Communications Update

Cathy Cronin

If you are looking for more details about...

- those fun “members-only” special events that Catherine & June were talking about at The Opening Tea?
- the six art education outreach programs for Circle funding consideration this year that Robyn introduced?
- where to get those forms for renewing your membership or to give to a friend interested in joining?
- upcoming Circle member meeting dates for this season to jot down on your calendar?
- information about additional ways of giving?
- where to find The Circle brochure to send to a friend?
- who to contact on the Steering Committee to answer questions about The Circle?

You can find all that and more on the new VBMA Circle webpage. We invite you to click on the link: www.vbmuseum.org/thecircle or scan this QR code and have fun exploring the new site.



It’s a wonderful resource for our members to access Circle updates and to share information with friends interested in joining The Circle.



Meet Our Members

The Circle serves as a gateway for women to get involved in philanthropy and to meet other like-minded women who share their same passions and interests. Formed to bring friends together, The Circle is able to magnify the impact of individual giving by pooling members’ gifts together to fund the Museum’s key outreach initiatives.

About The Circle

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Funding Opportunities

2023-2024 Steering Committee

Trudy Powers Hoffman, Chair
Cathy Cronin, Communications
June Fitzgerald, Membership Co-Chair
Catherine Cooks, Membership Co-Chair/Member Events
Anne Golerzky, Site Visits Co-Chair
Lori Lazorik, Site Visits Co-Chair
Diane McGinn, Hospitality Co-Chair
Mary Wright, Hospitality Co-Chair
Joy Ann Coll, Secretary/Treasurer

Get to Know Our Members





Consider our website your go-to-resource for information about The Circle, including a calendar of events and fun Circle photos. We encourage your participation to keep our photo gallery filled with member photos.

Please share your photos and relevant news with Sue van der Stricht, our Committee's photographer at suevanders@gmail.com. And, when you post photos on your social media pages, you can help spread the word by mentioning The Circle. Sophie's Social Media Tips is a good way to start. Please [Click here to view](#). Don't miss our current Photo Gallery with photos from The Opening Tea and last year's events. Thank you for being a member and sharing your photos and news!

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We would love to hear from you! Please let us know what you think of *Eye on The Circle* and what else you'd like to see in the newsletter.

Factoid from the Archives

Remembering when...

“On April 12, 2010 The Circle awarded a grant of \$15,250 to the ”Artist in the School” program. This program has been offered by the Vero Beach Museum of Art since 2005 and serves over 700 students from Pre-K through high school from about eight schools. This is just one of the many Community Engagement Programs the Museum offers and will continue to offer at no cost to the community with The Circle's support.”

Gary and Nancy Curry, teachers at VBHS Freshman Learning Center, shared with us an article they wrote regarding a field trip their class had at the Museum. Here are excerpts from their article: “Twenty-five ... students had the opportunity to first stop by South Beach to sketch the Atlantic shoreline, and then tour the Museum's current exhibition....After sketching at the beach and analyzing the paintings in the exhibit, students went into the studio and were taught the basics of how to paint and design their own original landscapes...From the first splash of color on the brilliant white paper, the teens were dazzled by the promise of the watercolor images that twinkled out at them from beneath their brushes...No two images proved to resemble the other, and the students went home with a new vocabulary, a different way to view the world and a very important lesson weighing on their hearts and minds.The artist's work is one's unique interpretation of the world around him/her. Art is not to be judged, rather to be looked at and appreciated for the image it creates in our minds.”

The Circle Funding Recipient in 2010
Artist in the School Program

VBHS Freshman Learning Centers



The Circle
2023-2024 Event Calendar
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Wednesday	January 10th	10-11:30A	General Meeting Programs Introduced	VBMA Holmes Great Hall
Wednesday	February 14th	9-11A	Breakfast - Guest Speaker	Vero Beach Yacht Club
Wednesday	March 13th	10-11:30A	General Meeting Site Visit Presentations	VBMA Holmes Great Hall
Thursday	April 11th	3-5P	Closing Reception & Final Vote	VBMA Buck Atrium

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2023-24 Circle Steering Committee Members

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