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2nd Annual Green Arts Program – Call to Artists

Village 2100 and the Orange County Library System are inviting student artists grades 2-12 to submit their work for the 2nd Annual Green Arts Program Art Contest. Finalists' and winners' art pieces will be exhibited at the Orlando Public Library and will be eligible for prizes from sponsors Crealde' School of Art and Sam Flax Artists Materials. For more information on how to enter, visit **greenartsprogram.org** or call 407.835.7481. The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 11.

This event is sponsored by Village 2100, Crealde' School for the Arts, Spiderhost, Sam Flax, Orange County Environmental Protection Division, Orange Audubon Society and the Orange County Library System.

Celebrating the Genius of Women

Orlando Public Library, Library Central Through April

Enjoy the annual *Celebrating the Genius of Women* art exhibition featuring the finalists of the Women in the Arts, Inc. Art Competition for local female artists. Artists include Women in Architecture Orlando (acrylics and mixed media), Sherry Krawczyk (paper clay), Paris Carter (digital photography), Lillian Verkens (acrylic painting), Laura Bland (digital photography), and Dale Wayne (Alcohol ink on tile). For more information about the Women in the Arts, Inc., visit **womeninthearts.org**.

Southwest Art Club: Chinese Brush Painting Workshop

Southwest Branch Saturday, April 2, 1 -4 p.m.

This workshop is an introduction to Chinese painting, exploring the use of ink stone, ink sticks, brush and paper also known as "The Four Treasures." Learn about composition and a variety of techniques to create a finished painting. Materials are provided or you may bring your own brush, ink and rice paper. For ages 18 and older. Registration required. Register online at **ocls.info** or call 407.835.7323. Suggested donation of \$15 for supplies and materials. Payments (cash or checks) should be made to Women in the Arts, Inc. This is a Community School of the Arts event sponsored by Women in the Arts, Inc.

Third Thursday

Orlando Public Library, First & Second Floor Thursday, April 21, 5 – 8 p.m.

The Gallery Hop, hosted by the Downtown Arts District, features numerous galleries and non-traditional art venues that spotlight the best of established and emerging Orlando-based artists in tandem with nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. This month, artists from the *Celebrating the Genius of Women* art competition display their work in the First Floor Gallery and attendees are invited to view the *American Presidents* exhibit on the second floor.

American Presidents: Life Portraits

Orlando Public Library, Second Floor

Through April 28

This traveling exhibit features the only complete collection of American presidential oil portraits by one artist, renowned North Carolina painter and sculptor Chas Fagan. Accompanying the Fagan portraits are biographical sketches of all 44 presidents and each president's first lady. In addition to the sketches are photographs contributed by the White House Historical Association that capture each president's time in the White House as well as audio and video that viewers can access through their smartphones.

Commissioned by C-SPAN in 1999, Fagan painted the presidential portraits to complement C-SPAN's Peabody Award-winning television series, *American Presidents: Life Portraits*. The exhibit has traveled to many presidential homes and libraries, and was on display in Washington, DC during the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. The exhibit's appearance in Orlando is part of C-SPAN's signature Road to the White House 2016.

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