

APBC past year Nov 22/Nov 23

A brief synopsis:

Show installed at The New Studio for Visual Arts Oct Opening /Nov 2022 closing included fundraisers in the form of silent auction items and Holiday Centerpieces raffles and auctions. Proceeds benefitted Atlantic college art students trip to Paris in March 2023

Holiday Gift Show and Sale Nov/Dec at NSVA.

Holiday Party held at NSVA Dec 2022

Lake Park Holiday Party sponsored and volunteered at children's drawing contest and supplied prizes

Members show Feb 2023 held in private 1920's home in WPB opening and closing had over 300 participants each plus private showings and 3 invites for Plein air painting and workshops/sketching.

March/April

"Camera Ready" exhibit Lake Park Library

Collage and Art projects at Teenage Detention Center conducted and sponsored by APBC 3 times

"Summer Sizzler" exhibit Atlantic College

Easter egg Extravaganza volunteer and sponsor

Lake Park Diversity Council board members Co Vice Pres Maxine & Carole nominate Lake Park Diversity Council for best small town Diversity Council in America and WIN nationally!

Fundraiser for kids summer activities held at NSVA opening and closing Lake Park Library Mad Science and Art Day May 2023 (Mother's Day weekend) Cyanotype workshop

July Cyanotype Workshop with Lake Park Summer Camp

June/July Rise Photography Project at WPB Rise Community Center sponsored by funds raised by APBC

Aug Lake Park Back to School Extravaganza- donation and volunteer
Sept Rise Center Cyanotype Workshop - participants from 4-94 years old!

Lake Park library VIP Show Oct/Nov ongoing

Every third Monday Art Salon presentation by an artist and open critique/discussion of pieces brought by the community. Held at PBG library Community Room.

APBC notes

Long established presence and pattern of participating and contributing to activities of the town Spring Summer Fall Winter.

Stable and increasing membership and activities.

We have always maintained insurance coverage.

Our Finances are extremely stable and have increased over time.

We are a not for profit and we reinvest any resources that we gather and put it all back into the community for artistic endeavors after we pay our bills. We are extremely conscientious about how our funds are spent. We are also conscious of covering ourselves as far as our taxes and insurance. We collect and pay sales taxes quarterly on the full price of all of our sales. We file federal taxes yearly.

We can conservatively estimate bringing in at least 300 people per month through our venues and activities. That number has been increasing.

We could commit to doing a major event each year to draw tourist interest and awareness to Lake Park as the quaint small town tropical paradise that it is, and perhaps work with the town to utilize the Mirror Ballroom to create an Artist's Ball during a special for instance weekend Artist Plein Air Event.

I would suggest having a bi-annual report to the town CRA to keep the CRA informed of our activities and planned events.

It seems that it is of utmost importance to have this 800 building be an active and integrated part of the business scene- the 2018 study the town paid for references often the importance of supporting and developing a vibrant art district citing often the art districts of other cities and how they attract businesses around them. Also often citing the proximity of Easel Art and how important that relationship is to both businesses and serving art needs.

"The letter" from the town manager expressing regret for our ousting and including a promise to make APBC whole indicates a huge financial commitment on behalf of the town. We would be happy with a much more modest commitment from the town - restore us in our former residence now that the impediment has been removed, and let us help restore and revitalize the CRA. We have always believed in this town and have proved to you for years and even years after that we put our energies into our promises. We say what we will do and we do what we say.

Our Co- Vice Pres, Maxine Schreiber and Carole Pichney applied for a national award for the Lake Park Diversity council for BEST SMALL TOWN DIVERSITY COUNCIL and won that NATIONAL award for the town. We care about you.

None of us had ever gotten paid to do any of the things we do as volunteers in this town or other towns. If you want an accounting of what it would cost to have us I will get together with an accountant and figure out a number. I know that it's impressive.

For now I ask that you consider what we bring with us and restore us to a home that we will be proud to put our energies into and be a great partner with the Town of Lake Park CRA.