

Bonita art league, Promenade team up to host Artists' Studios

The Art League of Bonita Springs and the Promenade in Bonita Bay are partnering to provide the new Artists' Studios at the Promenade beginning this month. Showing business savvy in a challenging economy, the Art League and the Promenade have collaborated to create a lively combination of retail and art scene experiences.

The Artists' Studios, open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., features exhibitions of paintings, photography, glass and pottery. The artists have created a studio environment in each location, providing visitors an opportunity to observe them creating art.

"This is a great opportunity for

both the artists and the Promenade. I applaud the Promenade for having the vision to help make this happen," said Susan Bridges, executive director.

The last Thursday of each month, the Promenade, merchants, restaurants and artists team up to host an Art Walk from 4 to 7 p.m. Restaurants, retail stores and the artists' studios will be open to the public. Artists will provide art demonstrations. A live music performance will be featured in the courtyard. Visitors can stroll, listen to the music, enjoy the art demonstrations and visit merchants.

For additional information, call 495-8989, e-mail bridges@artinusa.com or visit www.artcenterbonita.org. ■

Watercolor painting class coming up in Fort Myers

Learn techniques for painting nature from life with artist Richalene Kelsay, the current president of the Art League of Fort Myers. The class begins with a demonstration followed by one-on-one interaction and feedback as students spread out to paint what inspires them.

The class runs from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 10. It is open to people age 15 years and older. Call the Parks and Rec-

reation main office at 533-7440 to sign up or visit www.leeparks.org and click on the registration link. The fee is \$45 per person and there is a 12-person limit.

This beginner- to intermediate-level course requires students to bring their own materials. A list is available upon request by contacting Heather Gienapp at 533-7556 or by e-mail at hgienapp@leegov.com. ■

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