



CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS

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VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 26100 OLD 41 RD

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 10150 BONITA BEACH RD

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CFABS CELEBRATES WOMEN IN APRIL WITH TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS

FEMALE FOCUS* and *THE ART OF BETTY HARPER

April 7-27, 2023

Visual Arts Center

26100 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL

Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm

Admission is Free

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Image Captions:

01-Ruth Epstein, **Cyclamen in Clay Pots**, oil on canvas, 24 x 36 inches

02-B. Deborah Vahab, **Autumn Knot**, oil on canvas, 20 x 30 inches

03-Betty Harper, **Logical Conclusion**, acrylic on canvas, 24 x 36 inches

The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs is celebrating five women artists during the month of April with two extraordinary exhibitions: ***Female Focus*** and ***The Art of Betty Harper***. These shows spotlight the creativity, talent, and artistic contributions of women in the visual arts with vibrant, expressive, and colorful paintings adeptly rendered in oil, acrylic, and watercolor.

Female Focus in the Main Gallery presents four women who share a life-long passion for the visual arts with emotive abstract paintings by Shirley Blake, vibrant and colorful realism by Ruth Epstein, dramatic landscapes by B. Deborah Vahab, and expressive watercolor and acrylic paintings by Julie Siler Olander.

Betty Harper has always been inclined to work abstractly. On view in the Tranovich Gallery, Harper's paintings incorporate bold strokes of color, texture, and layering—her goal is to create an illusion of energy, movement, and space.

Meet the Artists Reception and Campus-Wide Open House

On Friday, April 14 from 6 to 8pm, the Visual Arts Center on Old 41 will host a free reception for ***Female Focus*** and ***The Art of Betty Harper***, plus a Campus-Wide Open House featuring live music, artists demonstrations, lite bites, and beverages.



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ABOUT THE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS:

Founded in 1959, the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs (CFABS) is committed to enriching the lives of the community by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and appreciation. **CFABS has two locations—each dedicated to the visual or performing arts.**

The Visual Arts Center, 26100 Old 41 Road, is a 10-acre, four-building campus, which consists of multiple fine art galleries, fully equipped art studios, a gift shop, an art resource library, beautiful sculpture gardens, and a nature preserve. A variety of classes are offered at this center including painting, drawing, clay, sculpture, glass, mixed media, and more. This center offers unique, year-round art exhibitions and other special events.

The Performing Arts Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Road, is a 4-acre, two-building campus, which is home to the 400-seat Hinman Auditorium and Gallery in the Round; the 200-seat Moe Auditorium & Film Center/Dance Studio; and fully equipped art studios. At this diverse center, patrons can enjoy an ongoing array of live concerts, theatre, comedy, film, lectures, youth and adult dance classes, music lessons, and art classes.

ARTS FOR ALL—Seeking to serve the educational and cultural needs of the diverse community, CFABS offers year-round programming, plus, three top-rated Art Festivals in January, February, and March, which draw hundreds of remarkable artists from around the world to beautiful, historic Downtown Bonita Springs, Florida.

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