

Accolades

■ **Patrice Kennedy** is the recipient of the **2019 FAEA Special Needs Educator Award** which recognizes individuals who have achieved the highest level of professionalism in art education. All awards will be presented at the annual FAEA Conference in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in November.

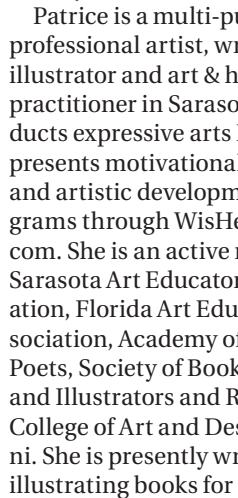


Patrice Kennedy

Patrice has served as district certified Fine Art Specialist K-12 for the past fifteen years at Oak Park School, Sarasota county center school for the mentally physically and emotionally challenged. Prior to teaching at Oak Park School she was on the faculty of Booker High School VPA Department and Ringling College of Art Continuing Studies. Her students have demonstrated consistent and noteworthy creative proficiency and expression, earning numerous awards and acknowledgments on district and state levels.

She has mentored student interns with Ringling College of Art & Design, Riverview High School and collaborated with community teaching artists as a participating art teacher for major grant projects funded through the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and the Kennedy Center. Patrice is a multi-published professional artist, writer, book illustrator and art & healing practitioner in Sarasota. She conducts expressive arts PlayShops, presents motivational lectures and artistic development programs through WisHealingarts.com. She is an active member of Sarasota Art Educators Association, Florida Art Educators Association, Academy of American Poets, Society of Book Writers and Illustrators and Ringling College of Art and Design Alumni. She is presently writing and illustrating books for children.

■ **We Craft Box** was recently awarded the **"Best Craft Box" award** at the SUBTA CUBE Awards, held by the Subscription Trade Association. The event is the industry's first subscription box awards honoring achievements in the subscription industry. The awards ceremony is the pinnacle



Betsy Wild

of the SubSummit 2019, an industry-wide convention for subscription box businesses. **Betsy Wild**, founder of We Craft Box and local mom entrepreneur, was nominated for four awards including Best Kids Box, Best Craft/Artisan Box, Best Start-Up and Best Customer Experience.

Wild earned her trip to SubSummit 2019 by finishing second place in Cratejoy's first-ever business accelerator program. We Craft Box is a part of Tampa Bay Wave, a nationally recognized accelerator program, renowned for helping entrepreneurs transform their ventures into sustainable businesses. Wild is currently in the second phase of the accelerator program, called "Launch" and projected to graduate to the Grow program within the 12-18 months. For more information or to order, visit: wecraftbox.com.

■ **Kristi Hoskinson**, marketing and community relations consultant for **FCCI Insurance Group**, was recently appointed board chair of the **Team Tony Cancer Foundation**, a Sarasota-based nonprofit organization that provides free peer-to-peer cancer support and resources to cancer fighters, survivors and caregivers in the local community.

Appointments

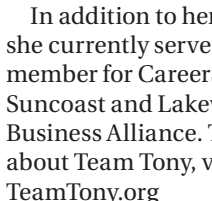
■ **Lynn Tosi**, a veteran school counselor and teacher in the Sarasota County Schools district, has joined the **Education Foundation of Sarasota County** (EFSC) as college and career advisor at the EFSC's new Student Success Center



Kristi Hoskinson

at Sarasota High School (SHS). The new SHS central resource hub, dedicated to providing college, career and life readiness support, is the district's third EFSC-staffed Student Success Center after North Port and Riverview high schools hosted successful pilot centers last school year.

■ **Angel Colonnese**, the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, was recently appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to serve on the **Florida Courts Technology Commission**, a standing Supreme Court commission. The Florida Courts Technology Commission oversees, manages and directs the development and use of technology



Lynn Tosi

within the judicial branch under the direction of the Florida Supreme Court. The 25-member Florida Courts Technology Commission also coordinates and reviews recommendations with regard to all court policy matters relating to the use of technology in support of the effective administration of justice. Colonnese has been a member of the Access Governance Board of the Florida Courts Technology Commission since 2012, and most recently, a member of the Criminal Case Initiation Workgroup, which also operates under the Florida Courts Technology Commission.

will assist students and families in exploring college, technical school and career opportunities; completing college admissions and financial aid applications; and preparing for the SAT/ACT, among other services. Tosi most recently was senior counselor at North Port High School (NPHS), a position that provided her with firsthand opportunity to witness results of students engaging with and utilizing tools and resources at the NPHS Student Success Center. For more information, visit www.EdFoundationSRQ.org.

■ **John Simon**, Vice-Chairman, is a Business Consultant with over 40 years in real estate development. He has held various Senior Vice-President and Director positions for publicly traded companies and currently sits on the board of Corporex Companies LLC. He has also served on multiple non-profit boards including the Sarasota Ballet.

■ **Mary Anne Servian**, Treasurer, is the CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. She brings over 20 years of non-profit experience serving on several boards and in management having been the Managing Director of the Sarasota Ballet. Servian was a Sarasota City Commissioner, Vice-Mayor, and Mayor.

Board News

■ **Terry Romine**, Secretary, is a retired Attorney/Lobbyist, Business Owner, Consultant, Publisher/Editor/Writer, and Educator. He has extensive experience serving as an Officer on non-profit boards such as the Sarasota Ballet, the Arts and Cultural Alliance, and the Westcoast Black Theater among others.

■ **Peter Kretzmer**, Member, is a Senior Economist at Bank of America. He relocated to Sarasota a year and a half ago after visiting for thirty years and brought with him a strong family tradition of interest and philanthropy in cultural fields, especially music, opera, and dance.

■ **Ian Tanzer** is the new Administrative Director. He retired from a career as a professional Ballet Dancer, performing with Boston Ballet, Ballet West, and the Sarasota Ballet. Post ballet he transitioned into academics, accounting, and non-profit financing.

For more information, visit srqcubanballet.com or call (941) 365-8400.

■ **Michael J. Shelton**, Chairman, is a retired Real Estate and Bankruptcy Attorney. He has over 20 years of experience serving the Sarasota non-profit community in positions such as Co-Founder and Executive Director of Embracing Our Differences as well as Managing Director of the Sarasota Ballet.

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Real Estate News

■ Realtor **Sally Schowalter** has joined the Venice office of **RE/MAX Alliance Group** as a member of Lisa Zambuto's team.



Sally Schowalter

Schowalter began her real estate career in 1981 as a real estate agent and then as a mortgage loan originator. In the mid-1990s, she tried the corporate life with executive positions in two companies that provided software to the mortgage and real estate industries. From 2002 to 2014, Showalter worked in the Asset Forfeiture Division of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) in Washington, D.C., becoming team lead. The division was responsible for the maintenance and sale of real property forfeited through the federal courts due to illegal activity.

The Venice office is located at 1314 East Venice Ave., Suite B. Schowalter can be reached at (240) 595-3238.

■ Florida native **Therese Berkes** has joined the Sarasota office of **RE/MAX Alliance Group** as a member of Adam Chicoine's team. Her 26 years of real estate experience include working as a Broker-Associate with firms in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia, earning lifetime membership in the Million Dollar Club with the Atlanta Board of Realtors.



Therese Berkes

Berkes has a background in hospitality and retail sales. Her early career in a management position with Hyatt Hotels taught her the value of treating customers with respect and sincerity. Later, she was part of an Atlanta family-owned seafood business selling fresh and frozen seafood, where she honed her entrepreneurial skills.

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