

Arts Council of Alachua County
Annual Work Plan and Accomplishments Report: 2024

Chair: Stephanie Silberman

Board Liaison: Gina Peebles

Brief History of Board: The Arts Council of Alachua County was established by Ordinance 18-07 on February 13, 2018 and Resolution 18-17 on February 13, 2018.

Responsibilities and Duties:

1. Serve as a resource for local artists and art agencies, including all municipalities, throughout Alachua County.
2. Prepare applications for state and federal grants and re-grant eligible grants to local artists and local arts agencies.
3. Prepare applications for eligible state and federal grants to provide enhanced resources for local artists and local arts agencies.
4. Educate and advocate at the state and federal level on issues affecting the arts.
5. Promote and facilitate the inclusion of art into an established process that connects artists, partners and communities for the purpose of enhancing the vitality of the County.
6. Responsible for oversight, administration and promotion of Art Tag proceeds and Local Arts Agency dedicated funding.
7. Develop an inclusive strategic plan for county-wide arts and cultural assets that is reviewed and updated annually.
8. Report annually, or as necessary, to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on the goals and accomplishments of the Advisory Committee.
9. Updated the Strategic Plan (2025-2028)

Accomplishments:

- Held meetings on Oct. 2 and Nov. 6, 2023 and Jan. 16, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, Jun. 3, and Sep. 3, 2024.
- Completed the Fire Station 80 sculpture installation "Lady Firefighter."
- Completed the Call to Artists for the Fire Training Facility, Conservation Lands Building and new Court Complex.
- Held the Third Annual Artists Conference at Cuscowilla Nature & Retreat Center in May with seven arts related presentations.
- Received \$30,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and \$10,000 from *Visit Gainesville, Alachua County* for Art Tag Grants. Made recommendation to award \$1,000-3,000 to all 29 applicants.
- Reviewed Jack Durrance Art loans from Laura Predny and the estate of Valorie Campos.
- Worked with the Tax Collector's Office to promote State of the Arts license plate sales.
- Worked with WUFT on a 6-minute *Greater Good* segment highlighting the work of the Arts Council.

Goals:

- Finalize the installation of the Fire Stations 21 sculpture and Fire Training facility mural.
- Complete Call to Artist for the Animal Shelter, Armory, and Parking Garage.

- Finalize logistics for the Fourth Annual Artists Conference to provide education on a variety of topics for artists.
- Plan and host a grants workshop.