**Pamela Joy Trow**

*Barbara St. Clair*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**  
I am a businesswoman. A leader. A creative thinker. A wife and mother. A writer. A spiritual being. A seeker and learner. A builder.

**What do you do?**  
I lead an amazing team and work with an amazing board as an arts administrator for an amazing county/arts community (CEO of Creative Pinellas).

**Any wisdom to share?**  
I have seldom met a problem that couldn't be solved.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

For me it would be Pinellas County. Increase accessibility, diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**  
I am full of gratitude for the movement and achievement it celebrates.

**Robin Roth-Murphy**

*Barbara Rhode*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

I am a wife, mother & grandmother who chose to start a program in our local jail for women inmates called the Red Tent Women’s Initiative.

**What do you do?**

As a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, I counsel men, women and teenagers who feel lost for a time and need some assistance finding themselves and their path again.

**Any wisdom to share?**

The only thing that really matters is to keep your heart open even when it feels as if it has too many cracks…and to share that warmth and compassion with everyone on your path.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would open St. Pete’s eyes concerning how we treat felon offenders and addicts, so that those most in need would feel connected to the community.

**Debra J. Lansdowne**

*Elaine Dianne Harris*

Watercolor

**Who are you?**

Elaine Dianne Harris.

**What do you do?**

Medical Assistant with Specialty Certified in Home Health Care.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Life experiencing, relationship knowledge and sound judgment. The ability to know right from wrong.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

To adopt a stronger sense of community awareness and promote homeostasis among women.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Coming upon the 100th anniversary three words come to mind:

Achievement - to continue to educate women.

Accomplishment - to improve women's lives.

Affirmation - provides emotional support to encourage women.

**Mary Khosh**

*Lin Ferrol*

Acrylic

**Who are you?**

A mom, a 35-year care provider for people over 62 years of age and those with challenging physical conditions, a woman of faith, a Pennsylvania transplant, a Phillies Phan, a nature lover.

**What do you do?**

I am an Executive Director for the finest active senior living community in St Petersburg.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Practice patience, share what you have learned and experienced, be the best YOU every day.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Continue to work on recycling and preserving the beautiful environment for many centuries to come.

**Thoughts about the women's centennial?**

It would be wonderful to have the same emphasis and initiative to get everyone interested in voting.

**Wendy Palmer**

*Leeza Olar*

Acrylic

$450

**Who are you?**  
Leeza O.

**What do you do?**  
I am a Phlebotomist.

**Any wisdom to share?**  
You live and you learn.

**Thoughts about the women's centennial?**  
Us women need to continue to stick together.

**Esther Aall**

*Debra S. Walling*

Pastel

**Who are you?**

With an open heart my desire is to serve, to lend a hand, an ear to listen or shoulder to lean upon. I believe in God and dwell happily in his creation.

**What do you do?**

I am a perinatal loss doula volunteer. I am the caregiver for my 98-year-old father. I am a creator of art. I am the author of *Tending To My Wounds, Coping with Grief One Square at a Time*.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Study the Serenity Prayer because no matter what our past has been we can begin anew.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Continue to be a good citizen.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

From their trials and tribulations to their accomplishments, we stand on the shoulders of giants. I admire the determined souls of those women who did not back down.

**Betsy Orbe Lester**

*Nancy Orbe*

Graphite

**Who are you?**

Life itself.

**What do you do?**

Learn and teach.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Burn your old, worn out stories. Write them down, and then burn them. Watch them go up in smoke and say goodbye to who you were.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Halt the housing developments for people who don't live here full time.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

How far we've come. What new dreams can we imagine and bring to this life?

**Diane Gugliotta**

*Cate Caron*

Gouache

**Who are you?**  
I am a self-assured, confident single woman.

**What do you do?**  
I create a good experience for my guests at the Hangar Restaurant in St. Petersburg. I meet, greet and serve food to new and faithful customers.

**Any wisdom to share?**  
Stay positive, keep moving forward and be nice!

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**  
Select a few of the main streets in the downtown area to close and make as open areas for people to be more friendly, meet, greet and celebrate. More free seating downtown will enhance the city as well.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**  
We always need to acknowledge the strengths of women, for without women, this world would be moving backwards.

**Neverne Covington**

*Dr. Nancy Bryant*

Watercolor and acrylic

**Who are you?**

Nancy Diane Yates Bryant, MD. I am a Wife, Mother, Grandmother and native Floridian.

**What do you do?**

I am an Ophthalmologist.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Always lead with your heart; however, in the words of my dear mother Mrs. Hattie King Yates: “Always use your head!”

**One thing you would do for St. Peterburg:**

Ask all people to treat each other with sincere kindness, love and respect.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

The right for women to vote was gained in 1920, but Black women did not officially participate in the voting process until 1965. Although the history of the Suffrage movement is wrought with an imperfect vision, we have seen the power of the women’s vote in our present American democracy.

**Patsi Aguero**

*Loralee Davids*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

My name is Loralee Davids.

**What do you do?**

I am an Artist, a handywoman, a pet sitter, and I co-manage a Bookstore.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Don’t spread your personal poison.

**One thing you would do for St. Petesburg?**

We can do it!

**Suzanne Benton**

*Carol Marks*

Oil

**Who are you?**

I am a wife, sister, aunt, step-mother, fairy godmother, friend, feminist and supporter of worthy causes.

**What do you do?**

I advocate, educate and support efforts to reduce environmental pollution of plastics and other waste through composting and reusing.

**Any wisdom to share?**

If you commit to a cause or idea, be tenacious and keep a positive attitude.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Continue to support the City’s Office of Sustainability and Resiliency in its efforts to combat climate change and reach its goal of moving to 100% renewable energy.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Our work is not done. I continue to fight as I pass the torch to the next generation.

**Sue Johnson**

*Sharon Joy Kleitsch*

Oil

**Who are you?**

A grownup Nancy Drew who’s curious, compassionate and courageous.

**What do you do?**

My work is system change – local to global transformation. I study the new sciences and apply what makes sense in a place in time.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Think less. Listen more. Choose wisely.

**One thing you would do for Saint Petersburg?**

Participate in our growing awakening to who we are and demonstrating how love can transform communities.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

The Women’s Centennial can become a Tipping Point. It is an invitation to remember who we are, where we came from, what we’ve learned (and forgotten), and to practice equity with love, compassion and wisdom.

**Rose Bellissimo**

*Charlene Eannel*

Oil

**Who are you?**

I'm divorced, no children, but mother to a few hound dogs. Active in animal rescue and hope to get back to traveling again when the world feels safe again.

**What do you do?**

I'm a court stenographer. I create a verbatim record of court proceedings, board meetings, important agreements and the like.

**Any wisdom to share?** Communication is at the heart of everything we do with others.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

To see us find more ways to come together and treat each other with more understanding and respect.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Women today are such an integral part of all aspects of what makes this country prosper, that it is hard to imagine a time when our voices, minds, and influence were considered something less.

**Janis M. Smith**

*Aretha Stewart*

Clay

**Who are you?**

Aretha Stewart is a woman of God, known for putting others above herself. She is a faithful member of Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, and the O. L. Nicks Women’s Missionary Society.

**What do you do?**

She serves as an inspiration to the other members of the society at local and area levels. She never seeks praise, or recognition for the work she does.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

That we could all live in peace and harmony with respect and appreciation for each other’s differences.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Her feelings on women’s suffrage are universal. She believes to have true women’s suffrage, all women everywhere should have the right to vote.

**Patton Hunter**

*Gina Driscoll*

Acrylic

**Who are you?**

Gina serves as one of five women on the female-dominated City Council. Prior to her candidacy, Driscoll was president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

**What do you do?**

The City of St. Petersburg pretty much takes up all of my time. But I do spend a lot of time with our different neighborhood associations. In my district, there are 20.

**Any wisdom to share?**

*Lean In* by Sheryl Sandburg. For women in particular, I think it's a really powerful and important book to read.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

In the year ahead, we'll be starting more conversations about what we should do with the Tropicana Field redevelopment.

**Lynn Carol Henderson**

*Ada Capellan*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

All through her life Ada has been an explorer, making friends and joining in social justice work everywhere she goes.

**What do you do?**

For 17 years she delivered mail for the US Postal Service. She has traveled all over the world and been a full time volunteer at the Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House and the Dali Museum, and a faithful volunteer at the annual St. Anthony’s triathlon. In the last decade Ada continues to be active in social change work, especially homelessness, gun violence and social justice issues.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would like to see all of us treat each other with love and respect and for St. Petersburg to become a beacon of peace and equality for the state of Florida and the whole nation.

**Elizabeth Neily**

*Yolanda Roman*

Fiber

**What do you do?**

I am thoroughly enjoying being a Glamma of two little girls.  After 38 years, I retired from a rewarding corporate job, followed by two very exciting and challenging terms in public office, serving as a City of Gulfport Council member.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Don’t be afraid of taking what could be scary steps into uncharted waters.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

 Challenge all to first seek to understand, then embrace all the cultural differences and beautiful people that make up our city today.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Relentless and undeterred advocates united to fight an injustice against women. Although the right for women to vote was passed, sadly this milestone has been left half done due to the non-ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

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**Dacota Maphis**

*Caroline Bloodworth, CPA*

Oil

**Who are you?**

I'm a second-generation Florida native. I signed on as "feminist" as soon as I understood the word. Same for "lesbian." I've been working in St. Petersburg based non-profits for most of the last 25 years, and I've served on the boards of several others.

**What do you do?**

I'm a CPA working in private not-for-profits. I'm currently Director of Finance for the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg.

**Any wisdom to share?**

I have learned to trust in the good intentions of others. I just think we're all doing the best we can.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

100 years ago, women finally won a long struggle for the right to vote. We betray their struggle, ourselves and our future when we don't educate ourselves about the issues and VOTE.

**Barbara Bachner**

*Yvette “Nettie” Wyatt*

Acrylic

**Who are you?**

My name is Yvette Wyatt.

**What do you do?**

I am the Operations Manager and Property Manager for PW1.

**Any wisdom to share?**

As much as we don't want to, always listen to someone who is speaking from experience.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Have growth, development and opportunity for the entire city. They are one and the same.

**Thoughts about the women's centennial?**

As women we have come a long way and we must never let them take us backwards as some would like.

**Joyce Van Horn**

*Ann Williams*

Oil

**Who are you?**

I, Ann Williams, am the mother of two grown boys and a daughter, who died two years ago from cerebral palsy.

**What do you do?**

I work in a retirement community. I like to work with older people, helping them out.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Spending time with my family, and looking out for the needy and families who have suffered abuse are really important to me. It gives me pleasure to cook for the needy and bake delicious cakes. I go to church every Sunday.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would help the kids in St. Pete, especially the ones who are disabled.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

I support voting rights for EVERY CITIZEN.

**Harriet Godbole**

*Barbara Hedge*

Acrylic

**Any wisdom to share?**

Never be afraid of pursuing your dream. You'll never regret it, but you certainly will regret it if you don't try.

Also, don't be afraid to tell someone how you feel. You might not get the response you want, but you just might, and again, you'll always wonder what would have happened if you did.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I’d want to bring enough economic equity so everyone could have a place to call home. Be it a home or an apartment, just the stability for everybody.

**Thoughts about the women's centennial?**

I'd want to remind *everyone* of their duty to vote, but I guess that's the beauty of a woman's right to vote for 100 years. It's now just a normal thing.

**Phyllis Van Horn**

*Lavonda Spruill*

Oil

$500

**Who are you?**

Lavonda Spruill.

**What do you do?**

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin GM General Manager at the Gulfport Location.

**What is your wisdom to share?**

Keep God first. Work hard and remember what matters most (family).

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Help get the homeless off the street and help with rehabs and families who need assistance as well.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

I just love this idea and we need more things around to celebrate women.

**Anne Martin**

*Linda Morganstein*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

Linda Morganstein

**What do you do?**

I clerk the St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting of Quakers. I also volunteer with Celebrate Outreach, which provides three meals a week, hygiene items and haircuts to unhoused folks in St. Pete, and is building Tiny Homes for unhoused veterans.

**Any wisdom to share?**

The way opens with love.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Open the hearts of our political leadership to a compassionate response to the lack of housing and resources for those in our community who are poor and/or unhoused.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

What a wondrous project!  Thank you for this celebration of sisters, unsung and sung, weary and energetic, discouraged, faithful.

**Rebecca Skelton**

*Bette Gregg*

Oil

**Who are you?**

My childhood was spent in Brooklyn until I was six, in a small town in western North Carolina during WWII with an aunt and uncle and back in Astoria, New York with my parents until I finished high school. After college, I was hired to teach in Pinellas County in 1962. After retiring and still wanting to pursue my artistic goals**,** I began painting and stained glass classes with Lee West.

I have been married to a wonderful man for almost 35 years. He puts up with so many of my faults. He accepts me as I am and for who I am.

**What do you do?**

I have volunteered/worked for ADTBJA (Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c)(3)) for about 20 years and eventually became president.

**Any wisdom to share?**

When making choices in your life, examine them carefully and be willing to change your mind.

**Tricia Tierney-Moses**

*Alberta Quarterman*

Oil

**Who are you?**

An original Floridian, she was born in Largo and moved to St. Pete at the age of 13. She graduated from Boca Ciega High School in 1981 and went on to receive her AA from USF.  Alberta is a proud mother of two children and proud grandmother of five children.

**What do you do?**

Alberta started working for the City of St. Pete in 1995. She transferred to North Shore Aquatic Center in 2005 where she is the Lead Cashier.  She knows practically everyone's name by heart and is always either in the office or on deck with a greeting or a smile.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Until we have equal rights for everyone, regardless of race or gender, we are not living up to the American Dream.

**Dacota Maphis**

*Maria Melendez*

Oil

**Who are you?**

My name is Maria Melendez.

**What do you do?**

I work in a hospital as a registered nurse. I’m a surgical nurse.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Everyone has a story to tell; it’s our job to listen and to not judge.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would like to help the city find solutions to increase the number free clinics and to make health care more accessible for the uninsured. Many times, I’ve treated patients that come to the hospital for a sudden problem, that more often than not needs follow up at an outpatient level. Many of these patients cannot get the help they need due to being uninsured.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

It’s important that humans do not forget the past to assure it’s not repeated. Cheers to women and our achievements!

**Patsi Aguero**

*Ingrid de Vera Anchinges*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

I am a Filipina of Austronesian/Spanish and Mongolian descent.

**What do you do?**

With an Interior Design degree, I have repurposed, transformed and provided both outdoor and indoor living spaces in Georgia and Florida.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Knowledge is power. If you work hard and are willing to learn, you can achieve your goals in life. Don’t be afraid to dream big!

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Globally, women should have both social and economic equality, voting being one of the most important things. This movement is the driving force of getting women to their competitive edge today.

**Rebecca Skelton**

*Pam “Sage” Morris*

Watermedia

**Who are you?**

I will be 75 soon, and am still teaching full time, with the Hospital/Homebound Program of Pinellas County Schools.

**What do you do?**

I have been teaching since 1967.

I was a Dominican Sister for 9 years in Michigan, which is how I ended up teaching. I am a poet and a writer and an activist.

**Any wisdom to share?**

“The only measure of your words and your deeds will be the love you leave behind when you're gone.” Fred Small

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I'd have first-class music, art, and PE classes in the elementary and middle schools of south St. Pete.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

As a woman in the sciences, I have had to fight for my place and my rights for most of my life. Every victory is important to me.

**Rose Bellissimo**

*Christa Lopez*

Oil

**Who are you?**

I’m a 32-year-old fourth generation Tampa Bay native. I’m a wife, and mom. I love to travel, enjoy good food and experience new cultures.

**What do you do?**

I’m a local attorney. I specialize in traffic law; defending clients that have both civil and criminal traffic-related matters in the Tampa Bay area and surrounding counties.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Go with the flow, and never stop learning.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Help preserve the beauty of our city for years to come by increasing local events that bring the community together.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

It is important to celebrate and share with our children the accomplishments of women who make a difference every day to make our world a better place.

**Neverne Covington**

*Missy York*

Charcoal and wash

**Who are you?**

I am a conservative bohemian, funny, truthful and fabulous.

**What do you do?**

I am a charge nurse on a COVID unit.

**Any wisdom to share?**

If we shift the paradigm to education as supreme, then one day our leaders will be grounded by science and elevated by art. We will be curious and empathetic of others and See people by their deeds and not their demographics.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would completely overhaul our public-school system where families do not have to “play the lottery” to get their child in a quality school.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

The woman’s right to vote is her right to be heard.

**Kara Salomon**

*Vanessa Tomlinson- Hagans*

Acrylic

**Who are you?**

A St. Pete native, I am a widow and solo parent raising my 16-year-old daughter.

**What do you do?**

I am a private Nanny to three amazing children. They all say I am the best Nanny in the world.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Maya Angelou said, “Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” I am a Nanny to a child with Down’s Syndrome. We are both rainbows for each other.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Start a diversified round table discussion group to share life experiences and mentor those who are needing support in our community.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Women are strong, women are courageous, women are the future with equal rights alongside men.

**Lynn Carol Henderson**

*Twanna Monroe*

Collage/mixed media

**Who are you?**

Mother, educator, and creative school designer who owns and directs the Infinite Potential Learning Center (IPLC) located at 2250 62nd Ave S.

**What do you do?**

Twanna‘s successful fight for her son Dejour’s education inspired her to explore all aspects of teaching. “I realized that the problems of struggling students at every age had one thing in common. These kids had a weak foundation of social and emotional development and no access to early learning as infants. I knew if I was really going to help with this transition of life from infancy to adulthood I needed to work not just with preschoolers but with babies.”

**Any wisdom to share?**

When I see a child blossom, when they open their eyes and really know the a-ha moment, it does something to me internally… It sparks my own sense of purpose. It makes me come alive.

**Jayde Zimmerman**

*Ariela Rosenberg*

Watercolor

**Who are you?**

I am love and faith.

**What do you do?**

I am traveling.

**Any wisdom to share?**

You decide how to feel regardless of the world’s doing.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

I would create a building for the homeless.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

Women brought humanity to the world and the world must return its respect.

**Jayde Zimmerman**

*Nya Stanechewski*

Watercolor

**Who are you?**

I’m Nya.

**What do you do?**

I work at a coffee shop and I’ll be a student this year at University of Tampa.

**Any wisdom to share?**

Spread positivity whenever possible; bringing other people down will never make you feel better.

**One thing you would do for St. Petersburg?**

Proper recycling availability /investment in green technology.

**Thoughts about the women’s centennial?**

The movement is ever evolving and changing, hopefully working towards equality measures for black women/women of color.

**Anne Martin**

*Mary Steward*

Mixed media

**Who are you?**

Mary Steward.

**What do you do?**

I coordinate all aspects of the Celebrate Outreach meals Saturday and Sunday; an enormous effort that feeds 175 meals to those in our community that are food insecure and in need of shelter.