

## The Pine Island Art Association's 47th Annual ART SHOW and SALE

"Great Blue" Painting by Lyn Wightman



Matlacha Community Building  
Matlacha Community Park  
4577 NW Pine Island Rd. Rt. 78  
Just west of the Pine Island Bridge  
(on the south side of Pine Island Road)



Saturday and Sunday  
February 9 and 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This show includes the work of more than 100 local artists. You will find watercolors, oil paintings, acrylics, pastels & drawings. Many are Florida-themed pieces, all matted, framed and ready to hang. There will also be more than 500 matted, original mini paintings.

Creating in the Heart of the  
Matlacha Art Community

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## Considering Becoming a Snow Bird?

*Discover the Hidden Gem of Greater Pine Island*

By Bonnie Mullee, Publisher of Greater Pine Island Real Estate Guide

What place in Florida still has that "Old Florida" style? Come and visit Pine Island and Matlacha Island to re-invent yourself on Florida's Southwest coast for a unique and an unforgettable visit.

Pine Island is the largest and least known of a group of islands along Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast near Ft. Myers. This island is 17 miles long and is two miles wide at its broadest point. We are almost completely ringed in mangrove estuaries, many of which are protected wildlife preserves including all of Little Pine Island, much of Pine Island Sound and Matlacha Pass. The island's north to south sandy ridge is the home of native pines, birds (including the bald eagle), and tropical groves. The highest elevations follow the ridge along highway 767.

Southwest Florida International Airport is about 40 minutes away. Major airlines and commuter airlines continue to expand their service to the airport as Southwest Florida becomes an ever-increasing popular destination. A bit further and smaller, Punta Gorda Airport, also has direct flights from Cleveland and Akron.

Pine Island's climate is moderated by the surrounding waters, so we

are several degrees cooler in summer with the afternoon sea breeze off the Gulf and several degrees warmer in winter than Ft. Myers, because of the warming effects of the water. In Ft. Myers, the annual mean is 74 degrees, the summer mean is 81.9 with the winter mean at 69.5 degrees.



As you cross over the Pine Island drawbridge from the mainland into Matlacha and begin a journey into a special part of Florida. In the historic fishing community of Matlacha and farther west to Pine Island, you feel the daily pressures slip away. Surrounded by water, birds and tropical plants, you sense the Old Florida atmosphere that makes this area unique. Once a home of the Calusa Indians, it is now the coveted residence of artists, fishermen, boaters, kayakers, farmers and golfers. Elegant blue herons, like the spirits of Calusa chiefs, stand watch over the slowly changing scene. It is this connection to the past and the abundance of natural beauty that draw so many to these islands.

Pine Island and Matlacha offer a wide variety of restaurants, fishing, kayaking, golfing, bird watching nature walks and cruises. Come and experience "Old Florida" with us! Visit [www.pineislandfl.com](http://www.pineislandfl.com) for more information.