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Out of rejection rose the Fringe Film Festival

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Undaunted when they received the thumbs down from the Sarasota Film Fest, local filmmakers **Tami Gilman** ("Behind the Addiction"), **Catherine O'Sullivan-Shorr** (Andy Warhol's "Factory People") with hubby **Patrick Nagle** and **Susan Gervasi** ("On the Tail of Jack Thorp"), mixed purpose with conviction . . . and a new film fest was born.

Rustic Grill opened its doors for the Sarasota Fringe Film Festival on Thursday night, launching a four-day event where more than 100 films by local auteurs were shown.

Among the star power was **John Avildsen** (director of "Rocky" and "Karate Kid"), who arrived in low-key style and told the crowd, "Rejection makes us stronger. Onward!"

Also seen were **Michael von Krenner** ("Circle of Fire"), **Ian Black** and his wife, **Rosann Argenti, Virginia Ray, Mary Hellhake, Orlene Hart, Megan** and **Jackie Deemer, Chris Fitzgibbons, Jolie Baetzel, Dolores Parker** and **Linda Holley.**

Happy birthday, pal

PAL Sailor Circus marked milestone No. 60 recently, 60 years that is. Three circus alumni served as co-chairs this year — **Jaymie Magginess, Katrina Turgeon** and **Colleen Thayer** — celebrating with more than 150 supporters under the big top, with a spread by Cosimo's.

tic director **Susan Loeffler** with hubby **Robert,** circus director **Patty Campbell, Jim Shirley,** event volunteers **Pete Adams, Don McGarvey** and **Clark Beurlen** and performers including **Rikki Wells, Charley Leonard, Lexi Sutherland, Rocky Flood** and **Austin Roush.**

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Cliff Roles, director John Avildsen ("Karate Kid" and "Rocky") and Ian Black.



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