

December letter from the president

Hello everyone!

The holiday season is in full swing! A great big THANK YOU to Ron and Carol Weathers for hosting our annual Christmas Party meeting last night!! They are so generous to open their lovely home to us all and we owe them our gratitude. A great big thank you too to everyone that helped in planning and running the evening: Dan, Karen, Mary, Alex and Lisa. We had a good crowd and it certainly seemed that everyone there greatly enjoyed all the food, fun and fellowship. For those of you unable to join us, we missed you!! I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces again when we resume our regular meetings again in January.

Here are some of the notable things happening in CCAL right now:

New Exhibit Gallery: I'm delighted to announce that BB&T in Chapin has agreed to be another display gallery for our member's artwork! Maureen Carter will display a piece in the bank in January to get us started off right. Ruby DeLoach has agreed to draw names from a pool and coordinate the art to be displayed monthly. We will handle this similar to how we currently do the Chamber Spotlight Artist of the Month. If you would like to be included in the pool of names for upcoming months, please let us know!

Juried Show: Things are gearing up for this year's Juried Show. As a reminder, delivery of artwork will be February 18-19 and the awards reception will be on Monday, March 20. Non-awarded artwork pick up will be March 25. Remember that participation is open to members who have 1) paid their annual dues and 2) attended at least three meetings since March of last year. Postcards should be emailed shortly after the first of the year and hard copies will be available at the January meeting. We don't have a grant for the juried show this year, so please consider being a sponsor to help ensure we have a good selection of awards for all our entrants again.

Charitable Donation: As a reminder, CCAL was fortunate to receive a generous donation recently that will aid in fulfilling many of our current goals and leave a legacy in Chapin commemorating the arts. We are putting together a committee to develop and implement a plan for these funds. Please consider volunteering! If you are interested in being a part of the effort, please let me know!

Current Artist Exhibits

In December, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery is featuring winter scenes. Please consider adding some of your art to the exhibit – we like to see a lot of our artists represented!

Our Spotlight Artist of the Month for December is Sandra Oliver with her pretty painting "Morning Glory". Please congratulate Sandra and view her exhibited artwork at the Chamber office.

Our special exhibit artist for December at the Chapin Library is Karen Larrabee. I hope you get a chance to see her display. Thank the library for hosting us if you can.

Looking ahead

Our January meeting is scheduled for the 16th. We have another great speaker lined up for the meeting. Tammy Papa specializes in using oils and pastels to paint in a painterly impressionist style. She considers herself an expressive colorist, drawn to color and dramatic light. Check out her work at tammypapa.com. I hope to see you there!

The theme for the TAP gallery for January will be Animals: equine, canine, feline, aves, etc. I look forward to seeing everyone's favorites: domestic or wild. If you have some animal themed art, please plan to hang it on the left side of the gallery. All sizes of paintings are welcome – large and small. If you have any questions about hanging art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

Our January artist featured in the Chapin Library Artist Gallery will be JJ Casey. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the library please contact Roger Wright.

Our January Chamber Spotlight Artist will be Beth Cavanaugh. If you are interested in becoming a future spotlight artist, we will be drawing names again for new participants at the January meeting. Check with Ruby DeLoach for more details.

Our January artist for the new BB&T gallery will be Maureen Carter. If you are interested in becoming a future BB&T spotlight artist, we will be drawing names again for new participants at the January meeting. Check with Ruby DeLoach for more details.

Our next workshop will be Dianne MunKittrick's Wildlife and Nature Workshop Oil (or Acrylics). It will be held Friday and Saturday February 3 & 4 - 9am to 4pm. You can learn more about her and her work at diannemunkittrick.com. This workshop currently has a full roster but if you are interested you can still get your name on the waitlist. Please contact Al if you are interested in attending.

We will have another great workshop in March with Todd Baxter on portrait drawing. Plan ahead!

I thank you again for your membership and hope that everyone has a blessed holiday season. I encourage you to share with all your friends who are interested in art about the benefits of being associated with the Crooked Creek Art League. Please invite them to our meetings.

"Making art is like giving a gift: evidence of your spirit and that you are here."

~Patty Mitchell

In the spirit of the season, I hope that your life is filled with many gifts and much love and joy.

Merry Christmas!

Barbara Teusink
President

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