

## **November letter from the president**

Hello everyone!

It seems fall has truly arrived with cold nights and beautiful crisp days. I hope that everyone is finding some inspiration in lovely colors Mother Nature is painting with right now.

It was good to see everyone that attended the general meeting Monday night. Those of you who weren't able to make it missed out on a great presentation by Amy Perrier. I can't remember the last time I've heard so much laughter and such great engagement with a speaker. For those who weren't there, we missed you! And, we hope to see you again soon. A great big thank you to Dan for arranging yet another great presenter for us! Thank you too to Mary Williams for organizing refreshments and to all the members that brought the great food we shared. I'm also happy to report that our first workshop, with Helen Beacham went very well. All the participants learned a lot about painting water.

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

Charitable Donation: I am thrilled to announce that CCAL is now the recipient of a \$10,000 donation from a charitable foundation. We are fortunate to receive these funds to aid in fulfilling many of our current goals and leave a legacy in Chapin commemorating the arts. We will be putting together a committee to develop and implement a plan for these funds. If you are interested in being a part of the effort, please let me know!

Board Member Change: Unfortunately, Dan Gardner has had to resign his position as VP due to personal reasons. We appreciate all that he has done and wish him well. We hope to see him at regular meetings again when he can. Mike Loy has graciously agreed to step up to fill the duties of VP for the remainder of this year and the Executive Board has voted him into that role. Thank you so much Mike! We will need the general membership to formally vote to elect Mike to this role but I hope that you will join me in formalizing this when we meet next.

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 will be coming out soon! 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.

Publicity: Claudia Zeigler did another great job of organizing our display booth at the Crooked Creek Holiday Market on November 12. Thank you so much to Al, Francis, Ruby and everyone that helped out! Some of our members were making good sales and we had a lot of visitors to the booth. We hope to see some new members as a result. We are always looking for other PR opportunities for CCAL and its members so if you have any requests or recommendations for publicity, please let Claudia know.

"Let's Paint Chapin": I hope everyone is as excited as I am about this fun project. It will be great to see all the wonderful art that is made to commemorate our communities. Paintings, which must be no more than 11x14, are due by April 15<sup>th</sup> and will be first shown at the May meeting. Winners will be selected by an impartial judge. If you have any questions about this special project, please contact Ann Peake.

Website Update: The new Website is now LIVE!!! Please take some time to explore the new site and let us know what you think. All feedback, corrections, and suggestions are welcome. Two new things that the Board adopted (which are now outlined on the website) are more formally defined levels for membership and for sponsorship. The Patron membership level has been better defined with benefits above those for general membership. Sponsorship levels are also delineated with the benefits for each level clearly spelled out. The online Artists Galleries have been updated and enhanced and there's a great new Congratulations page for announcements about things happening around the league and with our members. Please let us know any news we can share about your art successes.

CCAL Logo Contest: We received 4 entries from two artists for the new logo contest. The Logo committee is working on this, so watch for more info soon. If you have questions, please let me know.

#### Current Artist Exhibits

In November and December, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery will feature 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 November is October 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 October at the Chapin Library is Roger Wright. Stop by the library and take a look at Roger's art if you can. Thank the library for hosting us if you can.

Thirty-two of CCAL's artists entered the SC State Fair this year. Award winners from CCAL included Stephanie Arnold, Anne Hightower-Patterson White, Gretchen Parker and Ron Weathers. I hope that you were lucky enough to get by the fair and see all the fine art for yourself. You can see more about CCAL at the State Fair on the website at <http://www.crookedcreekart.org/single-post/2016/11/01/CCAL-Artists-at-the-State-Fair>. Congratulations to all our entered artists!

#### Looking ahead

In December, we will have our annual Christmas Party in lieu of our regular meeting. It will be held on Monday December 19 at 6:30 at Ron and Carol Weathers' lovely home again at 2136 Amicks Ferry Rd, Chapin, SC 29036. Be sure you have it on your calendars and plan to be part of the fun! Remember, attending the party counts as one of the three meetings required to be a Member in Good Standing to qualify to enter the show. If you can help out with this event please let me know! We need volunteers for decorations, food, activities, setup and cleanup. We always have a good time so don't miss it!

We have another great speaker lined up for our January 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://tammypapa.com). I hope to see you there!

The theme for the TAP gallery for November and December will be Winter Scenes. If you have some art to celebrate the season, please plan to hang it on the left side of the gallery. Since we will not be meeting at the park in December, any art in the Gallery can remain there until our January meeting. All sizes of paintings are welcome – bring some bigger pieces as well as some small if you have them. If all you have are not winter scenes, you can still bring them so we can properly fill the space and showcase CCAL artists. Please consider making a trip to the park to hang something for all to admire. Our theme for January will be animals; dogs, cats, horses, birds, whatever strikes your fancy. So plan ahead! If you have any questions about hanging art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

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

Our December spotlight artist will be Sandra Oliver and for January 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.

The Chapin High School Band will be holding a fund raising Holiday Market at Chapin High School on December 3. CCAL has agreed to provide support by donating a 'goody basket' of mixed art items and supplies. If you have any small items you might be willing to donate, please contact Mary Williams ([mwilliams31@sc.rr.com](mailto:mwilliams31@sc.rr.com)). Mary will be gathering up all the items and delivering the goody basket to the school for us. Thanks Mary!

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](http://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.

Thank you for your membership. Exciting things are still happening at CCAL! 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.

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."  
~Pablo Picasso

I hope we all get plenty of chances to keep pushing ourselves to see just how much we can get done with our art! I am grateful for the chance to serve as your president this year and for all the great people we have in our league. You're the best! I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink  
President

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