

March 2018 letter from the president

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is staying warm during this last blast of winter. It was fabulous to see the great crowd at the Awards Reception Monday night. We had a large gathering with 57 members and 18 guests to celebrate our great artists and all the wonderful art in this year's show. I'm excited by the show this year – such an exhibition of wonderful art this year! There was so much laughter and camaraderie in the room and so much heartfelt happiness for the success of the winners. For those of you unable to join us, we missed you and hope to see you again soon.

We will have a special treat for our April meeting. Our presenter will be Philip Mullen. Philip is arguably the most renowned artist working in the State of South Carolina today. He is an artist who celebrates the richness of the visual world and is best known for his strong, complex and colorful large scale abstract acrylic works. He is currently Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Art at the University of South Carolina. His work has been in many prestigious exhibitions including the Biennial of Contemporary Art, Whitney Museum, NY, the Simon Guggenheim Museum, NY, Biennial of Painting and Sculpture, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, National Drawing Exhibition, San Francisco Museum of Art, 21st National Print Exhibition, The Brooklyn Museum, NY, a 35 Year Retrospective, McKissick Museum, Columbia, SC (1995), and a Permanent Solo Exhibition, Koger Center for the Arts, Columbia, SC. Mullen is represented by David Findlay Galleries, NY, where he has had numerous solo exhibitions. Please plan to come hear from this distinguished guest and invite all your art loving friends.

Please help to welcome our newest members: Holly Robinson and Ashley Houston.

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

Webpage: New information is posted regularly. Check it out! Consider visiting the website and subscribing to receive email notification anytime we add new and exciting news about the successes and events of the league and our artists. Simply go to crookedcreekart.org/congrats , enter your email address and click on Subscribe Now. Be sure to let us know of any important news, events or celebrations we can share by using the link on that page to [let us know](#)!

Juried Show: We had wonderful show again this year. I think this was our best yet! Our juried show co-chairs, Sandra Oliver and Randy Spencer, deserve our thanks and praise for a job well done! A huge thank you too to all the sponsors for the show and, of course, all the great volunteers that helped out! The show continues to grow this year with 112 beautiful works of art: 36 amateur pieces, 45 professional pieces, 17 photographs and 12 3D pieces of artwork from a total of 44 artists. Congratulations to Tommy Thompson for winning Best in Show with his piece RIFT#3 and to ALL the winners. The show comes down this weekend but the winners will be on display in The Artists Place front gallery until April 16. Be sure to invite your family and friends to visit the park to see the winning pieces and support our artists. We were

fortunate to have Representatives Chip Huggins as a special guest again this year. He is a great supporter of the arts and our league and his efforts to fund arts programs is much appreciated! We had a great collection of sponsors for this year's show that enabled us to have a quality reception and offer a broad array of awards. Please thank them and consider them when you need any of the products or services they offer. In light of all the changes and expansion to the show this year, I have asked a committee to conduct an after action review to look at the rules and guidelines for the show and the entry process and to make recommendations to be sure we remain on the best path for the league and our show going forward. Please let me know if you have issues or concerns you'd like to see considered in their review and recommendations.

Member of the Year Nominations: Each year, CCAL recognizes a special member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to benefit the league. They are recognized for the important work they have done in addition to any assigned duties. Sometimes those efforts are very obvious and sometimes it's for a myriad of behind the scenes efforts that have helped to move the league forward. To each, we owe a debt of gratitude! We have many fine members working hard to make the league better for us all. Please consider taking a few minutes to nominate someone worthy by using the form available on the website [HERE](#). Nomination forms are being collected this year by Maureen Carter. Please get your nomination in by the start of the April meeting.

Nominations for 2018-19 Board: The nominations committee is hard at work putting together a great slate of officers and committee chairs for next year. The slate will be named at the April meeting and it will go before the membership at large for voting during the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be possible during the May meeting. If you are interested, willing and able to help out in any of the roles please let me know! A copy of the position descriptions for the league is attached and available on the website.

End of the Year party: As usual, our end of year party will be held in May. If you have any suggestions for the party (refreshments, activities, etc.) please let Barbara know! Also, if you would be willing to help in either planning or holding the event, please let me know!

Current Artist Exhibits

Winners from the Juried show will be on display until the April meeting. Plan to come by and see the best of the best! I hope you get a chance to see all the great artwork and tell all your friends to stop by too! If you have any questions about hanging art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

Our March featured artists are:

- Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Ann Peake with "Edisto Heron"
- BB&T Bank on Art: Karen Larrabee
- Chapin Library: Sandra Oliver
- Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery: Nancy Mandish, Ruby DeLoach, Ron Weathers
- Prosperity Town Hall: Barbara Teusink

I hope that you have a chance to see some of the wonderful art on display in our public galleries, to congratulate the artists and to thank our gallery hosts for their support.

Looking ahead

Our April meeting is scheduled for April 16. As noted above, we will have a very special speaker, Philip Mullen. Please join us if you can.

The theme for the TAP gallery from April 16 – May 21 will be “Land and Sea” pieces. Please bring a piece or two of your artwork that fits the theme to share with us all. We love to see everyone on display! As a special treat, a “Best of Show” winner will be selected from all artwork on display in the TAP gallery by a member of the park staff. “Enter” by adding your art to the display by Tuesday April 17. All artwork should have a wall tag with the artwork information including at least: Artwork Title, Media, and Artist. The winner will be selected and labeled as such by Friday April 21. The winner receives public acknowledgement and bragging rights. Join the fun!

Our April featured artists will be:

- Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Brian Fox
- BB&T Bank on Art: Al Leitch
- Chapin Library: Ruby DeLoach
- Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery: Nancy Mandish, Ruby DeLoach, Ron Weathers
- Prosperity Town Hall: Joe Counts

CCAL is proud to offer opportunities for public display of our members’ art in a variety of galleries hosted by CCAL Business Partners. Names for inclusion for the next quarter will be drawn in April. Add your name by sending an email to ccal.gallerieschair@crookedcreekart.org or signing up in person at the April meeting. You may sign up for any or all of the galleries. Names will be drawn at random and assigned to upcoming month-long displays for each gallery. You will be notified if your name is selected. If you have any questions or concerns about a display, please contact our gallery coordinator: Olga Yukhno by email or 803-422-4289.

We have several great educational opportunities in April. On April 3, Tommy Thompson will begin a six week Watercolor class. This class will meet on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. We will have a member led workshop by our own award winning Anna Kay Singley. Her “damn good” all media workshop will meet students where they are in their art process and help them pass through roadblocks and improve compositions and techniques. It will be held April 6-7 from 9am-4pm. We will also have a great workshop led by low country artist Tammy Papa on “Composition, Design and Color” in pastel and oils on Friday and Saturday April 20 & 21 - 9am to 4pm. You can learn more about Tammy and her work at tammypapa.com. We will have another fun and informative workshop in May with Trish McKinney entitled “Party on Your Paper”. It will cover her techniques for using Mixed Media (watercolor, acrylic, collage) painting and should be a great time. We expect this workshop to fill so please get your registration in. See the [workshop](#)

[page](#) on the website for more details. Contact Sonya Diimmmler (sonyadiimmmler@outlook.com) to get registered. Remember that a \$50 deposit is required to hold your seat. Unpaid seats will be open to non-members and may be released to those on the waitlist!

We are already looking ahead to setting our schedule for next year. Let us know if you have any suggestions for people/topics you'd love to see in a workshop or presentation for next year!

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

I am deeply grateful for each of you and to be part of such a great group. I hope you feel the same.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink

President

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