

November 2017 letter from the president

Hello again everyone!

We had a good crowd with 34 members and one guest, at a great meeting Monday night. For those who were not able to join us – we missed you! Our presenter was Robert “Bob” Woodwyk, CPA. Bob gave a great overview of business licenses and tax issues and implications for professionals and hobbyist artists alike. We all enjoyed learning from his presentation and extended and lively question and answer session.

The majority of our members have already renewed their memberships – a huge thank you to you! If you haven’t had a chance to take care of it yet, please get your renewal in online at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/join-or-renew> or send in your renewal check to Jean Kirkley. Please let us know of any updates or changes to your information on the membership list. If you have any questions please contact Jean Kirkley at jeankirkley@mac.com.

Your board continues to work hard on making the league be the best it can be for you. As we continue to work on new and improved opportunities for our artists to display their work in public galleries, we have also recently updated our existing rules and guidelines for public gallery displays. These guidelines help ensure we can establish and maintain a good relationship with all of the gallery partners that permit us to have public displays of our artists’ work. Note that by signing up to participate in exhibiting in any of our public galleries, you agree to abide by these rules and guidelines. This helps the league and each of us as artists look good to the public. Artwork or artists that fail to follow these rules may be barred from participating in public gallery displays. The guidelines are available for review under Member Resources. A template for artist display tags is also available there for members use.

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

Juried Show: The prospectus for this year’s show and all the pertinent information is available on the website at crookedcreekart.org/ccal-juried-show. 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 (meetings in April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb). We will have four categories of competition in this year’s show: 2D amateur, 2D professional, photography and 3D artwork. Entrants must choose between Amateur and Professional for traditional 2D pieces, but may also enter the new categories, which will remain undivided this year. Please review the guidelines for deciding to enter as an Amateur or Professional and choose the one that best matches your skills and sales. Alexis Levine will be our juror for the show. Alexis is a wonderful watercolor artist from Greensboro NC. Alexis will also be conducting a workshop for us on March 16-17. You can learn more about Alexis and her work at alexislavineartist.com. Please consider making a donation to help support the awards and expenses for this year’s show. If you have any questions, please contact either Sandra Oliver at soliver497@bellsouth.net. Print copies of the postcard invitation for the show were distributed at the November meeting. If you’d like some for sharing with friends, family or local businesses for display – great! Please get in touch with Sandra Oliver and she can get them to you.

Publicity: The updated CCAL brochure for this year is now available on the website. If you would like some paper copies for sharing or display please let me know. If you know of any PR opportunities for CCAL and its members or have any requests or recommendations for publicity, please let Ann Peake know.

Annual Competition: Ann Peake has planned another fun yearlong activity for us all. "Statewide Sites: It's Up to You!" will be a chance for us to paint some of our favorite scenes from all across our beautiful state. Paintings are due by April 15th 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. We're cooking up something special for our May meeting and End of Year party this year – stay tuned!

Current Artist Exhibits

For November and December, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery's theme is Winter Scenes. Please bring any wintery paintings, photographs or 3D pieces to display. Remember that we also welcome photography and 3D pieces (12x12x12" max) or small works on easels for the display cabinet. I hope that you will get a chance to view some of the wonderful pieces already up and add your own. If you have any questions about the gallery or hanging your art, please let Corey Ann Lacy know.

For November, our Spotlight Artist of the Month is one of our current league secretary, Alison Klein with a beautiful painting. Spotlight artists are recognized on our website and have a special exhibition of their work at the Chapin Chamber of Commerce. Please congratulate our spotlight artists and view their exhibited artwork at the Chamber office if you can.

Our special exhibit artist for November at the Chapin Library is Adrianna Vidal. She's put together a wonderful display of her art pieces. Be sure to check it out and thank the Chapin Library for their support of the Arts.

In the BB&T Bank on Art Gallery Oct-Dec our featured artist is Lisa Stone with one of her lovely photographs. I hope you get a chance to get by the bank to see it.

In our newest gallery, Bank on Prosperity, at the Prosperity Town Hall paintings from the "Let's Paint" contest will be on display through November. This gallery allows for the display of multiple pieces so visit it and thank them for their support of the arts if you can.

Looking ahead

In December, we will hold our meeting in conjunction with our annual Christmas party on Monday December 18th. Ron and Carol Weathers have graciously agreed to open their lovely home again for us to hold our annual CCAL Christmas Party this year. It will be held on Monday December 18 at 6:30pm (thanks Ron and Carol!). Please mark your calendars now and plan to be part of the fun! If you can help out with this event please let me know! We need volunteers for decorations, food, activities, setup and cleanup. It is always a great time!

The theme for the TAP gallery will remain Winter Scenes until our January meeting. If you have winter art that helps to celebrate the season, please plan to bring it display in the gallery. If you have questions about displaying art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

Our December featured artists will be:

Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Frances Burris

BB&T Bank on Art: Lisa Stone

Chapin Library: Olga Yukhno

Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery: Lisa Stone, Faye Meetze, Al Leitch

Prosperity Town Hall: Mary Williams

If you are interested in becoming a future featured artist in one of public galleries, check with CJ Marchese for more details.

Our next workshop will be on February 2-3 from 9am - 4 pm at Crooked Creek Park. The title will be "Chubby Chirps with Personality". Marissa Vogl will be our instructor, teaching us all about her processes for apply thick paint and using different brushes and knives to create interesting textures as we explore the shapes, color, energy and personalities of small birds. Her medium is oil, but she welcomes artists in acrylics as well. You can see more information and examples of her work at marissavogl.com. Please contact Sonya if you are interested in attending. Remember that a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your seat in the class (to help defer the cost to the league for hosting the workshop). Seats not reserved with a deposit are subject to being sold to another person.

Thank you to everyone that has been helping out with refreshments this year. We are still in need of volunteers to help with refreshments for Jan-May meetings this year. Each month, we need at least 5-7 people who can bring refreshments and one person to serve as the lead for that month. 😊 Please consider volunteering!! Let Lisa Stone know which month you can help out by email at iamaneditor256@gmail.com or by phone at (843) 925-8232.

As always, I thank you for your membership and support in the CCAL. I hope you are enjoying all the great things happening in your league and suggest membership with your friends who are interested in art.

How are we doing? We welcome feedback and recommendations on how to make CCAL even better. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

"Every artist dips his brush into his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures."

~ Henry Ward Beecher ~

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

Barbara Teusink
President

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