

January letter from the president

Hello everyone!

It was great to see everyone at the meeting Monday. We had a great crowd and a great presentation and demo by our presenter, Tammy Papa. Love her vibrant use of color! Several people expressed interest in possibly having her do a pastels workshop for us in the future so we will add that our list of possible workshops. If you have any other suggestions for people/topics you'd love to see in a workshop please let us know! For those of you unable to join us, we missed you and hope to see you again soon!!

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

Webpage: I'm excited to announce that we now have the option on the website to subscribe 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 <http://www.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: 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. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Registration for our show this year falls the weekend BEFORE our February Meeting. If you have two meetings as of the end of January but wish to enter the show, bring your artwork and entry fees to the standard registration but be aware that you MUST then attend the February meeting to full your three meeting requirement per the terms of our constitution. If you enter your artwork under this provision but do NOT attend the February meeting you will not be able to be considered a Member In Good Standing (MIGS) for this show and we will have no choice but to remove your art from the show before judging. Entry fees will not be refunded for anyone failing to meet the requirement. If you already have three meetings and are a MIGS, you're all set! Check the membership roster on the website if you're not sure. Any questions regarding your membership standing should be directed to Jean Kirkley. The prospectus is available on the website. Please be sure to complete all your forms before arriving at registration to help things run smoothly. Thanks!

The postcard for the show is attached. If you need hard copies, please let Sandra Oliver or Dianna Smith know. We don't have a grant for the juried show this year, so please consider being a sponsor to help ensure we can continue to have a good selection of awards for all our entrants.

Revisions to Membership Levels: During the January Board Meeting, the Board discussed and approved a revision to the Bylaws to allow for two new membership levels: Family and Student. For \$50, family membership includes all the benefits of general membership for up to 4 people within a single family household. Optional Website gallery pages may be purchased for \$25 per family member. For \$20, student membership includes all the benefits of general membership at a discounted rate for any high school or college student. Optional Website gallery pages may be purchased for \$25. A valid student ID is required for application or renewal.

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! Please consider nominating someone worthy by using the attached form (also available on the website).

Monday Mornings at the Park: A few artists have begun to meet to paint together in the Art Room at the park on Monday mornings. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know and I can give you more details. There is also a group that meets on Wednesday mornings. If you're looking for some company when you paint, these might be options for you!

Current Artist Exhibits

The theme for the TAP gallery from now until the Juried Show will be Animals: equine, canine, feline, aves, etc. We already have some great pieces on display. If you have some animal themed art, you can still add 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 Chamber Spotlight Artist is Beth Cavanaugh with her dynamic piece, "The Eyes Have It". Please congratulate Beth and view her exhibited artwork at the Chamber office.

Our first quarterly BB&T Bank on the Arts Gallery display features Maureen Carter. If you get a chance to visit the bank please thank them for welcoming our display. Congratulations to Maureen on her lovely painting "Roman Courtyard".

Our special exhibit artist for December at the Chapin Library is JJ Casey. I hope you get a chance to see her display. Thank the library for hosting us while you're there.

Note: Al Leitch has let us know that the Lexington County Library Main Branch in Lexington is also happy to host artist works. Contact Laurie at the Library directly if you are interested in being a featured artist.

Looking ahead

Our February meeting is scheduled for the 20th. We will have another great speaker, Craig Houston. A graduate of Ringling School of Art, Craig is an illustrator and graphic designer. Having created a large part of his art on computer for most of his career, he has been drawn back to the smell of paint and the feel of the brush hitting the canvas. His paintings vary widely between loose contemporary abstract and classic impressionist style. Craig also served as the chair of the Fine Art Exhibition for the 2016 State Fair. Visit Craig's website by clicking [HERE](#). I hope to see you there!

In March, the TAP gallery will feature the award winning pieces from our Juried Show. Plan to come by and see the best of the best!

Our February Chamber Spotlight Artist will be Al Leitch and March feature CJ Martin-Marchese. For more information about the Spotlight Artist program check with Ruby DeLoach.

Our February showcase artist in the Chapin Library Artist Gallery will be Maureen Carter. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the library please contact Roger Wright.

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. If your name is on the current roster but you have not yet paid please send your money to AI as soon as possible. Remember that unpaid seats will be released to those on the waitlist!

We will have another great workshop in March with Todd Baxter on portrait drawing. See the [workshop page](#) on the website for more details. Contact AI (leitch@moore.sc.edu) to get registered.

Remember that if you haven't submitted your membership renewal, now is the time! Non-renewing members will be (sadly) deleted from our email distribution list. For everyone that has already renewed, thank you again for your membership. Please share the good news about CCAL with others that might be interested in the Crooked Creek Art League and encourage them to visit one of our meetings as a guest to check it out!

"The way that you look at your art can make a huge difference in your progression. If you hate everything you do and are negative all the time, you will probably give up before you achieve your goals. Remember that we all go through some not so great (erm...terrible) stages in our work, no artist starts out absolutely amazing. Try to be excited about the process and the fact that if you keep it up, you too will be amazing! Enjoy the journey!"

~Lisa Clough "Lachri"

Have fun, and continue to enjoy the journey, wherever you may be on the path.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink
President

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