

October 2017 letter from the president

Hello again everyone!

We had a large crowd with 39 members and 6 guests, and a great meeting Monday night. For those who were not able to join us – we missed you! Our presenter was Gerard Erley. He was recently named the Best in Show winner in the professional division of the State Fair. Gerard did a live demo of creating a portrait from a live model (thanks Dwain Johnson!). It's always fun and educational to watch a talented artist's creative process in action. We welcome our newest members: Don and Dale Bishop, Amy Cain, Judy Matras, Diane McCavitt, Alen Mauldin, Jane Osmelowski, Mary Beth Callais, Kay Young and Brian Fox. We're so glad to have you with us!

Gerard Erley will continue to guide our artist's as he conducts a workshop on portrait painting Friday and Saturday November 10 & 11 - 9am to 4pm. You can learn more about him and his work at gerarderley.com. Remember that to ensure that we don't end up with empty seats; the board has adopted new guidelines which allow us to sell unfilled seats to non-CCAL members during the last two weeks preceding the workshop. This workshop is right around the corner so be sure to get registered now by sending your deposit to Sonya Diimmmler as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at sonyadiimmmler@outlook.com.

Our secretary, Alison Klein, has a personal connection to a special organization, Hidden Wounds, LLC. This is a group dedicated to helping veteran's with PTSD 24x7 in crisis, as well as their families. A copy of their brochure is attached and you can see more about them and their mission at www.hiddenwounds.org. This is a worthy organization doing good work. They will be doing their annual fund raising event on November 3 in the Vista and are seeking art donations from CCAL members for the silent auction at their event. If you are interested and able to help out with a donation, please contact Alison Klein for more details.

As a reminder to our current members, its time to renew your membership! Please send in your renewal check if you haven't already. 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.

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 will be available at our November meeting.

Publicity: CCAL will be a lead exhibitor again at the 2nd Annual Chapin Fall Arts Festival on this Saturday, October 21, from 9am-4pm. **We NEED YOU!** We need volunteers to help man the exhibit booth and help pack everything up at the end of the day. Please contact me if you can possibly volunteer or if you have any questions. These events are generally pretty fun! We will set up the booth Friday night so we will just need to hang the artwork Saturday morning. We will exhibit and man the booth from 9-4. We will have a table for art work and brochures. If you can help and would like to display art, please let me know. An updated CCAL brochure was approved at our Board Meeting Monday night. Copies will be available for everyone soon. If you know of any other 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

In October, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery's theme is Fall Scenes. Please bring any fall painting, photographs or 3D pieces to display. 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 October, our Spotlight Artist of the Month is one of our longtime members, Ruby DeLoach with a lovely plein air 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 October at the Chapin Library is CJ Marchese. We are fortunate that the Chapin Library supports the Arts and provides a very nice special exhibition space for a featured artist for CCAL to display multiple works each month.

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 check it out.

Looking ahead

At our November 20th meeting, we have another great speaker: Robert Woodwck, CPA. Bob will be discussing tax and accounting issues for artists. Ever wondered when and how to account for your art expenses in your taxes? When, how and if you should get a business license? How to legally handle sales tax on artwork you sell? How best to track your expenses or any other tax and business issues related to your artwork and account for it in your annual income taxes? This should be a great talk and question and answer session from a talented CPA well versed in all these issues. If you've ever asked yourself any of these questions or wondered when and how to begin selling any

of your artwork, then this presentation is for you! It will be suitable to both amateurs and professionals. Bring your questions and come learn with us!

The theme for the TAP gallery in Nov-Dec will be Winter Scenes. If you have winter art to set the mood for the season, please plan to bring it display in the gallery. Remember that we also welcome photography and 3D pieces (12x12x12" max) or small works on easels for the display cabinet. If you have questions about displaying art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

Our November featured artists will be:

Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Alison Klein

BB&T Bank on Art: Lisa Stone

Chapin Library: Adrianna Vidal

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

Prosperity Town Hall: Joyce Oates

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

Gerard Earley will conduct a portraiture workshop for CCAL on November 10-11 from 9am - 4 pm at Crooked Creek Park. The title will be "Portrait Painting in Oils ". Gerard will be teaching us his techniques for successfully creating a portrait painting from a live model. His medium is oil, but he welcomes artists in acrylics as well. You can see more information and examples of his work at gerarderley.com. Please contact Sonya if you are interested in attending.

NOTE: We are 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. You know we love to eat ! ☺ 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.

Finally, Ron and Carol Weathers have graciously agreed to open their lovely home 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!

Again, thank you for your membership 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.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

~ Theodore Roosevelt ~

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