April 2018 letter from the president

Hello everyone!

It was great to see the crowd at our April meeting. We had a large gathering with 38 members and two guests who joined during the meeting. Welcome to our newest members: Janet Rich and Melanie Wyatt! We had a fabulous presentation by Philip Mullen reviewing his art and history. It even included the unveiling of his newest work which was stunning! 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:

End of the Year party: Our end of year party will be held in conjunction with our May 21 meeting. Note: We will be meeting in the community room at the Chapin Town Hall. The league will provide meats and we ask that each person bring a dish to share. We will be debuting the artwork of our annual contest following the business meeting and spending quality time socializing. Spouses and other guests are invited so please bring them to share in the fun! If you would be willing to help in planning, doing setup or cleanup for the event, please let me know!

<u>Webpage:</u> New information is posted regularly. Check it out! Subscribe to always get email notifications when new posts are added. Simply go to <u>crookedcreekart.org/congrats</u>, 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. There are always a lot of opportunities for artists this time of year. Check out the <u>Call for Artists page</u> to see what might interest you!

<u>Juried Show:</u> Thank you once again to our outgoing juried show co-chairs, Sandra Oliver and Randy Spencer, for all their hard work to put on such a great show. Please thank our sponsors 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, a committee has conducted an after action review to look at the rules and guidelines for the show and is in the process of preparing a report and recommendations which we expect to unveil next month.

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 and I am grateful for each and every one of you. The following Members were nominated this year for Member of the Year: Sonya Diimmler, Ann Peake, Barbara Teusink, Ron Weathers, Sandra Wilkie and Mary Williams. The text of the nominations highlighting all the great work these members did is attached. Member votes were taken at Monday's meeting and the winner will be announced at the May meeting. Thank you to everyone that took the time to nominate someone this year!

<u>Nominations for 2018-19 Board:</u> The slate of officers proposed by the nominations committee for next year is:

President – Sonya Diimmler Vice President – Alison Klein Secretary – Bobbi Sorensen Treasurer – Maureen Carter Parliamentarian – Barbara Teusink

Additional nominations for any of these positions may be made anytime now until the May meeting. The full panel will be voted on by the membership at large during the May meeting. A complete list of nominations including committee chairs is attached.

Current Artist Exhibits

The Artists Place (TAP) Gallery: The theme for the TAP gallery from April 16 – May 21 is "Land and Sea". We love to see everyone on display! The Crooked Creek Park staff pick for "1st Place" in the exhibit was "Cape Flattery, WA State" by Diane McCavitt. Congratulations Diane! You can still add your artwork to the exhibit even though the judging has been completed.

Our April featured artists are:

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

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 May meeting is scheduled for May 21. As noted above, it will be combined with our end of year party. Spouses and guests welcome! Please join us if you can.

The theme for the TAP gallery from May 21 through the summer will be pieces from our annual contest "It's Your Choice!" If you need to remove your piece during the summer months, please consider bringing an alternate piece to replace it so the gallery is still filled with art.

Our May featured artists will be:

- Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Alex DiFrancesco
- BB&T Bank on Art: Adrianna Vidal
- Chapin Library: Ann Peake
- Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery: Rajas Londhe, Pat Murphy, Ingrid Carson
- Prosperity Town Hall: Sonya Diimmler

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 Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery will be collected by TC in May. 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.

<u>Final Workshop:</u> Our last great workshop for the year will be held on May 4 & 5 - 9am-4pm. The workshop titled "Party on Your Paper – Painting on Delicious Prepared Surfaces!" will feature Trish McKinney. It will cover her techniques for using Mixed Media (watercolor, acrylic, collage) painting & should be a great time. Learn more about Trish and her work at <u>trishmckinney.com</u>. We expect this workshop to fill so please get your registration in. See the <u>workshop page</u> on the website for more details. Contact Sonya Diimmler (<u>sonyadiimmler@outlook.com</u>) 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 and 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!

<u>Summer Chapin Farmers Market:</u> CCAL will once again be participating in the Chapin Farmers Market by having a booth at the Saturday June 2 and Saturday Sept 1. We need You!! We need volunteers to help coordinate and run a CCAL booth at these events. These are a lot of fun to do and great exposure for you and your artwork as well as the League. PLEASE let me know if you would be willing and able to help out.

"Draw everywhere and all the time. An artist is a sketchbook with a person attached" ~Irwin Greenberg

I am deeply grateful for you and to be in such a great group. Thanks for your membership!

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink President

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CCAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS:

SONYA DIIMMLER

- 1. All her hard work and generosity make her a great choice for this year's Member of the Year. Thank you Sonya!
- 2. I nominate Sonya for the excellent workshops made available to our members and the delicious lunches provided for our enjoyment.
- 3. I nominate Sonya mainly because of her tireless efforts to bring quality, well-thought out workshops to CCAL and attempting to please as many as possible.
- 4. Sonya has done a great job with organizing workshops this year, but in addition, she (and David) have donated a great deal of food for the workshops and every other event we've held this year. She also identified and arranged for the presenters at almost all of our meetings, and she donated a wall mount for the new tv. Sonya has been a cheerful presence and quick to volunteer her ideas and assistance in any and all activities.

ANN PEAKE

1. Everything I've participated in, she's been there helping. She's been doing a really great job with the annual show keeping everyone informed. She did a great job with the calendars

BARBARA TEUSINK

1. Barbara has an amazing personality, vitality and is an enthusiastic leader who always maintains her professionalism. She has the patience and ability to explain and articulate her strategies for the goals of CCAL. If someone needs help, she's there for them. Barbara is a quality leader.

RON WEATHERS

- 1. I nominate Ron for coordinating the installation of lights in the back hall of the park, as well as a new hanging system there, as well as our TAP gallery up front. The League will be forever grateful of his efforts!
- 2. Ron has been a steady support for the league for many years. He is always willing to step up anytime he is asked. Not only did he and Carol open their home to us for the Christmas party again this year, he also did many other things as well. He donated the use of his display walls to several events like the Farmers Market and the Fall Arts Festival. He also went above and beyond in researching, ordering, working with the park and installing the new lighting system and hanging system in the back hall, the updated hanging system in the front lobby gallery and the lighting system for the new display cabinet.

SANDRA WILKIE

1. Sandra has served CCAL in so many capacities this year. Even though she has moved from the area, she came back for two days to volunteer in the computer operations for the Juried Art Exhibition. She also made a generous donation as a sponsor of the event. In addition, she handled set-up for our regular meetings and donated a computer for the meetings.

MARY WILLIAMS

1. I nominate her because she always goes above and beyond. She has helped with refreshments when there would not have been enough food otherwise. She always welcomes me to every meeting and welcomes the new people as well. Everyone in the League loves and respects her and I see why! She is a special lady.

2018-2019 Proposed Slate of Officers and Chairs

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