

May letter from the president

Hello everyone!

It was great to see one and all at our final monthly meeting for this year. We had a great presentation of the “Let’s Paint Chapin, Little Mountain and Prosperity” contest. If you weren’t able to join us you really missed a treat. It’s hard to believe this was our last meeting – but don’t forget about our end of year party. It is scheduled for Friday June 2nd at 6:30pm so mark your calendar. We welcomed two new members and two guests at the meeting. For those of you unable to join us, we missed you and hope to see you at the End of Year Party.

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

2017-18 Board (Officers and Committee Chairs): The proposed slate of officers for next year was unanimously approved at the May meeting. Thank you to everyone that has agreed to serve! The officers for next year will be:

President – Barbara Teusink
Vice President – Ginger Robinson
Secretary – Alison Klein
Treasurer – Maureen Carter
Parliamentarian – Al Leitch

A complete listing including all our committee chairs is attached. Please extend your thanks to the fine people who served the league this year as well as those that have agreed to serve next year. Any organization is only as good as the people in it are willing to make it 😊.

Member of the Year: I am humbled to say that I was awarded Member of the Year at Monday night’s meeting. Thank you! I have been honored to serve the league this year and enjoyed the privilege. I am grateful that the members of the league chose to recognize my efforts this year with this award. Thank you to everyone that took the time to nominate someone this year! We have so many great people. I also want to recognize and thank Maureen Carter for taking on the task of coordinating the selection process for us this year. Thanks Maureen!

CCAL Booths: Ready to get involved without taking on the responsibility of a chair position? Check out the [Duties and Positions](#) link on the website to find areas of interest and let us know! We currently need volunteers to help coordinate and run a CCAL booth at two events this fall: Chapin Farmers Market on August 5 and the 2nd Annual Chapin Fall Arts Festival on October 21st. These are a lot of fun to do and great exposure for you as well as the League. Many hands make light work for these events. They are great for showcasing your art. Small pieces or prints tend to sell best at these events. PLEASE let me know if you would be willing and able to help out.

Let’s Paint Chapin, Little Mountain and Prosperity contest: The “Let’s Paint Chapin, Little Mountain and Prosperity” contest was a great success! We had 24 wonderful pieces submitted.

The quality of the artwork was outstanding! It really was hard for everyone to select just three to vote for I think! The three winners (as determined by popular vote) were: 1st Place – Al Leitch with “Prosperity Past and Present”, 2nd Place – Ron Weathers with “The Little Church”, and 3rd Place – Maureen Carter with “Down Beaufort Street”. Congratulations to the winners! It was amazing seeing the variety of wonderful places from throughout the area and hearing all the fascinating historical tales of the various sites. The contest paintings will be on display in the TAP Gallery at Crooked Creek Park through June so be sure to get by and see it hung in all its glory. Paintings will be moved to a variety of locations throughout the community from there. This is great visibility for the artists and the league and directly supports our mission of educating and encouraging artists and helping to grow the arts in our community. Ann Peake did a great job organizing this contest and definitely deserves our thanks! Ann will be using all the paintings to create a two year calendar which will be available for sale in the fall when we return. Calendars have always been a popular item and a good fund raiser for us in the past, so plan now to get some for yourself and your Christmas gift giving!

Workshops and Presentations: Planning is underway for another great year of workshops and monthly presentations for next year. The best way for us to be sure we get instructors and presenters that YOU want to see, is for us to hear from you! Please be sure to share your ideas and suggestions for workshops with [Sonya Diimmier](#) and your ideas and suggestions for monthly presentations with [Ginger Robinson](#).

End of the Year party: Our end of year party will be held on June 2nd so make your plans to attend! It will be held at Generations (431 E Boundary St, Chapin, SC 29036) in the clubhouse which is down the hill and to the right, behind the main building. This will be a time to unwind and enjoy fellowship with league members and their spouses. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite dish (finger foods work well!) It will be pot luck with the art league furnishing meat. If you have any suggestions for the party (refreshments, activities, etc.) please let Barbara know! Also, help is needed with setup, running the activities and clean up. If you can help in anyway, PLEASE let me know! We need volunteers to make it great!

Current Artist Exhibits

The “Let’s Paint Chapin, Little Mountain and Prosperity artwork will hang in the TAP Gallery through June. The theme for the TAP gallery for the rest of the summer break this year will be “summer”. I hope that you get a chance to stop by and see the contest paintings and that you bring some of your fine seasonal pieces for display in the TAP Gallery July-August. Please consider sharing some of your artwork with us all. We love to see everyone on display! Not sure you can leave it at the park all summer? No problem, swap out your pieces throughout the summer as needed.

Our May Chamber Spotlight Artist is Joe Counts with his painting: “Work is Done”. Such a restful scene! Please congratulate Joe and view his exhibited artwork on the website and at the Chamber office.

Our April-June quarterly BB&T Bank on the Arts Gallery display features Ingrid Carson's great nautical piece "Kristy". If you get a chance to visit the bank please thank them for hosting our art display.

Our special exhibit artist for May at the Chapin Library is Olga Yukhno. Olga is one of our 3D artists. Please swing by the library and see some of her amazing pottery work!

Looking ahead

Our next general meeting for members, guests, and potential new members will be held on Monday September 18, the 3rd Monday of the month. We will gather for refreshments at 6:30 and the meeting runs approximately from 7 to 8:30. As usual, we will meet in the Art Room at Crooked Creek Park. I look forward to another great meeting to kick off our new year!

Our summer Chamber Spotlight Artists will be June - Barbara Teusink, July - Nancy Mandish, August - Roger Buenzow and September - Olga Yukhno. Our July-September BB&T Bank on Art featured artist will be Mary Williams. We do not have displays in the Chapin Library Artist Gallery from June-August. For more information about any of our public galleries or if you are interested in being an exhibitor next year, please contact [Beth Cavanaugh](#).

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"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see".

~ Degas

I hope that you have a wonderful summer with many chances to share in the beauty of what each of us sees.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink
President

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