

September 2017 letter from the president

Hello again everyone!

I hope you were able to attend our kick-off meeting for this year. I'm sorry I wasn't able to be with you this month, but I understand everything went well. Our premier presentation for the year by Patricia Raible, from Charlotte NC, was fascinating and fun. Her workshop sounds great! I hope you will consider registering to attend.

Patricia's workshop on textural mixed media pieces on deep wood cradles will be held Friday and Saturday October 6th & 7th - 9am to 4pm. You can learn more about her and her work at patriciasteeleraible.com. You should plan to bring a prepared cradle to use in the workshop. If you missed the presentation or want to see it again, you can view the video at the following link: <https://youtu.be/rpY4gnQWq1E>. 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 and should be a great one that is well attended. If you are interested, be sure to get your registration and deposit to Sonya Diimmler as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at sonyadiimmler@outlook.com.

I am happy to report that at the September board meeting, we accepted a clean report from our annual financial review committee and agreed to make no new changes to the constitution or by-laws this year.

It's that time of year to renew your membership! Remember that we have multiple membership options available: General, Patron, Family and Student. Patron members get special benefits including a personal artist's page on the CCAL website. Please let us know of any updates or changes to your information on the membership list (copy attached) and get your membership renewal check to Jean Kirkley. If you have any questions please let either Jean or I know.

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

Juried Show: I'm happy to say that the prospectus for this year's show is ready and you should have received a copy. It is also available on the website at crookedcreekart.org/ccal-juried-show. The dates have been set for this year's Juried Show. Delivery of artwork will be February 24-25. The awards reception will be on Monday, March 19 and 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 (April-February). 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. If you have won 1st place in the Amateur division in prior years and/or meet the guidelines outlined, please consider whether or not it's time to challenge yourself and move to the Professional side to give our amateurs a fair chance to win prizes of their own. Alexis Levine has agreed to be the juror for our 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.

Publicity: CCAL has recently been featured in the Chapin Chamber of Commerce and Prosperity newsletters (thanks Ann!) it was such a success last year that we will be an exhibitor again at the 2nd Annual Chapin Fall Arts Festival on October 21. **We NEED YOU!** We need volunteers to help setup, breakdown and man the exhibit booth. Most critically, we need one brave person to agree to help organize our efforts. No experience required! PLEASE contact me if you can possibly volunteer or if you have any questions. We need at least 6 people to work this event. These events are generally pretty fun! Tents go up Fri. afternoon with set up at 7:30 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. 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.

Special 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.

Current Artist Exhibits

In September, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery is hosting a special one-man exhibit for the winner of our Best in Show Award from our Spring Annual Juried Show, Anne Hightower Patterson White. She has some beautiful pieces up. Please take some time to review her wonderful artwork.

For September, our Spotlight Artist of the Month is one of our talented 3D artists, Olga Yukhno. 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. This program provides great visibility in our community for the featured artists and the CCAL.

Our special exhibit artist for September and 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 October 16th meeting, we have another great speaker: Gerard Erley, a talented local artist, will be doing a demo of creating a portrait for us from a live model. It should fun to watch a great portrait artist work his magic! You can see Gerard's work at gerarderley.com.

The theme for the TAP gallery in October will be Fall Scenes. If you have some fall art to celebrate the season, please plan to hang it on the left side of the gallery during the month of October. If you have any questions about hanging art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey. Remember that we now have a display case in the gallery as well perfect for 3D or smaller works on easels.

Our October featured artists will be:

Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Ruby DeLoach

BB&T Bank on Art, Lisa Stone

Chapin Library: CJ Marchese

Chapin Town Hall: We're working on new exhibits at the Chapin Town Hall

Prosperity Town Hall: Select Paintings from "Let's Paint Chapin, Little Mountain and Prosperity"

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 our 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.

As always, thank you for your membership in the CCAL. We have so many great things happening at CCAL. I encourage you to share with all your friends who are interested in art about the benefits of being associated with the Crooked Creek Art League and invite them to join in on our fun! Don't forget to get your renewal in!

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.

"Creativity is a renewable resource.

Challenge yourself every day.

Be as creative as you like, as often as you want, because you can never run out.

Experience and creativity drive us to make unexpected offbeat connections.

It is these non-linear steps that often lead to the greatest work."

~Biz Stone

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