



September 30, 2018

Greetings Fellow League Members!

Hope this second president's letter finds you all well and busy with your art! We have plenty to inspire and encourage you at Crooked Creek Art League this Fall.

Juried Show at Still Hopes: Our first juried show at Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community will be up October 1<sup>st</sup> and run through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to see this beautiful space and support your Art League. The Opening and Awards Reception is this Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Voting for the People's Choice Award will be from 6-6:50 pm. We have 50 pieces in the show from over 20 artists and there are 6 awards to be handed out at 7 pm by our juror Anne Hightower Paterson White. Wine and Lemonade will be served. If you cannot make the Opening, please go see the show, it is at the Shearouse Wellness Center at Still Hopes, 1 Still Hopes Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169 and it is open from 10 am – 6 pm Monday through Friday.

Chapin Magazine: As promised, Ann Peake has done a fantastic job getting an article on our League in the new Chapin Magazine that is available around Chapin. If you haven't seen the magazine in person, here is a link to the article that is posted on our website:

<https://www.crookedcreekart.org/single-post/2018/09/27/Article-Painting-the-Town-Red>.

October Meeting: We have a number of new members and hope to see *everyone* at our October meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, social with food starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. Our presenter is the very engaging Eileen Waddell, gallery director of *If Art*. *If Art* is a fantastic gallery in the Vista, representing an eclectic array of artists including the late Laura Spong, Mary Bentz Gilkerson, David Yaghjian and others. Eileen will be talking about how to get exposure for your art, including how to get into a gallery and into regional shows. Are you ready for a group studio and the exposure that might provide? Or are you even ready to have others see your work? This is sure to be an entertaining and educational presentation! If you plan on coming to the October meeting, put a smiley face in the left margin by your name on the sign-up sheet to be included in the door prize drawing 😊

Chapin Annual Fall Festival: We have a booth at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Art Festival October 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to help set up, man the booth and break down or just come and socialize with fellow league members and the public. Please if you are willing and able to help in any capacity, email me at [sonyadiimmler@outlook.com](mailto:sonyadiimmler@outlook.com). If you can't help, we hope you can drop in during the day and visit with us and check out the Festival. We had a lot of fun last year and sold some art!

Membership Renewal/Patron Membership: Remember to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Dues must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>!

If you are renewing, please consider upgrading to a Patron Membership if you have not already done so. Patron Membership is \$50 and the additional \$25 will give you a spot in the League's online gallery as well as help fund our annual juried show. If you do not have a website, the league's online gallery has SEO (search engine optimization) which will allow you and your artwork to appear in online searches. It is even more important to the league that we represent the vast talent we have in our League on our website. So please, when you renew your membership this year, please consider upgrading to a Patron Member for an additional \$25!

Workshops: Happy to report that our first workshop of the year is full! There are still spots available in the November 9-10<sup>th</sup> workshop *Finding Your Muse: Explorations in Representational and Abstract Painting* with Sheryl Stalnaker and Madeline Dukes. If you are looking for a little push and some inspiration, here is your chance. Sheryl is a fantastic teacher with a very sweet encouraging demeanor. The few workshops I have taken with her are memorable. And I have heard equally wonderful stuff about Madeline. For more about this workshop and our other workshops, visit our workshops page at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/ccal-workshops>.

In closing, I do want to mention with sadness that June Tucarella passed away last week. June was a former CCAL member with lots of friends in the League. I met her at our May meeting where she expressed her excitement about what was happening with our League and her intention to rejoin. Sadly, that is not to be, but having met her briefly somehow makes me appreciate even more the special connections we make in life and the friendships this League has fostered, some going on several decades now and others just starting. We have something special going on here with this League, so may we continue to encourage and inspire each other and the arts. I wish you all the best and hope to see you very soon.

Sincerely,

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President, Crooked Creek Art League