

December 2017 letter from the president

Hello everyone!

I hope you are having a great holiday season so far! We had a wonderful Christmas Party at our December meeting Monday evening. A great big THANK YOU to Ron and Carol Weathers for hosting this annual event for us again this year!! They are so generous to open their lovely home to us all and we owe them our gratitude. A great big thank you too to everyone that helped in planning and running the evening: Karen, Adrianna, Brian, Kay, Mary Beth, Alison, CJ and Lisa. We had a good crowd with 33 members and 11 guests. We all shared a great spread of delicious food and a lot of fun and fellowship.

During the brief business meeting, there were two exciting announcements:

I am thrilled to announce that CCAL is now the recipient of a second \$10,000 donation from the Love Foundation. These additional funds ensure our ability to move forward with exciting opportunities to leave a legacy in Chapin promoting and celebrating the arts. We would love to hear YOUR best ideas and suggestions as we move forward with a project plan. If you are interested in being a part of the effort, please let me know!

I'm also thrilled to say that we have just been awarded a quarterly grant for \$1,000 grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission which will help us defray the expense associated with the installation of our new hanging and lighting system which is allowing us to expand the Juried show to a larger display with new Photography and 3D artwork categories. I hope everyone will join me in thanking Alexandra DiFrancesco for all her hard work to make the grant award possible.

For those of you unable to join us, we missed you!! I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces again when we resume our regular meetings again in January.

Currently, 74% of our members have renewed their memberships – a huge thank you to you! If you haven't had a chance to take care of it yet, please get your renewal in online at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/join-or-renew> or send in your renewal check to Jean Kirkley. 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. 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. If you would like print copies of the postcard invitation for the show for

sharing with friends, family or local businesses for display – great! Please get in touch with Sandra Oliver and she can get them to you.

Current Artist Exhibits

For December, The Artist's Place (TAP) Gallery's theme is Winter Scenes. Please bring any wintery paintings, photographs or 3D pieces to add to the display. Remember that we also welcome photography and 3D pieces (12x12x12" max) or small works on easels for the display cabinet. I hope that you will get a chance to view some of the wonderful pieces already up and add your own. These artworks will remain in place until our January meeting. If you have any questions about the gallery or hanging your art, please let Corey Ann Lacy know.

For December, our Spotlight Artist of the Month is long time member, Frances Burris. 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 December at the Chapin Library is Olga Yukhno with a collection of her amazing 3D artwork. She's put together a wonderful display of her art pieces. Be sure to check it out and thank the Chapin Library for their support of the Arts.

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 get by the bank to see it.

A collection of the fine artwork of Mary Williams will be on display in December in the Bank on Prosperity gallery at the Prosperity Town Hall. This gallery allows for the display of multiple pieces so visit it and thank them for their support of the arts if you can.

Looking ahead

In January, we will meet on Monday the 15th. Our presenter will be Charleston Artist and Gallery Owner, Marissa Vogl. She will be doing a presentation and demonstration of her use of thick paint and bold brushstrokes to bring an emotional vitality into her work. Marissa says "I enjoy painting what I refer to as our spirit places. These are the places we go to when we feel our most energized and the strongest, and the places that bring us the most joy. I have always been visually overwhelmed; painting is my way of putting into words the connection I feel to the landscape. If I can capture that energy and make a connection with the collector on an emotional level, then I've created a successful painting."

The theme for the TAP gallery for January will be "Winter Blues" - anything having to do with the color blue or the blues. Please join in the fun and help celebrate art with your CCAL peers by bringing something that represents this theme to you to display in the gallery. Please bring your paintings to the January meeting and plan for them to hang until the February meeting. If you have questions about displaying art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey. Also, I would be interested in knowing your thoughts on ways to incentivize participating in the TAP gallery hangings. Would you like to see us offer a non-cash certificate award for "Best in Show" for the monthly themes? Perhaps the winner could have the option to choose themes for future months? What do YOU think?

Our January featured artists will be:

- Spotlight artist, Chapin Chamber of Commerce: Faye Delia Meetze
- BB&T Bank on Art: Karen Larrabee
- Chapin Library: Sonya Diimmler
- Palmetto Fine Arts Gallery: Anne Hightower Patterson White, Barbara Teusink, Joyce Oates
- Prosperity Town Hall: Debi Kelly

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

Our next workshop will be on February 2-3 from 9am - 4 pm at Crooked Creek Park. The title will be "Chubby Chirps with Personality". Marissa Vogl will be our instructor, teaching us all about her processes for apply thick paint and using different brushes and knives to create interesting textures as we explore the shapes, color, energy and personalities of small birds. Her medium is oil, but she welcomes artists in acrylics as well. You can see more information and examples of her work at marissavogl.com. Please contact Sonya if you are interested in attending. Remember that a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your seat in the class (to help defer the cost to the league for hosting the workshop). Seats not reserved with a deposit are subject to being sold to another person.

Thank you again to everyone that has been helping out with refreshments this year. We are still 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. ☺ Please consider volunteering!! Let Lisa Stone know which month you can help out by email at iameditor256@gmail.com or by phone at (843) 925-8232.

As always, I thank you for your membership and support 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.

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”

~ Vincent Van Gogh

In the spirit of the season, I hope that your life is filled with many gifts and much love and joy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Barbara Teusink
President

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