

March letter from the president

Hello everyone!

Spring is definitely in the air with all this wonderful warm weather we've been having! It was great to see everyone at the meeting Monday night. It was good to see so many happy faces and we enjoyed an entertaining presentation by Donnie Hughes. He and his twin brother certainly have an amazing ability to create wildlife paintings. His use of acrylics and airbrushing definitely help to bring his paintings to life. Donnie will be our workshop presenter in May so consider signing up to learn more about his techniques. If you have any other suggestions for people/topics you'd love to see in a workshop next year, please let us know! For those of you unable to join us, we missed you and hope to see you again soon.

We continue to add new members, which is great! Welcome to our newest members: David Frost, Bobbi Sorensen and Adriana Martinez Vidal.

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

Webpage: New opportunities for exhibit are updated regularly on the [Call for Artists](#) page. Be sure to check it out! Consider visiting the website and subscribing to receive email notification anytime we add new and exciting news about the successes and events of the league and our artists. Simply go to crookedcreekart.org/congrats, 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 by using the link on that page to [let us know](#)!

Juried Show: We had a simply wonderful show again this year. Our juried show co-chairs, Sandra Oliver and Dianna Smith, deserve our thanks and praise for a job well done! A huge thank you too to all the sponsors for the show and, of course, all the great volunteers that helped out! The show this year includes 90 beautiful works of art: 49 amateur pieces and 41 professional pieces from a total of 39 artists. Be sure to invite your family and friends to visit the park to see the show and support our artists. We had several special guests this year: Representatives Chip Huggins and Micah Caskey from Lexington County and Rick Martin from Newberry County in attendance and they all spoke well of our league and our artists. Their efforts to fund arts programs is much appreciated!

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. Please consider taking a few minutes to nominate someone worthy by using the form available on the website [HERE](#). Nomination forms are being collected this year by Maureen Carter.

Nominations Committee for 2017-18 Board: It is time for us to come up with a slate of candidates for the board and chair positions for next year. As directed in the constitution, we need to appoint a nominations committee to identify the slate to be put before the league for a vote. The slate must be named by the April meeting and it will go before the membership at large for voting during the May meeting. This is an important part of ensuring we have a strong slate of people willing to help keep CCAL moving forward and running smoothly next year. We NEED YOU! PLEASE consider serving your league in an active role in the coming year. If you are interested, willing and able to help out please let me know! A copy of the position descriptions for the league is attached and available on the website.

End of the Year party: As usual, our end of year party will be held in May. If you have any suggestions for the party (location, refreshments, activities, etc.) please let Barbara know! Also, if you would be willing to help in either planning or holding the event, please let me know!

Current Artist Exhibits

Winners from the Juried show will be on display until the April meeting. Plan to come by and see the best of the best! I hope you get a chance to see all the great artwork and tell all your friends to stop by too! If you have any questions about hanging art in the TAP gallery, please contact Corey Ann Lacey.

Our March Chamber Spotlight Artist is CJ Martin-Marchese with her stunning wild animal painting "Through the Glades – A Florida Panther". Please congratulate CJ and view her exhibited artwork at the Chamber office.

Our first quarterly BB&T Bank on the Arts Gallery display features Maureen Carter. If you get a chance to visit the bank please thank them for welcoming our display. Congratulations to Maureen on her lovely painting "Roman Courtyard".

Our special exhibit artist for March at the Chapin Library is Mary Williams. Please swing by the library and view all her sweet paintings!

Looking ahead

Our April meeting is scheduled for April 17. I'm excited to say we will have a special presentation by one of our own! Roger Buenzow (winner of TWO awards for his beautiful photography at this year's Juried Show) will be giving us a special presentation on photography – both how to get great photos and how to photograph your other art pieces.

The theme for the TAP gallery in April will be Spring and Summer pieces. This display will stay up through the summer (although you can rotate your pieces if necessary). Please consider sharing some of your artwork with us all. We love to see everyone on display!

Our April Chamber Spotlight Artist will be one of our newest members, Lisa Stone and in April it will be Joe Counts. For more information about the Spotlight Artist program check with Ruby DeLoach.

Our April showcase artist in the Chapin Library Artist Gallery will be Roger Buenzow. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the library please contact Roger Wright.

Our next workshop will be Sheryl Stalnaker on painting using a palette knife. It will be held Friday and Saturday April 7 & 8 - 9am to 4pm. You can learn more about Sheryl and her work at sherylstalnaker.com

We will have another great workshop in May with Donnie Hughes on his techniques for painting wildlife in acrylics and maybe a little airbrush instruction. Donnie gave us our presentation at the February meeting earlier this year. See the [workshop page](#) on the website for more details. Contact Al (leitch@moore.sc.edu) to get registered. Remember that unclaimed seats will be open to non-members and unpaid seats will be released to those on the waitlist!

“Don’t be pushed by your problems, be led by your dreams.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

I hope your dreams lead you to wonderful places each and every day.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink
President

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