



August 29, 2019

Dear Fellow League Members:

Summer is almost over, and the League is gearing up for an exciting year. You may recall that this year marks the **25th anniversary** of the founding of the League. Thank you to our founding members for their vision in beginning what has become one of the most active, outstanding leagues in the midlands. Many of our founders are still members today, and this year's Juried Art Exhibition will celebrate the anniversary.

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday prior to each regular meeting and begin at 5:15 in the small room next to the kitchen. According to our Constitution and Bylaws, "League members are welcome at all Board meetings for discussion and comment but have no vote." If anyone is interested in attending any meeting, please do so.

The **Sail into Chapin** sailboat project has been a tremendous success thanks to the hard-working project committee, our business sponsors, and your fellow artists. If you have not had an opportunity to see all thirteen boats in person, information about the locations is on our website under the Events/Calendar tab along with the **Scavenger Hunt** and the **silent auction**. CCAL will have a booth at the Chapin Labor Day festivities on Clark Street on Monday, September 2. Stop by to say "hi" and to vote for the **People's Choice** award. Raffle tickets for the fantastic gift basket donated by Endless Vitality will also be available.

Our first meeting will be **Monday, September 16**, with refreshments provided by some of our board members beginning at 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7:00. The presenter will be **Angel Allen**, Mosaic and Ceramic artist and educator. Her pieces are beautiful, and you may want to check out her website, www.angelallen.com. Our greeter, Melanie Wyatt, will be at a table in the hall with the sign-in sheets for members and guests. Workshop interest sheets, sign-up sheets for our various public art displays, and refreshment sign-up sheets will also be on her table. Remember that September is the beginning of our League year, so membership dues may be paid then or through our website.

Would you interested in helping guests and new members feel welcomed to the League? We are looking for five or six ambassadors who can assist. A guest may arrive alone and need someone to sit beside who can tell them about the workshops, juried shows, etc. Sometimes our newer members or guests don't understand the workshop interest or refreshment sign-up sheets. Would you be willing to volunteer? An ambassador sign-up will be available at the September meeting.

If you have an "Angels Among Us" painting in the TAP Gallery, please pick it up or make arrangements to have it picked up at the September meeting. **"Feathered Friends"** is the next featured theme. Please bring your paintings relating to the theme

when you come to the meeting. Public gallery chair, Cathy Dubiel, will be available to assist you.

The first workshop for the year will be **October 11-12**, featuring **Laura Pollak**, award-winning pastel artist and past president of the Pastel Society of North Carolina from Greensboro, NC. Even though she is a pastel artist, she welcomes watercolor and acrylic artists to her workshop, "Driven to Abstraction." Information about this workshop as well as the other scheduled workshops is available on the CCAL website. Again this year online registration is available.

We are pleased to announce that a juried **Fall Exhibition** will be hosted again this year by **Still Hopes** in Columbia in December and January. The prospectus is available on our website, and a few copies will be available at the September meeting. More information will be presented at the meeting.

Already the co-chairs of the **2020 Juried Art Exhibition** are hard at work planning for the our 25th anniversary celebration. Kay Fox, co-chair, will have more information to share at our September meeting. A draft of the prospectus is available online.

The Chapin Bi-Lo store leadership has selected CCAL as the benefiting non-profit to receive donations through the **Community Bag Program** for September. The League will receive a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is sold at the store to anyone, not just CCAL members. This is only available at the Chapin Bi-Lo location, and we thank them for their support.

A group of CCAL members have discussed the possibility of securing a facility where CCAL members may have **studio space** and perhaps also display their work for the public. A questionnaire will be distributed to the membership via email for feedback about the idea.

The continued success of Crooked Creek Art League depends entirely upon the support and involvement of its membership. It makes no difference whether you sign up for a workshop, enter art work in one of the juried exhibitions, display work in the TAP Gallery or one of our other public galleries, volunteer to bring refreshments, attend monthly meetings, or just offer a friendly "hello" to a visitor. I personally hope that each of you will find some way, however large or small, to continue your involvement.

As the old song goes, ". . . see you in September."

Sincerely,

Sandra Oliver President
Crooked Creek Art League