



March 6, 2019

Dear Members,

Your Juried Show Co-Chairs Ann Peake and Kay Young have been very busy putting up a fabulous show! CCAL's **Annual Juried Show** this year is impressive with more entries than ever! We had lots of great volunteers helping at registration including Sandra Oliver, Brian Fox, Bobbi Sorensen, Al Leitch, Sandra Wilkie, Randy Spencer, Ann Sweeney and the unstoppable Barbara Teusink.

The online registration eased lines at check in and reduced data entry, so thank you greatly to all of you who made the switch and registered online. For those that didn't, we are still grateful to have your fantastic work! The awards reception is March 18<sup>th</sup> please don't miss it! Food, social and collection of votes for People's Choice will take place from 6-7 pm, the Awards Presentation will start at 7pm. Thank you to all the members who donated to the show and those that helped raise funds for the show outside the League! The donation of time, money and self has been extraordinary!

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR**-Don't forget to submit your nomination for that League member who has gone above and beyond to contribute of themselves, their time and/or resources to grow and nurture this Art League. Nominations will be accepted until shortly before the April meeting at which votes will be cast. Here is a link to the [Member of the Year Form](#). MOY will be announced at the May Meeting.

**BOARD NOMINATIONS**-Some wonderful volunteers have come forward to sit on next year's Board but there are still several Committee Chairs which need to be filled. If you can help us with Publicity or the Still Hopes Show next winter, please see me, Sandra Oliver, Alex DiFrancesco or Barb Teusink.

Plans for the **Community Art Project** are moving along! Lots of great applications with great ideas were received from CCAL artists and a number of host sites and sponsors have already been secured! The committee meeting last week was exciting as we gear up with plans for the Chapin Labor Day Festival September 2, 2019. The League will have a booth with activities to include a scavenger hunt, people's choice award and silent auction of the sailboats. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer, get involved and make friends or catch up with old friends.

The theme for the **May Contest** is "Angels Among Us." Paintings will be presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and League members will vote for their favorite- 3 paintings will receive ribbons. Here is the link to the prospectus for "[Angels Among Us](#)." See Melinda Smith if you are interested in presenting a painting or have any questions!

The remaining **Workshops** for the season are booked, but Sandra Oliver does have a waiting list and there are inevitably last minute cancellations due to unforeseeable circumstances. For



workshop details, visit our workshops page at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/ccal-workshops>. Email Sandra with any and all workshop related questions at [soliver497@bellsouth.net](mailto:soliver497@bellsouth.net).

Also, **Fred Graff** will be doing a presentation Thursday Night April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:45 pm. This presentation is a critique of some pieces submitted to him by CCAL artists and he will use it as an opportunity to discuss and illustrate some of his concepts and techniques. *This is open to ALL CCAL members and not just workshop participants.* Fred has a long and esteemed career as both an artist and a teacher, don't miss this opportunity if you can help it! From Fred's bio: *Frederick C. Graff is one of the foremost watercolorists of today. He is a Signature Member of all three major watercolor societies: American Watercolor Society "Dolphin Fellow"; National Watercolor Society; and Transparent Watercolor Society of America "Master Status"...His continuous growth and development in his pursuit of watercolor has enabled him to be a leading artist/educator in the field of watercolor painting.*

For our **April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**, we will have Chapin Native and Golden Working Artist Lee Monts doing a QoR watercolor demo for us. Lee became a Working Artist for Golden in 2018, and as part of that job, he demos Golden products throughout the region. Lee is well known in Columbia for his contemporary abstracted landscapes. You can see his work at his website: [www.leemontsoriginalart.com](http://www.leemontsoriginalart.com).

CCAL is proud to have sponsored an award for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition at USC. The exhibition runs from March 6<sup>th</sup>-March 21<sup>st</sup> at the McMaster Gallery at 1615 Senate Street in Columbia and is full of interesting and imaginative work!

In closing, hope to see all of you at the reception March 18<sup>th</sup>, but if you can't make it, please be sure to get to the Park to see the show, it is a good one! Entire show is up through March 29<sup>th</sup> and the Awarded Art will be up in the TAP Gallery through April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Sonya Diimmmler  
President, Crooked Creek Art League