

April letter from the president

Hello everyone!

It was wonderful to see such a full and festive crowd at our meeting this week! We were definitely given a treat in such an engaging and informative presentation by our own Roger Buenzow. Great job Roger! Fortunately for us all, Roger has agreed to put his PowerPoint presentation on the website for us all to review all the excellent information he included there about how to get great photos of your art. It's hard to believe we only have one more meeting this year – but don't forget about our end of year party. It's tentatively scheduled for May 19th so mark your calendar. More details will be coming out about that soon. For those of you unable to join us, we missed you and hope to see you next month.

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

Webpage: All the photos and results of this year's Juried Show are now on the website – 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 big thank you again to this year's great juried show co-chairs, Sandra Oliver and Dianna Smith, for a job well done! Also, check out the updated [Celebrating Our Sponsors](#) page on the website! The final accounting for our show this year was: Income- \$3,288.60, Expenses- \$3,746.65 for a net loss of \$458.05. While it would be great to breakeven every year, the show is our largest annual expense and we anticipate having to cover a portion of the expense from our annual operating budget. This is actually a very good result given that we did not have a grant specifically for the show this year and it is in line with last year's numbers absent the grant.

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 and I am grateful for each and every one of you. The following Members were nominated this year for Member of the Year: Barbara Teusink, Al Leitch, Sandra Oliver and Dianna Smith. Member votes were taken at Monday's meeting and the winner will be announced at the May meeting. Thank you to everyone that took the time to nominate someone this year!

Nominations Committee for 2017-18 Board: The proposed slate of officers for next year is:

President – Barbara Teusink
Vice President – Ginger Robinson
Secretary – Alison Klein
Treasurer – Maureen Carter
Parliamentarian – Al Leitch

Additional nominations for any of these positions may be made anytime now until the May meeting. The full panel will be voted on by the membership at large during the May meeting. Another critical element to help keep CCAL moving forward and running smoothly next year is our Committee Chairs. We NEED YOU! We are still seeking volunteers to serve as: Publicity Chair, as Greeter, and as Special Project Chair. For more information on each of these roles, check out the [Duties and Positions](#) link on the website. Ready to get involved but you're not sure you're ready to be a chair? We need volunteers to help coordinate and run a CCAL booth at two events this fall: Chapin Farmers Market on August 5 and the 2nd Annual Chapin Fall Arts Festival on October 21. These are a lot of fun to do and great exposure for you as well as the League. PLEASE let me know if you would be willing and able to help out.

Final Workshop: Our last great workshop for the year will be held Friday and Saturday May 12 & 13. Donnie Hughes will be presenting on his techniques for painting ducks and waterfowl 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. If you are interested please 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!

End of the Year party: As usual, our end of year party will be held in May. The date is tentatively set for Friday, May 19 so mark your calendars now! If you have any suggestions for the party (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! We need volunteers to make it great!

Current Artist Exhibits

The theme for the TAP gallery for now through the summer break this year will be Spring and Summer. Be sure to bring some of your fine seasonal pieces for display in the TAP Gallery. Please consider sharing some of your artwork with us all. We love to see everyone on display! Not sure you can leave it at the park all summer? No problem, swap out your pieces throughout the summer as needed.

Our April Chamber Spotlight Artist is Lisa Stone with her striking photograph "From a Different View". Please congratulate Lisa and view her exhibited artwork at the Chamber office.

Our April-June quarterly BB&T Bank on the Arts Gallery display features Ingrid Carson's great nautical piece "Kristy". If you get a chance to visit the bank please thank them for welcoming our display.

Our special exhibit artist for April at the Chapin Library is Roger Buenzow. Please swing by the library and see his fabulous photos and paintings.

Looking ahead

Our last meeting for this year will be May 15. Ann Peake will be doing the presentation of all the artwork in the "Let's Paint Chapin, Prosperity and Little Mountain" competition. The membership at large will vote for the winners at the meeting so be sure to be there! These contests are always a lot of fun for everyone. The artwork from this year's competition will be compiled into a calendar that will be for sale when we return in the fall. Great Christmas presents for next year!

Our May Chamber Spotlight Artist will be Joe Counts. June – August Artists have not yet been assigned; more on those months will be announced soon. For more information about the Spotlight Artist program check with Ruby DeLoach.

Our May showcase artist in the Chapin Library Artist Gallery will be Olga Yukhno and her great clay art. We do not have exhibited artists at the library during the summer. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the library next year, please contact Beth Cavanaugh.

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"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives."

~ Annie Dillard

I hope that you have the chance to spend your days creating and appreciating art and the beauty in our world.

Until next time,

Barbara Teusink
President

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