



Greetings, CCAL Members!

Forty years ago this month, Bryan and I came to South Carolina for the first time. Little did we realize that forty years later, we'd still be here! We love SC and are grateful for all of you in the art league who are now part of our lives.

Our February members' meeting will be this coming Monday, February 17. I hope you are planning to join us. Come for refreshments and fellowship beginning at 5:30pm followed by our brief business meeting at 6:00pm. Our presenter for the evening will be Lucy Bailey. Lucy will be speaking on "Multidisciplinary Art (AKA Just Making Things)." She will be sharing how the joy of making (sometimes) turns into art. We will offer the Zoom option for those who are unable to attend in person.

Our Annual Juried Show is coming up very soon. This is our big show of the year and we want to have many pieces of artwork entered for our community to enjoy. Please hurry to register your artwork for the show as the deadline to register is Thursday, February 20. You can find the prospectus and all other information regarding the show on our website.

The reception for the Annual Juried Show will be held on Saturday, March 15, 5:00pm-8:00pm at Crooked Creek Park. This will take the place of our regular Monday Members' Meeting. We are still in need of volunteers to bring food for the reception. Specifically, we are looking for heavy hors d'oeuvres and finger foods. If you can help in this way, please add your name to the sign-up sheet when you come to the members' meeting this coming Monday, or sign up on our website under "Annual Juried Show."

Another way you can help with the Annual Juried Show is through being a sponsor and/or giving a donation of any amount. All money the league receives greatly helps with the expenses we have with our juried shows. Please check out our website for more information. Thanks for your investment in the arts!

In conjunction with our Annual Juried Show, we are offering a two-day workshop, February 27-28, on watercolor with our lead judge, Russell Jewel. You may sign up for this workshop on our website.

Other upcoming workshops you might be interested in include:

- March 21-22: "Mastering Water & Reflections in your Landscape Paintings" with Michael Story. Oil or Acrylic.
- April 11-12: "Landscape Painting" with David Dunlop.

More information about these workshops and registration can be found on our website.

Registration for the Spring Library Show will begin March 1 and run through April 18. This is a non-juried show. Please plan what you might like to display and possibly sell at this show. The prospectus and key dates can be found on our website under "Events – Library Show."

Just a reminder that our Annual May Contest information is now available on the website. The theme for this year is "Childhood Memories." This contest is held during our May Members' meeting on Monday, May 19. **IMPORTANT NOTE: There is no cost to enter, but you do need to register your entry on the website by May 16, prior to the May 19 meeting.** You will also need to bring an easel to the meeting to display your artwork so all the members present can view the artwork and vote on their favorites. This is a fun way to end our league year and provides a chance to see how everyone interprets "Childhood Memories." Artwork that is submitted will also remain at Crooked Creek Park throughout the summer to be displayed in the TAP Gallery.

As we look ahead to next year, I hope you will think about how you might be of help to our league by being a volunteer. There are many opportunities to serve our league in lots of different areas such as being a part of our board, a committee, or part of our service and support team. You can find a list of areas to serve on our website under "Member Resources – Boards and Committees." If you have an area that you are interested in, please contact me for more information. We would love to have you on the team!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting this coming Monday. I encourage you to get your artwork ready for the upcoming events and to be careful not to miss the deadlines to register. Have a great weekend and see you soon!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL