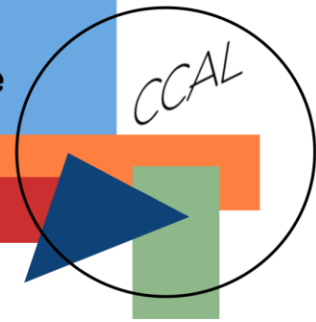


Crooked Creek Art League



February 2024 President's Letter

Greetings, CCAL Members,

It's the middle of February already and we still have a lot to look forward to on our Crooked Creek Art League calendar before our year wraps up in May. We have had great attendance at our monthly meetings and have had the opportunity to listen to many wonderful speakers on a variety of topics. We are in the process of getting ready for our biggest show of the year, our 29th Annual Juried Show, that will be held right here at Crooked Creek Park. If you have been part of the league for a while you will remember how exciting it is to see all our members' artwork lining the halls of the building. It is quite a sight to see and so fun to explore the many different expressions of art.

Online registration continues for the show but will end next Thursday, February 22 so I want to encourage you to get your artwork registered now, before it's too late. We want to offer the public another wonderful show with many works of art on display, so we need many members to participate. You will find the Prospectus and all the details on the website under "Annual Juried Show." The delivery date for bringing your art to Crooked Creek Park is Saturday, February 24, 10:00am-12:00pm. The jurying will take place on Wednesday, February 28.

Our big awards reception will be on Saturday, March 23, beginning with refreshments at 5:00pm followed by the awards presentation at 6:00pm. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled Monday members' meeting for March. I hope you will make plans to attend this wonderful event!

For those members who might find that registering online is difficult to do, Siara Pineda, our Annual Juried Show co-chair has graciously offered to help you. Siara will be at this Monday's meeting, as early as 5:00pm, with her laptop to help get you registered. All you need to do is bring your quality photo (unframed) of your artwork (this can be put on your phone or a flash drive) and the information needed to register. Don't forget you will need to pay the registration fee either by credit card or PayPal.

Our CCAL Special Exhibit with Friends of the Irmo Branch Library will be coming up at the end of April. Online Only Registration will be March 1 through April 17 with an artwork delivery date of Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00am-Noon. Artwork should be delivered directly to the Irmo Library. This will be a non-juried show. A People's Choice Winner will be selected and awarded a ribbon. Artwork will remain on display until Saturday, June 1, 2024. Please find the Prospectus with all the details on our website.

You will also want to be thinking about our end of the year meeting on May 20. In lieu of a speaker, we will be having our 2024 May Contest. The theme for the contest is "Sights from Around the World." Participants are asked to bring one of their artworks, along with an easel for display, to our meeting room between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. You will get a chance to briefly talk about your piece and then your peers will vote for their favorites. Ribbons will be awarded. Afterwards, all the artworks will be hung in the TAP Gallery and remain there throughout the summer. Please check the Prospectus online for more information and to sign up for this fun event.

We have two remaining workshops for this year:

- 1) Steven S. Walker – Take Your Painting to the Next Level; February 29 – March 2
- 2) Susan Mayfield – Go Bold! Painting Dynamic Pastel Landscapes; April 12-13

Please go to our website to get more information and to see if there are spots available for these workshops.

I hope you are planning to join us for our monthly meeting this coming Monday, February 19, at 6:00pm. Come early at 5:30pm for refreshments and for time to mingle with friends. We are looking forward to hearing from our speaker, Barbara Yongue, who will be doing a live painting demonstration.

We have new members joining our art league each month. Please look around as you come to the meeting on Monday and greet someone you don't know; they might be a newcomer! We want all to feel welcome as we enjoy spending time together as artists.

Finally, we want to express our heartfelt condolences to Bob Carlsson for the loss of his wife, our dear artist friend and longtime CCAL member, Chris Carlsson. Chris was a member of our art league since 2002, and Bob since 2014. We will all miss Chris and her contribution to our league as well as her beautiful artwork. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. There will be a sympathy card for Bob on the table as you enter the meeting room on Monday if you would like to sign it.

We'll also have a get-well card for Sandra Oliver, one of our board members, who was recently hospitalized and could use our prayers.

Life is fragile and we are not guaranteed tomorrow. Let's make the most of each new day and bring a smile to those around us.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL