



April 19, 2025

Greetings, CCAL Members!

I can hardly believe we only have two more meetings left in our 2024-2025 league year before we take a break for the summer. We have had a lot of events to keep us busy this past year, and we are looking ahead to the exciting things that will be coming after summer.

Our Annual Juried Show was a great success this year. We had over 150 pieces of artwork on display at Crooked Creek for the public to enjoy. Thank you to all who entered their artwork in the Juried Show. A special note of congratulations to all our award winners! All the awarded art can be viewed at the Crooked Creek TAP Gallery until April 21. If you have your art on display, please remember to take it home when you come to our meeting on the 21st.

Also, a big thank you to those who spent many hours preparing for our 30th Annual Juried Show and reception. Bobbi Sorensen, our show chairman, along with her committee, did a wonderful job in putting together the show, and for that we are grateful. Also, thank you to all who were recruited for various jobs in preparation for the show, as well as those who worked on the day of the reception. Thank you also to all those who provided the delicious food. Without our many volunteers, we would not be able to offer such a wonderful show. As a reminder, all the artwork from the show can be viewed on our website.

Our scheduled presenter for the April 21 members' meeting is unfortunately unable to come. The good news is we're pleased to have one of our own – Bryan Beyer – as our presenter. Bryan (and I!) joined the CCAL in September 2022. He will speak on the topic "Leaving an Art Legacy." Part of his presentation includes facilitating a discussion on questions you may have always wanted to ask in a room full of artists and photographers, so bring your questions!

We will also be hearing from our nominating committee as they present the candidates for next year's league officers. The nominees will be voted on by the membership at our May meeting. As is stated in our Bylaws, "Before the elections, nominations from the floor shall be permitted." The nominated officers are as follows:

- President – Michael Naughton
- Vice President – Bobbi Mann
- Secretary – Jan Lane
- Treasurer – Jimma Causey

The nominating committee is still looking to fill other committee positions. If you would like to help our league by volunteering to serve on one of our committees or on the Service and Support Team, please contact me so that I might help you find the best place for you to serve.

Our last TAP Gallery theme for this year will be "Awakening." Please bring your original artwork to our April 21st meeting if you would like to have it on display for the period of April 21 - May 19. Let's fill the TAP Gallery!

Just a reminder that you can go to our website anytime to sign up to display your artwork in our many businesses around town. There are lots of places to choose from with varying lengths of display time as well as how many pieces each can accept. This is a great opportunity to share your artwork with the community, as well as possibly sell your art, if you choose to do so. Check out the available galleries on our website!

Our last meeting of the league year will be on Monday, May 19, and our May contest will be held during this time. Members are invited to bring one piece of artwork, along with an easel to display their art during our meeting. The theme for the artwork should relate to "Childhood Memories." ***There is no cost to enter, but you will need to register your entry on the website by May 16, prior to the meeting.*** Ribbons will be awarded to the top three winners. This is a fun meeting and a great way to end our league year. Artwork that is submitted will also remain at Crooked Creek Park in our TAP Gallery throughout the summer. Please check out the Prospectus and additional details on our website under "Events - Annual Contest."

Registration for the exhibition at the Irmo Branch Library has been extended until Monday, April 21. If you would like to exhibit, and possibly sell your artwork, please go online to review the prospectus. Because we are past the original date to register, the online registration site has been closed and is unable to be accessed by members. To register your artwork during the extension period, please email our Library Show coordinator, Cathy Schwalm, to let her know of your intent. Please send your email to Cathy at creatvcats29@aol.com and be sure to include the following:

1. A photograph of your entry (not to include the frame).
2. A sale price. Please indicate if your art is for sale or not for sale.
3. The size of your artwork.
4. The medium.
5. Artist name, email address, and telephone number.
6. Title of artwork.

You may enter one or two pieces of artwork. The cost is \$5.00 per entry. This may be paid to Cathy when you bring your art to the library on Saturday, April 26. Cathy will also have copies of the library's waiver for you to sign at that time. Artwork will be on display April 26 – May 30. This is a non-juried show so you may enter art that you have shown in previous shows. A People's Choice Award winner will be determined and awarded a ribbon and bragging rights.

If you like to plan ahead, you might want to think about signing up now for our workshop to be held September 26-27: "Painting 'Painterly' from a Photo Reference" with Dan Graziano. This will be a wonderful workshop and one you won't want to miss. To find out more information and to register, please visit our website and look under Events - Workshops.

I hope all of you have been busy being creative during this beautiful season of Spring. So much inspiration everywhere. I'm looking forward to our next gathering and I hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend in person, maybe you can join us by Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer

President, CCAL