

Crooked Creek Art League



April 2024 President's Letter

Greetings, CCAL Members!

Time is winding down for our Crooked Creek Art League year. This year has flown by (as it usually does) and we are preparing for our final events before summer arrives. Of course, we are already planning meetings, workshops, events, and community projects for our next league year. Exciting things happening all the time!

Our 29th Annual Juried Show and reception were a huge success. We had a total of 65 artists who entered 152 total pieces of artwork. It was fun to be able to walk the building and see all the wonderful artwork by our members. A special note of congratulations to all our award winners!

Thank you to all who helped with the various needs of the show as well as the reception night. We wouldn't be able to do everything without our volunteers! Thank you also to our Juried Show co-chairs, Sonya Diimmler and Siara Pineda for their work throughout the year to prepare for this wonderful show! We had a total of 67 members, 65 guests, and 7 on Zoom in attendance for our show reception, for a total of 139 participants.

As you review your calendar for April and May, please take note of these items for the art league:

- The last workshop to be offered this league year will be this weekend, April 12-13 with Susan Mayfield, "Go Bold! Painting Dynamic Pastel Landscapes." We still have a couple of spots left, but you need to hurry to register. The workshop begins Friday morning. Please go online for further details and to register.
- Our speaker for the April 15 meeting is our very own Rebecca Horne, speaking on the topic of Abstract Art. Many of you are familiar with Rebecca's art and we are so excited that she will be our presenter for the April meeting. You won't want to miss out!
- Reminder for those who have artwork on display in the TAP Gallery, please take your art home the night of our April 15 meeting.
- The TAP Gallery display theme for April 15-May 20 is "Carolina Rivers and Waterfalls." Please be sure to bring your gallery wall label.

- The deadline to register for our Special Exhibit with Friends of the Irmo Branch Library Show is Wednesday, April 17. The prospectus is online as well as all the details. Hurry to register if you plan to participate. Delivery of artwork will be held on Saturday, April 27, 10:00am-noon. Remember to bring a signed copy of the waiver when you come.
- Membership renewal for the upcoming 2024-2025 league year is now open. A reminder that the dues for general membership have increased to \$35 per year. Patron level remains at \$50. Dues must be paid by September 30 to avoid a \$10 late fee.
- Congratulations to our “Lifetime Members” for the 2024-2025 season. The following members have earned free lifetime membership with CCAL by being members for 25+ years:
 - Ruth DiMirra
 - J.J. Casey
 - Joan Marco
 - Anna Kay Singley
 - Rose Stuart
 - Tommy Thompson
 - Ron Weathers
- We are excited about our next Community Art Project that will be launched very soon! More information about this exciting project will be shared at our April meeting. It involves large painted turtles!
- The last meeting of the league year will be May 20. In lieu of a speaker we will be having our “Annual May Contest.” The theme for the contest is “Sights from Around the World.” Please go online to register your artwork and read the prospectus for details. Deadline to register is May 17. Members are asked to bring one piece of original artwork along with an easel for display purposes at the meeting. Members present in person will vote for their favorites and ribbons will be awarded. After the meeting, all the artworks will be exhibited in the TAP Gallery and remain there throughout the summer. Let’s have a great end-of-year celebration by having many pieces of artwork by many members!
- We will also be collecting donations of art supplies for the Epworth Children’s Home at our May meeting. Let’s all see if we can find some art supplies the children will enjoy! Some suggested items that members have donated in the past are markers, Sharpies, colored pencils, drawing paper, sketch pads, scrapbook paper, paints, art brushes, glue sticks and craft kits. Anything you donate will be much appreciated!
- Refreshments for the April meeting – Because we did not have a sign-up sheet at the juried show reception last month for members to bring refreshments in April, we are asking for volunteers to contact our refreshment chairman, Carol Blackwood, if you would be able to help provide food for this month.

I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting. Let’s remember to make a special effort to reach out to our new members and guests to help them get acquainted with our Crooked Creek Art League family. Also, try to be an encouragement to one another as

some members may be going through tough circumstances we are not aware of. Kindness can go a long way.

I am thankful to be part of such a wonderful group of artists. I appreciate those who have held volunteer positions, past or present, on our board, committees, or service and support team, as well as those who volunteer on an “as needed” basis during the year. It really does take an army of volunteers to offer all that we do!

See you at the April Meeting!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL