



## President's Letter – November 2025

Dear Crooked Creek Art League Members,

With the holidays fast approaching, I wanted to take a moment to update all members on a few items, before we all get busy entertaining and enjoying our friends and family.

Earlier this week, CCAL welcomed Michael Krajewski, a local visual artist, as our November guest speaker. We have received many compliments and great reviews about Michael's presentation from those who attended online and in person. If you did not get to see Michael's talk you can watch it via a link on our CCAL website. Our past speakers' presentations from this year are also available on the website.

### **1. Memorial Giving Fund Change**

Recently, the CCAL Board met to discuss our Memorial Fund policy and have decided to make a change to how we honor fellow members who have passed. Our goal was to make certain that we honor all members who have gone before us, and to make the process easy and consistent. Beginning December 1, 2025, CCAL will have two ways to honor these members. Here is a description of the two ways to donate in their honor.

**Legacy of Art Award:** CCAL Members are the heart and soul of our organization. The Legacy of Art Memorial Fund is to honor all CCAL members who have passed in the preceding year. This fund is donor supported to sponsor an annual Legacy of Art Memorial Award of \$100 at the Annual Juried Show in March. Award winners will be determined by the show's juror. Memorial honorees will be listed in the Awards Programs for all our Juried Shows and honored on our website. If the fund drops below \$100 or there are no members who have passed in the prior year, no award will be made in that league year.

**Individual Memorial Awards:** Occasionally, Individual Memorial Funds are established in an individual's name. A minimum donation of \$500 and board approval are required to establish an individual memorial fund. For each Individual Memorial Fund, an annual \$100 award will be given at the March Annual Juried Show. Award winners will be determined by the

show's juror. Individually named memorial awards will be given until the funds for that memorial award are depleted, at which time the memorial fund for that individual will be retired.

To make a gift to either of the two funds in memory of someone, please see the link below, where you can donate using a credit card or PayPal. You may also choose to donate by check. The address to mail checks is at this link as well.

<https://www.crookedcreekart.org/join-support/memorial-giving>

## **2. Grant Received for Upgrade of CCAL Office Technology!!**

At the November meeting, we announced that the Crooked Creek Art League has been awarded \$750.00 for our Upgrade Office Technology project by the Central Carolina Community Foundation. These funds will be used towards the purchase of a dedicated laptop and upgraded software for our webmaster. In addition, this will help with upgrading the security both for the new laptop and for the laptop used for Treasurer duties. We are pleased that the new security package, managed by a local IT security firm, will help reduce the hacking and rogue emails we have experienced in the past.

## **3. CCAL Christmas Party /December Business Meeting December 15**

Our annual combined Christmas Party and December Business Meeting will be held at the Chapin Town Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. You are welcome to bring your own wine or beer to share with your guest. If you have not yet signed up on the food list, send an email to Bobbi Mann or Jo Alford. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. and we will have a short business meeting at 6:00 p.m., which will be available for Zoom attendees. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404936824>, Meeting ID: 894 0493 6824. (This link is always in the event section of the website also. Click on the calendar.)

## **4. Still Hopes Exhibition and Sale Key Dates (Contacts are Kay Fox and Debi Kelly)**

- Nov. 29 (Sat.) : Artwork Drop off at Still Hopes 10-11 AM; Show Hung.
- Dec. 1 to January 30 (Mon.-Fri.): Show Hours: display open to the public 10am – 6pm,
- Dec. 6, 4-6pm (Sat.): Opening Reception(Awards at 5pm)
- Jan. 31 (Sat.) : Artwork Pick Up Day: 11AM – Noon

## **5. Irmo Library Show Continues Through 12/5**

- Dec. 6 10am – Noon: Artwork Pick Up Day : 10 AM – Noon

**Note:** Two able-bodied volunteers are needed to help our senior members take down artwork on Dec 6. Contact Cathy Schwalm at [creatvcat29@aol.com](mailto:creatvcat29@aol.com) or 646-387-8611

## **6. Sponsorships and Donations Drive**

Please remember our Sponsorship and Donations Drive is underway. This year we are

not eligible for one of the larger annual Grants. Therefore, our 2025-26 Sponsorship Drive is critical for us to continue providing monthly guest speakers, reasonably priced workshops, exhibitions, and funding our monthly expenses. Everyone is encouraged to contact at least one local business where they regularly do business and ask if they would like to donate. Any size donation is welcome and appreciated. Sponsorships from businesses and individuals start as low as \$50 and may commemorate a special person or event. All sponsor benefits are good for one year from the date of donation. If you would like a suggestion for a business to contact reach out to Michael Naughton via email [ccal25prez@gmail.com](mailto:ccal25prez@gmail.com). Everything we do depends on individual and community support. It is only through the generous investment and ongoing commitment of many individuals like you that we continue to improve our programs and grow - every contribution helps. Show your support by making a tax-deductible donation. On-line forms are available at: <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/sponsorship-support> I can supply you with a hard-copy sponsorship form upon request.

On behalf of the CCAL Board, I wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Thanksgiving holiday. I am grateful to have each of you as fellow members of our art community here at CCAL. I hope to see you at the Christmas party on December 15.

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