



September 2026 President's Letter

Remember to check the [CCAL Website](#) regarding upcoming show dates! See Events Tab.

September Program

Hello, CCAL artists! I hope your summer has been filled with creativity, discovery, and time to enjoy making art. As we begin the 2026–2027 season, I invite you to reflect on what you learned, tried, or explored over the summer. We will take a few moments to share those reflections at our first monthly meeting on **Monday, September 21**, at Crooked Creek Recreational Park in Chapin. If you are new to CCAL, we look forward to welcoming you. Guests are always welcome, so please invite a friend who would enjoy meeting fellow artists and art enthusiasts.

Refreshments will begin at **5:30 PM** (CCAL board members will provide the appetizers and treats for this first meeting of the year), followed by a brief business meeting at **6:00 PM** and then the monthly guest presentation featuring T C Bowers and Jason Williams for a conversation on how thoughtful framing can strengthen finished artwork and help artists work more effectively with gallery partners.

[Guest Speakers' Backgrounds.](#)

For those joining remotely, the Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404936824#success>. Remember to sign on a few minutes early, and you will be admitted to the virtual meeting room by the tech to the room just before 6:00 PM.

Membership Renewal Dues

Renew now: Membership fees are due now. Please renew your CCAL membership by September 30 to avoid a \$10 late fee. [Renew Now!](#)

Action: Volunteers Needed

Most committees need more help at some point during the year, and volunteering is one of the best ways to meet other members and to support CCAL.

- **Grant Committee:** Chairperson needed – serves as lead and volunteers to help with applications for three to four art grant opportunities annually, and to find new funding options for operations, equipment, and special projects.
- **[Fall and Spring Library, Still Hopes, and Annual Juried Show:](#)** Help with receiving artwork, hanging artwork, and take-down of art on the pick-up days.

- **Refreshment Committee:** Help with set-up and clean-up; sign up for one or more monthly meetings, and/or bring an appetizer or treat to share.
- **Sponsorships and Donations Committee:** Looking for 3-4 members to serve on a committee to explore the possibility of finding a dedicated physical home for the CCAL, what that might look like and how to raise funding. Let Michael Naughton (Michaeltnaughtonfineart@outlook.com) or Mary Beth Ables (marybethables@gmail.com) know if you will join in this effort.
- **Interested in helping:** Sign-up sheets will be available on September 21 meeting.

Looking Ahead

Thank you for being part of this creative community. I look forward to seeing you on September 21 and celebrating another meaningful year of art, friendship, and growth.

Warmly,

Michael Naughton

President, Crooked Creek Art League