



President's Letter – July 2026

CCAL Summer Updates + Big News for the Year Ahead!

Hello fellow CCAL Members!

I hope you're enjoying a bright, creative summer. Whether you're traveling, hosting family, or making new art, I'm grateful for all you do to keep CCAL thriving. Our volunteers continue to shine — from Public Galleries to fundraising to workshop planning — thank you!



Spring Show Feedback

Although we received fewer than 20 survey responses, your input still guided improvements. We're updating:

- Reception timing & food planning
- Sound quality at meetings and shows
- Award ceremony slide review + rehearsal to prevent errors

Thanks to a generous grant from the Chapin Women's Club and donations from two members, we're partnering with **Top Tier Techs** to upgrade our sound equipment.



Membership Dues Reminder

Membership runs **September–August**, and dues should be renewed by **September 1**. Renewals after **Sept 30** include a \$10 late fee.

Annual Membership Levels:

- General – \$35
- Associate (out-of-state) – \$25
- Patron – \$50
- Family (up to four members) – \$50
- Student – \$20

Renew online:  <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/join-or-renew> (crookedcreekart.org in Bing)



Workshops Registration Is Open!

Registration for **September and October workshops** is now live. Huge thanks to Liz Knapp, Barbara Brothers, Deb Kehoe, and Mary Beth Able for building an exciting lineup for the new season.

Watch your inbox and the CCAL website for updates!



Big News!

CCAL received a **\$26,000 donation** from **Mary Lou Naughton** from Pittsburgh, PA to support a future building fund. The Executive Committee will discuss this with the Board, and I'll share more at our September meeting.



Support Our Sponsors

We deeply appreciate the donations and business sponsorships we received during the 2025–26 season. Please continue supporting our local partners and Public Gallery hosts listed at this link: . <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/celebrating-our-sponsors>



Volunteer Opportunities

We certainly welcome every member to volunteer. For new members this is a great way to meet other artists and to get to know the organization.

We still need helping hands for:

- Meeting food
- Sponsor recruitment
- Art show take-in
- Greeting & sign-in
- Meeting room setup
- Annual financial review
- CCAL planning

If you're interested in one or more of these opportunities, I'd love to hear from you.



Upcoming Meetings

The Next General Meeting is scheduled for September 21 with fellowship and food beginning at 5:30 PM. (Board Meeting: September 14 at 6:30 PM)

I look forward to seeing you on September 21 — and don't forget to renew your membership!

Best regards,

Michael Naughton

CCAL President