



Greetings, CCAL Members,

Happy New Year! I hope the beginning of this new year finds you energized and ready to get back in the swing of things, including the art league. We had a wonderful league Christmas party in December and a good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to Lainie McWilliams for all her planning and preparation for the party. Thank you also to those who volunteered to help with the party. We collected and delivered our donations of art supplies to the Epworth Children's Home. They were very appreciative of all that we provided. Thanks to those who brought donations for such a worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be held this coming Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:00pm. Come early at 5:30pm for refreshments and to socialize. We will offer Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. Our presenter for the meeting will be Mary Presson Roberts. Her presentation, "Follow Your Own Path," revolves around her journey in the art and photography world. Mary is an excellent speaker, and you won't want to miss hearing from her.

Our TAP Gallery theme for the next month is "Scenes from the Past." Bring your original artwork to the meeting this Monday to be displayed in the Crooked Creek Park foyer until February 17. Remember to print your wall tag to attach to your artwork. Let's provide many pieces of artwork to showcase for all the people who come to the park each day.

For those who are interested, canvases and submission forms for the Postcards for Africa fundraiser will be made available at the January 20th meeting.

Our Annual Juried Show is coming up soon; online only registration is open through February 20. You can find the prospectus and all other information regarding the show on our website. The reception for the show will be held on Saturday, March 15. We are still in need of more volunteers to help with

setting up for the reception, bringing food, cleaning up, and setting up for the program, as well as pick up day for the artwork. If you are able to help in any way, please add your name to the sign-up forms on the table as you check in for the meeting. You may also visit our website and look for the “Volunteer” button under Events-Annual Juried Show. Please help us make this the best show ever by volunteering to help.

In conjunction with our Juried Show, we are offering a two-day workshop, February 27-28, on watercolor with our lead judge, Russell Jewel. You may sign up for this workshop on our website. Don't delay as this will be a very popular workshop!

Other upcoming workshops you might be interested in include:

- January 24-25: “Color in Landscape” with Tammy Papa. Pastel, Oil, or Acrylic welcome.
- February 1: “Nature Journaling” with Ellen Fishburne. This workshop was rescheduled from a previous date due to the weather. Only 3 spots are available.
- March 21-22: “Mastering Water & Reflections in your Landscape Paintings” with Michael Story. Oil or Acrylic.
- April 11-12: “Landscape Painting” with David Dunlop.

As always, more information on each workshop, as well as registration, can be found under “Workshops” on our website.

Registration for the Spring Irmo Library Exhibition will begin on March 1. Start planning what you might want to display, and possibly sell, at the library. You can find all the key dates as well as the prospectus on our website under “Events.”

Our Annual May Contest information is now available on the website. The theme for this year is “Childhood Memories.” This contest will be held during our last meeting in May before we break for the summer. There is no cost to enter but you just need to prepare your artwork, **register it on the website by May 16**, and bring it to our Monday, May 19 meeting. Also bring an easel to the meeting to display your artwork so all the members present can easily view and vote on their favorites. Ribbons will be awarded 1st- 3rd place. This is a fun contest and a chance to see how everyone interprets “Childhood Memories.” Artwork that is submitted will also remain on display at Crooked Creek Park throughout the summer.

At our last board meeting it was decided that we would go to an **Online Only** league registration for new members as well as for membership renewal of dues. Most members already renew online so it won't be a big change. It will, however, help us keep track of the membership dues easier with online only registration and payment. We will remind everyone about this when it is time to start renewing again.

We have a lot going on with the league from now until the end of May, and it takes an army to make it all happen. Consider volunteering where needed, especially for our upcoming Annual Juried Show. Also, consider being a part of our board, a committee, or part of our service and support team for the next league year. There are many opportunities to serve our league in lots of different areas. You can find a list of areas to serve on our website under "Member Resources – Boards and Committees." We will be looking for members to serve in these volunteer positions soon. If you have an area that you are particularly interested in, please contact me for more information. We would love to have you on the team!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting as well as the upcoming league events. Have fun getting all your artwork ready as we enter the second half of our year.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL