

Crooked Creek Art League



President's Letter – October 2025

Happy Fall! I hope you have been getting a chance to enjoy the beautiful and more temperate days recently! It was great to see those of you on-line and in-person who were able to join us for our October 20th membership meeting. We certainly had a meeting full of information, including our guest Amy Brady from Artist for Africa, who told us a bit more about how each of us as an artist can help to raise funds for the work done for young people in Africa. More information about this organization can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtistsForAfrica/mentions/>. This organization is making arrangements to collect our members' postcard art at one of our meetings prior to their fundraising event on February 26, 2026 at 6:30PM.

We also had fun and enlightening evening with our featured guest speaker, our own Sekelle Nathan, who talked about her journey in art, trying new methods, exploring the use of repurposed items, and how stories, culture, and travel play a role in her art. You can view Sekelle's presentation on-line at your convenience at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMX9x6dANiw>

The Chapin Art Trail is expanding! The public is invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 1pm in front of the St. Francis Community Thrift Shop at 114 Courtland Road in Chapin, SC. This is a free event. Cathy Schwalm and her team are recruiting more artists for the Irmo Library Show and Sale. The deadline to submit is November 2. More information is located at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/irmao-library-exhibition>. Irmo Library is a great partner and a wonderful place to show your art. Please consider submitting to this show.

Exciting news from Kay Fox is that we have exceeded the 2024 number of artists entering the 2025 Still Hopes Exhibition. Last year 21 artists competed, we are now up to 25 artists, and we hope to get 50. If you have not been to Still Hopes it is a beautiful retirement village in Cayce that has its own gallery. The gallery is well lit and is in a beautiful communal area. CCAL members sell artwork at this exhibition every year. Consider submitting one of your pieces this year! Registration deadline is November 18; here is the link to more information <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/still-hopes-exhibition>.

Reminders:

- The Public Galleries program is open to all members of CCAL. You must register every year for this program beginning in September. <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/public-galleries-artist-application>
- Nov 17, 2025 - Jan 19, 2026 The TAP Gallery is in the lobby of the Crooked Creek Park building. Bring your artwork to the November 17, membership meeting if you want to display it.
 - THEME: "The Sky's the Limit" (Explore the sky's changing moods, symbolism, and connection to human emotion.)
 - <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/tap-gallery-themes>

Finally, our 2025-26 Sponsorship Drive is underway. Please reach out to your friends, family members, and businesses who may want to contribute to keeping art alive in our surrounding communities. Direct interested parties to:

<https://www.crookedcreekart.org/sponsorship-support>. Every donation help us to continue to provide quality value to our artists, sponsoring businesses, and the extended community, including Chapin, Newberry, Irmo, Little Mountain, Ballentine, Lexington, Prosperity, Pomaria, and the greater Columbia area. Members are also eligible to be sponsors to get the word out about your own art. Direct questions to Michael Naughton, President and Sponsorship committee lead.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween season! I look forward to seeing you on November 17 at our next membership meeting.

Michael Naughton
CCAL President