November 2026 President's Letter

November Members' General Meeting

When: Monday, November 16, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 PM (Brief Business Meeting at 6 PM)

To receive attendance credit, members attending in person or via Zoom must attend the business meeting part. This credit counts toward MIGS (Member in Good Standing) status, which determines eligibility for juried shows.

This month's presenter, **Robert C. Clark**, will share images and insights on light, dimension, color, and impact to help photographers and artists alike. Read more about Robert on the CCAL website.

Remember to bring your TAP Gallery artwork to the November meeting. If you signed up to bring food, let Kathy Gardener know what you are bringing at Gardener.kathy@gmail.com or 803-466-8454 so we can avoid duplicates.

TAP Gallery at Crooked Creek Park

New to CCAL? TAP Gallery covers the walls and cabinets on both sides of the Crooked Creek Park lobby. All CCAL members may display art year-round. Explore TAP Gallery themes.

Congratulations to **Robin Houston**, whose acrylic painting *Mountain Heritage* received the Crooked Creek Park staff's ribbon for the Cultural Heritage TAP Gallery theme. This current exhibit runs October 19–November 16.

Next theme: Seasons and Festivals | November 16–January 18
Bring your entry to the **CCAL November General Meeting on Monday, November 16**, with a complete CCAL artwork tag. To get the tag, visit the Policies and Forms page at https://www.crookedcreekart.org/forms-policies and click "Full Page Artwork Labels."

CCAL Members' Christmas Party 2026

Please note the new date and location! Visit The Heritage at Lowman
When: Monday, December 14, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 PM | **Where:** The Heritage at Lowman, Wellness Building — 2101 Dutch Fork Rd, Chapin, SC 29036
Directions: Turn onto Fortress Drive from Dutch Fork Rd (SR 76). The Wellness Building is the first building on the right. We will celebrate in the gallery space and meeting room.

What to bring: An appetizer, casserole, vegetables, fruit, or holiday sweets to share—homemade or from a local deli or grocery store. CCAL will provide water, sweet and unsweet tea, and lemonade. You may bring a bottle of wine.
Let us know what you are bringing: Contact Kathy Gardener at Gardener.kathy@gmail.com or 803-466-8454.

Our Holiday Tradition
Bring art supplies or art supply store gift cards to the donation table at the November meeting or December party to support **Epworth Children's Home in Columbia**. Your gifts help continue CCAL's annual art supply collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to the children at Epworth!

CCAL Sponsored Workshops

Explore new topics, stretch beyond your comfort zone, and keep growing as an artist through CCAL workshops. Each year, CCAL brings in local, regional, and national artists to lead workshops for members and Not Yet Members. Our Workshop Chairs selected a variety of topics and day combinations in response to member ideas and preferences. Check out the upcoming events, sign up, and bring a friend! **Information and registration for all 2027 workshops** are available at https://www.crookedcreekart.org/workshops.

Start 2027 with fresh inspiration! Explore bold palette knife painting in January and expressive watercolor in February. Mark your calendar—and invite a friend or two to create alongside you!

Palette Knife Oil Painting with Rob Shaw
When: Saturday, January 16, 2027 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | **Where:** Art Room at Crooked Creek Park
Explore palette knife painting as Rob shows each step. You will paint from a provided image using oil paints and a palette knife. Beginners and experienced painters are welcome.
Tickets: $110 for members | $160 for Not Yet Members
Food: Lunch is not provided. Bring a snack or sandwich if you would like.
Make a colorful start to the new year—join Rob for a morning of hands-on painting! Reserve your place at the Rob Shaw workshop!

Watercolor with Iain Stewart (3-Day Workshop)
When: Thursday–Saturday, February 25–27, 2027 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM | **Where:** Art Room at Crooked Creek Park
Explore watercolor with acclaimed artist Iain Stewart over three days. Paint dramatic skies, water in its many forms, landscapes, and urban scenes, including people, cars, boats, and other supporting details.
Explore techniques: Watch demonstrations of wet-on-dry painting, dry brush, and complex washes. Learn to simplify complex forms into basic geometry and build your painting from there.

Lunch is included. Tickets are on sale now! Reserve your seat for Iain Stewart's watercolor workshop—**and give yourself three days to learn, explore, and create!**

Still Hopes Juried Exhibition and Sale – Last Day to Enter November 18

Whether you are entering your first juried show or returning this year, we encourage you to enter the annual Still Hopes Juried Exhibition and Sale in West Columbia, SC. This exciting venue offers dedicated gallery space to showcase your work, and our members welcome and support everyone who enters. With just over two weeks left to enter, now is a fun time to get started. Contact Kay Fox for more information or questions.

The final day for entry is **November 18**. We are once again hoping for fifty individual artists to enter. View show details, prospectus, and registration.

Key Still Hopes Exhibition and Sale Dates

Show location:
https://www.stillhopes.org/location-maps
Online entry: September 16–November 18
Acceptance notification: On or about November 24
Artwork drop-off: Saturday, November 28 | 10:00–11:00 AM | Still Hopes
Show hung: Saturday, November 28
Jurying: Sunday, November 29
Show hours: Monday–Friday | 10:00 AM–6:00 PM *during the display period; open to the public*.
Opening reception: Saturday, December 12 | 4:00–6:00 PM (Awards at 5:00 PM)
Artwork pickup: Saturday, January 30, 2027 | 2:30–3:30 PM | Still Hopes

Call for 3D Artists

Create Newberry seeks new 3D artwork for its recently remodeled artist gallery on Main St. in Newberry. CCAL member Kathy Gardener serves on the board of CREATE Newberry, which owns and operates the gallery.
Currently accepting 3D artwork only; limited wall space prevents new 2D submissions. **Interested?** Email your contact information and photos of your artwork to Executive Director Katie Pace at createnewberry@gmail.com.
Call for Entries: Duality—Exploring the Spaces Between
South Carolina artists are invited to enter Gemini Arts Collective's first juried show, *Duality: Exploring the Spaces Between*. Located in Columbia's Rosewood neighborhood at 2847 Commerce Dr., the collective welcomes your submissions!
Deadline: December 18, 2026 | **Application fee:** $35 | **Eligibility:** South Carolina residents. Visit Gemini Arts for the prospectus and application and pay through the Gemini Arts Store. Proof of payment is required with your application.

Have you renewed your CCAL Membership?

Memberships not renewed as of 12/31/2026 will be removed from the membership list. Renew your membership at https://www.crookedcreekart.org/join-or-renew.

Community Inquiry

Interested in old boards from a 1930s–1940s tenant house for art? A Newberry County resident is looking for artists who could use the boards for art projects before the house is torn down. Email me, Michael Naughton, at CCAL25prez@gmail.com or text 803-730-3490, and I'll provide the owner's phone number.

Thank you for your attention to this information. You can direct questions to me or to any member of the CCAL Board. I look forward to seeing you at a future general meeting.

Best regards,
Michael Naughton, CCAL President
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