

# Crooked Creek Art League



## March 2024 President's Letter

Greetings, CCAL Members!

The official beginning of the spring season is almost here. Everywhere I look I can see the signs of new beginnings. The temperatures are warming, grass is greening up, plants and flowers are beginning to bloom, and there is a sense of a new season quickly approaching. Just as our spring season is a time for renewal and new beginnings, preparing for our next art league year is also a time for new beginnings. We are preparing now for new community art projects, workshops, and shows just to name a few, and we need to find members who will volunteer to help make these things happen.

Many members have already stepped up to serve, but we are still looking to fill a few more positions. Would you please consider being a volunteer for our upcoming 2024-2025 league year? Whether you have been in the league for many years or are a brand-new member, we have positions available and would love to have the opportunity to work along with you in your area of interest. Please consider becoming a volunteer. Maybe volunteering to help this coming year will be your “new beginning!”

Here are the committees we still need to cover:

- **Annual Juried Show:** Provide overall leadership for the Annual Juried Show that occurs in March. We are looking for detail-oriented people who enjoy working with others from the art league to put on this event that showcases the art of CCAL members to our greater community.
- **Community Art:** Work with the Community Art chair to serve and maintain working relationships with community leaders to ensure ongoing promotion of the arts in Chapin and beyond. Assist in the implementation of the Chapin Art Trail project.
- **Fundraising:** Promote and coordinate the securing of donations from members and area businesses to supplement the work of the CCAL. This committee's work helps to support the Annual Juried Show.
- **Publicity:** Promote awareness of the CCAL and its events to our community and beyond. This includes the creation of press releases for local media and blog

posts for the CCAL website. The league's main events are the Annual Juried Show and workshops.

- **Workshops:** Oversee the planning and implementation of workshops that provide opportunities for league members and others to develop their artistic skills. Secure presenters based on your own ideas and/or the suggestions of other members.

If you think you may be interested in one or more of these committees (or serving with members on another committee, for that matter) and would like to hear more, please contact me and I'll get back to you with more information. We'd love to have you join the team!

Just a few reminders as we finish out this year with CCAL:

- The Annual Juried Show Awards Reception is coming up on March 23. Everyone please bring food to share as this is a big event with extra family and community members in attendance. We will eat and socialize beginning at 5:00pm, followed by our awards presentation at 6:00pm. This event takes the place of our regularly scheduled Monday members' meeting for March.
  - If you would like to help with any of the setting up for the Awards Reception, please contact Co-chair Sonya Diimmller to see how you might be of help. Volunteers are much appreciated!
  - We will have two student jurors at our Awards Reception. Please engage with them as you can and invite them to come to our meetings this coming year.
- Don't forget to submit your vote for the 2024 Annual Juried Show Members' Choice and People's Choice Awards. I encourage you to take time to visit Crooked Creek Park to see all the hanging artwork in person. If you are unable to visit in person, you can still see images of all the artwork online. While we encourage you to submit your vote in advance, you may also vote in person at the reception.
- You should have received an email regarding our \$10 dues increase for the 2024-2025 league year. Please refer to that email for other changes regarding dues for the upcoming year.
- The last scheduled workshop for this year will be with Susan Mayfield. Her workshop, "Go Bold! Painting Dynamic Pastel Landscapes," will be held April 12-13. Please check the website for more details as well as to register.
- Our speaker for the April 15 meeting will be our very own Rebecca Horne, speaking on the topic of Abstract Art. You won't want to miss this!
- Online registration continues through April 17 for our Special Exhibit with Friends of the Irmo Branch Library. The Prospectus and all the details are on our website.
- Our last meeting of the year on May 20 will be our May Contest. Please bring one of your artworks, as well as an easel for display, between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. The theme for the contest is "Sights from Around the World." All

members present in person may vote for their favorites, and ribbons will be awarded. Afterwards, all the artworks will be hung in the TAP Gallery and remain there throughout the summer. Check the Prospectus online for more information and to sign up for this fun event.

I am looking forward to the Annual Juried Show Awards Reception coming up this Saturday and I hope to see all of you there!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer  
CCAL President