



“Small Town Charm”

A Community Art Project

In partnership with the Town of Chapin, the Crooked Creek Art League (CCAL) is pleased to announce the public Dedication and unveiling of the newest public art installation and addition to the **Chapin Art Trail**. The artwork, titled “Small Town Charm” was dedicated on November 9, 2023, as a permanent addition to the Chapin Art Trail before great gathering of members of the public. The artwork is a large scale mural covering the entire side of a building in downtown Chapin. It was painted in very durable high quality and weather resistant water based paint. The design and finish were both done by artist Nicki Peeples.

Chapin is known for being the “Capital of Lake Murray” and there is no denying that it is a huge part of our town. The lake offers many activities including fishing and boating, water skiing and kayaking. Its shorelines are full of our homes, our friends’ homes, restaurants and local hot spots. When it comes to lake living, it’s always in season and always prevalent in our community. The artist’s intent with this art was to highlight the unique qualities that make Chapin special by showcasing Lake Murray. The wildlife, the incredible sunsets, landmarks and recreational activities are all a part of the vision. Photo opportunities are designed into each end of the mural and painted so that visitors can interact with the artwork. Nicki named the artwork “Small Town Charm”. There’s a simple and yet charming way about life in Chapin that has never changed.

Crooked Creek Art League (CCAL) and the Town of Chapin are committed to infusing the area with exciting public art. The goal is to shine a light on the vibrant arts scene in Chapin and surrounding lake communities.

CCAL is grateful to the Town of Chapin and Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce for their support and financial backing which made this project possible. CCAL also wishes to thank the Central Carolina Community Foundation and South Carolina Arts Commission for their grant support for CCAL and the Chapin Art Trail. The project also could not have been undertaken without the outstanding support of the local business community. CCAL welcomes your support in continuing to make a difference for the artists and art in our community. We invite you to join CCAL members and others from the community in supporting growth of the visual arts in the Lake Murray region. For more information, visit crookedcreekart.org/chapinarttrail or contact Project Manager Barbara Teusink at crookedcreekartleague@gmail.com.

About the Chapin Art Trail:

An easy way to check out ALL the great art around Chapin, the self-guided trail seeks to stir the public imagination and sense of creativity as well as beautify the community with public art displays created by local artists. The trail includes currently installed public art pieces and galleries throughout the greater Chapin area.

One of the best parts of visiting an area is finding all the wonderful things that make it unique. Artwork is a vital part of that and enriches our daily lives. Murals, statuary, gardens and sculptures make places more interesting and memorable. Public works of art throughout the greater Chapin area are mapped out on the web at crookedcreekart.org/chapinarttrail and in other promotional materials designed to enable citizens to better access and appreciate the art. You are encouraged to participate in an ongoing self-guided tour of the area and its many works of public art. You can go in any order and view as many as you like during your visit. You are invited to play along by hunting through Chapin to see if you can find all the great art on display on the Chapin Art Trail. Complete the online Scavenger Hunt Form. Turn your completed form in online to be entered into a quarterly drawing to win prizes. Winners will be notified by email.

About the Crooked Creek Art League:

CCAL is located in Chapin, SC. Its more than 160 members, from Chapin and the surrounding lake communities, include painters of all mediums, photographers, sculptors and mixed media artists. All are welcome. CCAL is chartered as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of federal tax law. As a dynamic non-profit organization, CCAL depends on its members, business partners and donors to help it continue to grow the visual arts in our area in many varied ways. The league provides on-location art exhibits at local businesses, associate juror training and workshops. It also hosts one of the largest juried art shows in the Midlands each year and, when possible, provides arts supply funding to local schools. Founded in 1995, the mission of the Crooked Creek Art League has been to grow awareness of the visual arts in our communities while providing inspiration and recognition for existing and aspiring artists.

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