



November 29, 2018

Dear Fellow Crooked Creek Art League Members,

Hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was full of family, friends and good food and that you have had the time and energy to create some art. I have been painting as much as my holiday catering schedule will allow and have been reading "Clear Seeing Place" by Brian Rutenberg. It is a wonderful read for artists-"a love letter to painting written by a painter."

Christmas Party

Hopefully most of you will be able to come to the Christmas Party at the lovely home of Ron and Carol Weathers. ***There has been a date change and the Christmas Party will be Tuesday December 18th!*** I have heard from a few of you that with the date change you cannot make the party and I'm sorry about that. But, many of you have signed up for food and it promises to be a feast for the ages! There will be a Homemade Ornament Contest with prizes for the best ornament as well as other fun and activities. Remember the Christmas Party does count as one of the three meetings necessary to be a member in good standing!

Still Hopes

Artwork for those participating Artists is to be picked up at Crooked Creek Park on Saturday December 1st from 10 am – 1 pm. And good news from Still Hopes! We have been invited back next year and will be putting up the show December 2019-January 2020. Hopefully that time slot will be more convenient for all!

Annual Juried Show

Thank you to those of you who have signed up already to sponsor the show and to those members who have brought in sponsorships from local businesses. We have received several Award Sponsorships so will have even more awards to hand out this year! We are still several thousand shy of our goal so please if you know of any local businesses that might be interested or able to sponsor the show, please let myself or your juried co-chairs Ann Peake and Kay Young know. As always, we appreciate any and all assistance our members are able to provide in helping fund the show.

Monthly Meetings

Thank you to everyone that came to the November Meeting. While it was not the art historian's review of Jasper Johns body of work we anticipated, Temple Ligon's presentation on his architectural vision of "The Bridge"-an urban design concept for Columbia's downtown-was fascinating nonetheless. Temple is featured in a narration on Jasper Johns that is included in CMA's exhibit Midcentury Masters running through February 24th.

For our January meeting, photographer Thornton Kirby will be discussing his beautiful work and in February Laurie Meyers and Marissa Vogl are pairing up to do a demo and discuss their work and their lovely and popular gallery Meyer Vogl in Charleston.

Workshops

There are four more workshops scheduled for the season beginning in February. We have Russell Jewel, The Smith Twins from Charleston Shannon Smith Hughes and Jennifer Smith Rogers, Frederick Graff and Laurie Meyers. For workshop details, visit our workshops page at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/ccal-workshops>. Remember members can sign up online for any of our workshops this season. Signing up online will ensure your spot, otherwise you will need to have your deposit to Workshop Coordinator Sandra Oliver to guarantee your spot. We have some good ones up and coming and most of them are sure to sell out!

Membership Renewal/Patron Membership

Remember to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Dues must be paid by December 31st! If you are renewing, please consider upgrading to a Patron Membership if you have not already done so. Patron Membership is \$50 and the additional \$25 will give you a spot in the League's online gallery as well as help fund our annual juried show. If you do not have a website, the league's online gallery has SEO (search engine optimization) which will allow you and your artwork to appear in online searches. It is even more important to the league that we represent the vast talent we have in our League on our website. So please, when you renew your membership this year, please consider upgrading to a Patron Member for an additional \$25! And thank you to those who have upgraded already!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party! If not, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Sonya Diimmler
President, Crooked Creek Art League