



President's Letter – May 2026

Dear CCAL Friends,

It is hard to believe we are already entering May 2026, the last month of our 2025-2026 Art League year. It was good to have a well-attended April general meeting, including several new members and guests of members. Thanks to Brian Fox, our fellow member and presenter, for sharing his perspective and journey as a photographer!

Below are some reminders and information for you as we finish our year:

1. **Members are needed to serve** in 2026-27 as chair and co-chairpersons of several CCAL committees. We also need many support volunteers to serve on the committees with the chairpersons. Please consider contributing in this way!

2. We are excited to announce that the **Chapin Women's Club awarded Crooked Creek Art League a \$2500 grant** at an Awards ceremony held on April 21. This is a new grant for CCAL, and we are honored to be recognized by the Women's Club. Our grant was approved for **technology and display upgrades for our meetings**, including:

- a. Adding a second television monitor, which will allow for an expanded meeting seating area.
- b. Upgrading the quality and effectiveness of our clip-on and wireless hand-held microphones and speakers so virtual and in-person attendees will be better able to hear questions and comments from the audience.
- c. Purchasing new easels and pedestals for use by members, guest speakers, and workshop instructors. This will allow for more effective and safe display of sample art by speakers and instructors.

3. The **2026-27 Nomination Committee** is now meeting. This year's committee is made up of Michael Naughton, Barbara Teusink, and Barbara Brothers. *If you are interested in any position or want to nominate someone, please submit the name(s) to anyone on the committee as soon as possible, prior to the May 18 general meeting.* As announced, the current elected officers are all willing to serve again next year: Michael Naughton, President; Bobbi Mann, Vice President; Jan Lane, Secretary; and Jimma Causey, Treasurer. However, our CCAL Constitution allows for additional nominations for all positions. Voting will take place at our May 18 members meeting.

4. **Donations (funds or artwork supplies) will be collected** at the general meeting on May 18 for the Arts Education program at Epworth Children's Home. Let's continue to support this agency as we did with our Christmas donations.

5. All members are eligible to participate in the **Annual Contest** on May 18 at the General Meeting. There is no entry fee, but **pre-registration is required**. See the prospectus HERE. All artists bringing artwork to participate in the Annual Contest should bring their own floor or table easels and have their artwork set up before 5:30pm. We will have tables available if you want to use a table easel. *We also will have a few floor easels available; send a text message to Michael Naughton (803-730-3490) if you need one.*

6. The **Spring CCAL Irmo Branch Library Art Show** runs from May 2-29. More Info. Our members' art will be displayed and open to the public daily during the library's normal working hours (Irmo Library Business Hours). If you are in that area, stop by to see the beautiful artwork and to vote for the People's Choice award! **Art pick up day for this show is May 30th 10am-Noon.**

7. The Lowman Home's Wellness Building has been approved by the CCAL Board as our **newest Public Gallery location**. Dianne Neil is working closely with Lowman's staff to get the location set up with a hanging system. There will also be a display case for 3D and small 2D art pieces. Once in place, we will be able to announce the timing of artist rotations and sign-ups. Stay tuned for more details, expected late spring or early summer.

8. A new location/exhibit is being added to **Chapin Art Trail**. The Board recently approved Lowman Home's request to add the Marie G. Hoefler Tapestry Collection to the Trail. This unique collection was done by artist Richard Carl Hoefler, late resident of Lowman Home, and donated to Lowman in honor of his mother. This addition to the Trail requires minimal financial support from CCAL. We will be providing the usual markers to designate the gallery as part of the Trail. A dedication ceremony is in the planning stages, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

9. Our **Public Gallery** program is open to all members of CCAL. This is a fantastic opportunity to display your art in our community. Participation is easy: you can register at any time, but remember your registration must be current. Go to <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/public-galleries> and pick the locations you would like to exhibit your art. If you are new to CCAL, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. Register for Public Gallery Program by visiting this link. Questions may be directed to Dianne Neil at GlassArtByDianneNeil@gmail.com or 803-730-7643.

10. Attached you will find a discount sheet for **Lotus Spa**, one of our Public Gallery hosts. We thank them for their support and for their generosity!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Monday, May 18 meeting, and don't forget to register your artwork and bring it for the end-of-year contest (Item #5 above).

Sincerely,

Michael Naughton
CCAL President

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