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December 2023 President's Letter

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Dear CCAL Friends,

Christmas is fast approaching, and the days are busy it seems. Lots to do in the days before Christmas and the gathering of family and friends. One of the fun things to take part in during this season is our upcoming league Christmas Party! We will be meeting at the Chapin Town Hall Community Room on Monday, December 18, 2023, from 5:30pm-8:00pm. The Town Hall is located at [157 NW Columbia Avenue](#) in Chapin. Please bring food to share (along with serving spoons) and come prepared to have a fun evening with your art league friends.

Donations of art supplies will be collected for the Epworth Children's Home. You do not need to wrap these gifts. We will be having a short business meeting (also available via Zoom) beginning at 5:30pm. This meeting will count as one of your three required attendances to participate in our Annual Juried Show in March as a "MIGS" (Member in Good Standing). Thank you to our Vice President, Lainie McWilliams, along with other volunteers, for their time and effort in preparing for our Christmas party!

As you are dropping hints for what you might like for Christmas this year, maybe a workshop offered through CCAL would be a great idea! The following workshops are available to register for now:

Jan. 12-13, 2024: Courtney Trowman, "Collage and Intuitive Abstracts"

Jan. 26-27, 2024: J J Jiang, "The Simplicity of Watercolor Painting"

Feb. 29-Mar. 2, 2024: Steven S. Walker, "Take Your Painting to the Next Level"

Our Still Hopes Art Exhibition will continue to be on display until January 26, 2024. There are 50 pieces of artwork by 34 different artists. An awards presentation and reception were held on Saturday, December 9. A big Thank You to the Still Hopes Committee, Kay Fox (Chairman), Debi Kelly, and Vic Shuler for their dedicated work to make this exhibition such a success. Congratulations to the following artists who were presented with awards:

Best of Show: Roberta Sorensen, "Red Roof Barn"

1st Place Fine Art: Karen Jamrose, "The Last Bend Before..."

2nd Place Fine Art: Debi Kelly, "Draw a Crowd"

3rd Place Fine Art: Vic Shuler, "Gervais and Congaree"

Patron Award Fine Art: Rebecca Horne, "Embracing This Life"

1st Place Photography: Harold Blackwood, "Solitude"

2nd Place Photography: Kay Fox, "Fripp Island Doe"

3rd Place Photography: Yvonne Beyer, "Memories"

Patron Award Photography: Bryan Beyer, "Big Red"

I hope you are all thinking ahead and beginning to prepare your artwork for our 29th Annual Crooked Creek Art League Juried Exhibit to be held at Crooked Creek Park. You can go to our website to read the prospectus and check out all the details. There will be online only registration this year beginning Monday, January 22 through Thursday, February 22, 2024. Mark your calendar now for the reception for this event to be held Saturday, March 23, 2024, 5:00pm-8:00pm at Crooked Creek Park. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Just a reminder that December 31, 2023 is the last day to renew your membership. If you haven't renewed it yet, please don't wait. We have so many more exciting events coming up and I don't want you to miss out! You can go to our website to take care of this.

Speaking of upcoming events, our first members meeting of 2024 will be on Monday, January 15, at 6:00pm. Come early at 5:30 for light refreshments and to socialize. Our speaker will be Don Wuori. His presentation is on "The Iconography of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church" (located in Columbia). Don was fortunate enough to photograph, over several weeks, the process of the painting of the icons at

the church. He will be presenting not only his images but information he learned about the tradition of the painting of icons in churches.

The next theme for The Artists' Place (TAP) Gallery is "On the Farm." If you would like to display your artwork pertaining to this theme, please bring it with you to our January meeting. The artwork will be on display January 15-February 19, 2024.

During this holiday season of giving, why not consider giving a gift of support to CCAL? You can find options for your giving on our website. Thanks for considering donating in order that we can continue to provide all that we do. You can also sign up to support CCAL by being a sponsor of our juried shows. Every contribution helps to support CCAL and the Arts in our local communities!

Please continue to check the website for all information regarding CCAL. There is always something new that is going on!

I'm thankful to be part of such a wonderful group of artists who can share their love of the arts. I pray that this Christmas season will be a special time for you and your family. I also pray for those who are hurting in various ways that you will be able to embrace the comfort and joy of the Christmas season and that you might just find a little time to enjoy your passion of creativity in the arts.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer

President, CCAL



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