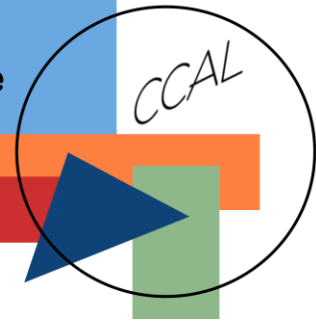


Crooked Creek Art League



September 2024 President's Letter

Greetings, CCAL Members!

Our first meeting of the new league year is almost here! I hope you are planning to attend this coming Monday, September 16, 2024. Our meeting will begin at 6:00pm but I hope you will plan to arrive by 5:30 for social time and refreshments. The board members are providing the food for our meeting this month, but we would appreciate other members signing up to do the same in October and in the months to come. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting.

It's always nice to get back together with our league friends after having a summer break. Enjoy catching up with your friends but also please introduce yourself to our many newcomers or guests and make them feel welcome to our league. If you are not able to attend in person, we will again be providing the option to join by zoom. A zoom link to the meeting will be sent out in a separate email.

Our board and committees have been busy with planning for the new year. Besides our social media posts, our website offers updated details on all that is happening. Remember to check the website for all the information needed for our league events.

Thank you to all board and committee members as well as our service and support team for volunteering your time and effort to help make this coming year a great one for the CCAL. Without your help we would not be able to offer our members all the opportunities that we do each year, so THANK YOU!

As we look ahead to this new year, here is some general information and reminders:

- If you haven't done so already, please go online to renew your membership or pay at the meeting on Monday. General membership dues are \$35, and Patron membership is \$50 through September 30. There will be a \$10 late fee for dues paid after this time. Dues still unpaid by December 31 will result in lapsed

membership. While you are renewing your membership, also consider giving an extra financial gift to the league to help support ongoing operations.

- Our presenter for the September meeting will be Jamie Peterson, who will be doing a live demonstration. I hope you will plan to attend.
- A reminder for those who have had their artwork on display in our TAP gallery over the summer to please take it home with you on Monday night. The new display beginning on Monday will be by Bryan Beyer, who was our Best of Show winner for the Annual Juried Show. Beginning on October 21 our TAP gallery theme will be "Seasons of Change." Think ahead about what you might want to bring for our October display. You will need to provide an original piece of artwork along with your gallery wall label. For further information and a list of upcoming monthly themes please visit our website and check out "TAP gallery."
- We have a total of 12 establishments where our members have an opportunity to display their artwork. If you are interested in displaying at one of these public places, please check the website under "Galleries" to sign up as well as read more information regarding the rules and regulations. For those of you who are displaying your artwork please be reminded that you are asked to provide information, one week prior to your display date, to our gallery coordinator (Dianne Neil) and our blog writer (Sandra Oliver) so they can post it on our website and blog. You will need to provide an Artist Bio (and photo if desired), a good quality photo of each piece, the title, medium, and maybe the "story behind the piece." Please rename each image you send with the title of each piece and your name. Also, take extra care to provide photos that are straight, squared off, and website ready. Following these rules will help to promote you as an artist and will also represent Crooked Creek Art League well.
- Our exhibit with the Irmo Library will be on display beginning September 28. Registration is still open through September 20. This is a non-juried show. A People's Choice winner will be selected and awarded a ribbon. This is a great way to showcase your work for the community to enjoy as well as possibly sell your piece. Please go online for more information and to register if you would like to display your artwork. The cost is only \$5.00 per piece. This show has limited display space. We anticipate room for 50 pieces. Entry will be cut off when 50 pieces have been entered regardless of the date. Delivery date for the artwork is Saturday, September 28. Don't delay if you would like to participate!
- Registration for our 2024 Art Exhibition at Still Hopes will begin on September 19 and run through November 21. This exhibition is open to all CCAL members who have paid their dues for the current year and have attended at least three meetings within the year prior to the show (Dec.- Nov.) Please go online for more information and to register. We will be accepting a total of 50 pieces of artwork. Please read the prospectus carefully for all requirements. A reception will be held on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 4:30pm.
- Our Annual Juried Show Activity Calendar and Prospectus is now online. Please mark your calendar with all the important dates. This is our big show of the year,

and you don't want to miss out! Registration will open on January 1, 2025, and run through February 20. We will be offering a two-day workshop with Russell Jewell on Thursday and Friday, February 27-28 followed by our show reception on Saturday, March 15, 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Please read over the prospectus carefully as you prepare for this exciting event coming up in March.

- Our first workshop for the new year will be Friday and Saturday, September 20-21. "Creating and Painting 2-D (and a half!) Mixed Medium Textures" with our very own Rebecca Horne, will most certainly be an exciting workshop to attend. Please check it out on our website and hurry to sign up.
- Another workshop that many of you will find of interest is with James Busby. This one-day Observational Drawing Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00am – 4:00pm at his Chapin studio. The workshop will focus on drawing accurately and the ability to draw what you "see" and not what you know. Please read more about this workshop online and plan to register to attend. This should be a great opportunity for all!
- The Chapin Fall Art Festival is coming up soon on Saturday, October 5. We are inviting interested members to take part in this festival by showcasing their artwork for festival goers to purchase. We will have two booths for the display. This event will be held indoors at the Chapin Town Hall. Please reference the email sent out on September 4 to all members from the CCAL for more information. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Lane at JanLaneArt@gmail.com. Jan will also have a sign-up sheet and flyers available at our Monday night meeting.
- Our Turtle Art Rocks Chapin project was a big success! Each artist's turtle was unique and proudly displayed its own personality. After having the turtles in public at their preview host sites, it was fun to see all the turtles come together at our booth at the Chapin Labor Day Festival where they were all auctioned off. Thank you to many of our members who helped in so many ways. A big Thank You especially to Barbara Teusink and Sonya Diimmler who saw this project through from the beginning to the end. We hope to be able to share more information with you at our meeting on Monday night.
- We have a new tech guy to help with our Monday members' meeting. Please welcome Don Morton as he will be taking care of all our technological needs during our meeting time. Although Tyler Horton enjoyed serving us this past year, he was unable to return for this coming year. We are grateful for Don's willingness to serve our league with his tech knowledge and look forward to getting to know him. Please speak to Don and welcome him as you have a chance.

As you can see, we have so many opportunities to participate in with the Crooked Creek Art League. I hope that you will be able to come to our members' meetings each month in person or by zoom and that you will be able to be an active participant in many of the events that we offer. I am looking forward to the beginning of a new league year and hope to see y'all soon.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL