



March 2025

Greetings, CCAL Members!

The signs of Spring are all around us now. The warmer temperatures, budding trees, and early blooming flowers are everywhere. It's always a welcome sight and with it brings a sense of renewal. For some, a time of new inspiration. Maybe this Spring will usher in a desire to dedicate more time to your passion for art and photography. As we look ahead to the remainder of our league year, think about how you can participate in all the league has to offer.

Right now, our biggest show of the year is on display at Crooked Creek Park with over 150 pieces of artwork by our members. If you haven't stopped by to look at all the beautiful works of art, may I suggest you try to do that very soon. While you are there you can choose your favorite piece for our "Members Choice" award to be recognized at our Annual Juried Show reception on Saturday, March 15. After you have chosen your favorite, you will need to go to our website to register your vote. If you are unable to see the artwork in person, you can go online for viewing and voting. The deadline for voting is this Thursday, March 13th, so hurry!

The Juried Show reception will be held on Saturday from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:00pm followed by the awards ceremony at 6:00pm. If you have signed up to bring food, please try to have it at the park by 4:30pm. A big thank you to the Juried Show committee, chaired by Bobbi Sorensen, as they have been working very hard these past several months to provide us, as well as our community, with a wonderful show. Many people come to Crooked Creek Park each day and have the opportunity to enjoy, and purchase, our art. I hope you will plan to come to the reception and awards ceremony, with family and friends, as we celebrate with all our artists.

After our Juried Show, we only have two more monthly meetings this year. Please check out what's ahead and start planning now for these events.

- Workshop, March 21-22: "Mastering Water & Reflections in your Landscape Paintings" with Michael Story. Oil or Acrylic. Go to our website to register.
- Registration for the Spring Library Show is underway. This is a non-juried show. Please plan what you might like to display, or possibly sell, at the Irmo Branch

Library. Registration is open through April 18 with artwork delivery on April 26. Please check our website for the Prospectus and key dates.

- Our May Contest will be held during our May 19th members' meeting. There is no cost to enter, but you do need to register your entry on the website by May 16, prior to the meeting. The theme for this year is "Childhood Memories." Please bring an easel to display your artwork so all the members present can view and vote on their favorites. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three winners. This is a fun meeting and a great way to end our league year. Artwork that is submitted will also remain at Crooked Creek Park throughout the summer to be displayed in the TAP Gallery.
- Our presenter for the April 21 members' meeting will be Jeffrey Weese. Jeffrey will be speaking to us on the topic of oil painting. I hope you will plan to attend! Because we did not have a regular meeting in March, we need several people to sign up to bring food to our April meeting. If you can help with providing food for our refreshments, please contact our Refreshments Chairman Jo Alford at 803-269-9511 or email her at joalf1959@gmail.com. Jo will be glad to hear from you!

Finally, we will be looking to fill some positions for our upcoming league year on our board, committees, and service and support team. Please consider how you might like to serve the league by being a volunteer in one of these areas. You can find a list of areas to serve on our website under "Member Resources – Boards and Committees." If you have an area you might be interested in, please contact me for more information. We would love to have you on the team!

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Juried Show reception this coming Saturday!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer
President, CCAL