



President's Letter – January 2026

Happy New Year to you! I think you will agree our League had a productive and fun first half of our art season, including the very successful Still Hopes Exhibition and Sale. At General Meetings so far, we were able to enjoy ourselves and learn from three guest speakers whose presentations were both interesting and engaging. Thanks for participating actively in those discussions. The CCAL-sponsored workshops also gave many of us the opportunity to refresh skills and practice new techniques in watercolor, acrylics, and ceramic arts. I have listed some updates and reminders for you below.

- 1. Monday, January 19 will be our first General Meeting** of the year at Crooked Creek Park. Refreshments and networking begin at 5:30 pm. You may join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404936824>. The brief business portion of the monthly meeting starts at 6:00 pm, followed by our guest speaker, Alicia Leake. Volunteers are needed and requested to bring appetizers and desserts by 5:15 pm to the kitchen next to the meeting room. If you have not already done so, please email Jo Alford to tell her what you plan to bring: Joalf1959@gmail.com
- 2. The Still Hopes Exhibition** runs through January. Participating artists are required to pick up their art at Still Hopes on Saturday morning January 31. Pick up time is 11 AM to Noon. Contact Kay Fox at lady10is57@gmail.com if you have any questions. The exhibition is available to view at Still Hopes from 10AM-6PM Monday-Friday through January 30. You may view all entries and winners and reception photos at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/still-hopes-exhibition>.
- 3. Upcoming Workshops:** Register now at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/workshops>
Painting with Palette Knife and Vibrant Color with Trish Weeks is on Thursday, January 29 & Friday January 30, 2026 (9AM to 4PM).
Observe, Translate and Explore: Abstract workshop with Marissa Vogl is on February 26, 27 & 28, 2026 (9AM to 4 PM).
Basic Collage Workshop with Lillie Morris is scheduled on Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21, 2026 (9AM to 4PM)
- 4. CCAL Annual Juried Show** is fast approaching. Here are important dates related to this show. **Online Entry: Jan 01 - Feb 19 (online registration only).** Questions? Ask the Show Chair, Kay Fox or email her at lady10is57@gmail.com. Artwork Delivery: Sat Feb 21 10:00am - 12:00pm. More details and the Prospectus may be found at <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/annual-contests>. Volunteers are needed for many show-related activities; please consider helping out. Again, contact Kay for more information.
- 5. Our Public Galleries** are an important community activity for our CCAL, and we always need more artists to participate in these rotations. To sign up, go to <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/public-galleries-artist-application>.
- 6. The Artists Place (TAP) Gallery at Crooked Creek Park:** The theme for January is "Water World" (colorful fish, mermaids, corals, etc.). Dive deep for creativity! All water-themed artwork is welcome. Bring entry to the General Membership meeting on January 19 and then pick it up on February 16. Note: if you must retrieve your entered piece early you are required to notify Dianne Neil, Gallery chairperson prior to an early pick up. More information is always available at our website: <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/tap-gallery-themes>



7. **Artists for Africa** representative Amy Brady will be at our February 16 meeting to collect your Postcard art for this effort. Refer questions to Michael Naughton or Barbara Teusink. Here is a link to more information: <https://artistsforafricausa.org/>

8. **Sponsorships and Donations** are currently being accepted. If you know of a business that may want to be a sponsor notify Michael Naughton. And if you would like to do so for your own art business, act quickly to be included in the Annual Show brochure! Go to <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/sponsorship-support>.

Finally, welcome to our newest members! Please feel free to contact any member of our executive committee for assistance. Contact information is on the website.

I look forward to seeing everyone online or in person on January 19!

Michael Naughton, President
Crooked Creek Art League