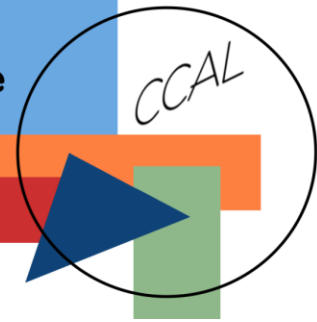


Crooked Creek Art League



May 2024 President's Letter

Greetings, CCAL Members!

My husband Bryan and I took time this past week to get away to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. It has been a time of relaxation and renewal as well as time to be in a beautiful place to get some inspiration. Hopefully, some of you will have an opportunity such as this in the next few months and be renewed physically, mentally, and in your creativity for your art.

It's hard to believe that this coming Monday, May 20, we'll be having our final general meeting for this year's CCAL calendar year. We have had wonderful speakers every month and have learned so much from each one of them. We have also had many opportunities to participate in other things during this year such as the Still Hopes Juried Exhibition, the Irmo Library Show, the Annual Juried Show, gallery displays at Crooked Creek and other businesses, workshops, community art, Labor Day Festival, online galleries, web pages, and more. I am grateful to be part of a community of artists who encourage each other in their pursuit of art and that the Crooked Creek Art League offers so many opportunities for growth in learning, as well as being able to display artwork in the community.

As I have mentioned before, to provide these opportunities, it takes many volunteers to help with coordinating them. Each year we are looking for volunteers to help in several areas. I would ask that you might consider being a volunteer this coming year so we can continue offering all that we do for our league members. We still need help with the following committees and Service and Support Team for the upcoming year:

- Fund Raising: we need someone to maintain contact with our current donors and sponsors, and to reach out to possible new donors.
- Workshops: we need assistance in helping to secure workshop presenters and coordinating workshop weekend details.

- Annual May Contest – we need someone to oversee our end-of-year event.
- Publicity – we need someone to help with some of the blog posts.
- Refreshments - we would like to have a volunteer each month to help the Refreshment Committee with coordinating food, set up, and clean up. This would just be a one-time commitment for a specific month. You can find a sign-up sheet at each monthly meeting for volunteering for the month of your choice.

If you would like to find out more about any of these positions, and possibly help the league by being a volunteer, please contact me for more information.

As we wrap up this year, here are some things to be thinking about:

- The deadline to register for our May Annual Contest (this is what we are doing for this month's general meeting) is Friday, May 17. We could use some more entries! The theme is "Sights from Around the World." Really, anything you see in the world would qualify. Check out the Prospectus online for more details, but basically you will be bringing a piece of artwork, along with an easel for display, to our May meeting. Your peers will vote on their favorites. After the meeting, all pieces will be displayed in the TAP Gallery for the remainder of the summer until we meet again in September. Let's end the year with a good number of participants in our May Contest. Besides our art contest, we would like members to bring a little something for our refreshment time as we want to have more of a potluck at our final gathering.
- We will also be collecting donations of art supplies for the children of the Epworth Children's Home at our May meeting. Anything that children enjoy using to create art is what we are looking for. Thank you in advance for your donations!
- Please consider submitting a proposal for our community art project "Turtle Art Rocks Chapin." The deadline for this has been extended to May 22. Please go online for all the details. We are excited to see what kind of decoratively adorned turtles y'all come up with to display throughout the Chapin community!
- We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate setting up a booth for CCAL members to display and sell artwork at the Chapin Fall Art Festival to be held on Saturday, October 5th from 9am-4pm at the Chapin Town Hall. The booth will be indoors so it will not be affected if we have rain. Sandra Oliver will help this volunteer with details of what needs to be done. Please consider helping for this one day Fall Festival.
- As this CCAL year is ending, please consider making an extra donation to the league. All donations are greatly appreciated and help with league operations. You can go directly to our website to make your donation.
- A big thank you to Kerry Summer for a wonderful article in *Chapin Magazine*, "And the Winner Is..." The article features interviews with the top winners of the

Annual Juried Show. Thank you, Kerry, for continuing to support CCAL with your magazine!

As we wind down this year with the CCAL I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time for the league in any way. For some, it was an ongoing position and for others a specified job for a shorter time. I want to extend a special note of appreciation for the wonderful Board of Directors and committee members we have had. The league has been blessed to have you serve. Also, a big thank you to all our Service and Support Team for all they have done this past year. We couldn't have done all we do without the help of everyone!

Thank you also for encouraging me in my role as your President. This was a new venture for me, and I hope I have served you well. Thanks for your patience as I learned along the way! I'm glad to be part of a circle of friends who enjoy the arts the way we do. I'm also glad for the opportunities that come with being part of the Crooked Creek Art League. I hope many of you will continue to be part of such a wonderful group of artists, continue to pursue your passion, and share with others your knowledge of art along the way. Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in September!

Sincerely,

Yvonne Beyer

President, CCAL