

Greetings, fellow members of CCAL! It is Tuesday December 9, and I just returned from attending the **dedication of 'Talk of the Town'**, the new Chapin Art Trail mural by artist Alicia Leeke! I appreciate all the CCAL members, Paul Sadler and other Chapin Chamber of Commerce representatives, former Chapin Mayor Stan Shealy, residents and our sponsors Glen and Janee Henderson, owners of The Shack who joined today's ceremony. Alicia's inspiration for this piece came from the vision outlined by Glen and Janee and it resulted in a mural that captures the essence of Chapin and our other local lake communities, as well as the history and folklore of the region. Alicia's work is outstanding and worth the drive to see it when you have a chance. Thank you, Alicia!

Here are a few other updates and reminders:

- **Our Annual CCAL Christmas Party** and very short business meeting will be held on Monday December 15 from 5:30pm until 8:00 pm at the Chapin Town Hall. The Zoom call will only be open for the duration of the business meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your special someone to enjoy this time together. There is no charge, just bring a special dish or dessert to share and your drink of choice. Most importantly, bring some art supplies for our drive to support Epworth Children's Home. **A special raffle** will be held on this evening, for a \$5.00 donation anyone may enter to win a gift certificate towards a future CCAL workshop. **Also, a gift certificate of an Art Show** is a wonderful holiday present for any artist! Contact any CCAL officer for more information.
- Congratulations to **November TAPS Gallery** ribbon winner, Tommy Turbeville!
- Congratulations to all the **Still Hopes Exhibition** winners! Every one of the forty-nine pieces submitted reminded me of the immense talent in our membership. The December 6 awards reception was well attended by both CCAL members and the Still Hopes Residents. Kudos to Kay Fox and Debi Kelly for leading our exhibition, Brian Fox for capturing photos all evening, and to the volunteers from Still Hopes Residents' Art Committee.
- **"The Artists Place (TAP) Gallery" Call for Artists** - We had a very small number of pieces hung in the TAP Gallery on the November meeting. Therefore, the CCAL Board is encouraging anyone who can to help us fill the TAP Gallery (lobby) walls to do so at your earliest opportunity. There is no designated theme, and your work must hang until the January 2026 membership meeting. Be sure to use the standard CCAL wall tag with your contact and sale price/NFS information. If you have questions, contact Michael Naughton.
- Note: **TAP Art being hung on January 19** is to follow the THEME - Water World (Colorful fish, mermaids, corals, etc., Dive deep for creativity! All water themed artwork welcome.)
- More artists are needed to support the **Public Gallery rotations** this year! If you haven't signed up for the September 2025- August 2026 season, please go to: <https://www.crookedcreekart.org/public-galleries-artist-application> . Contact Dianne Neil for more information.

Finally, on behalf of your CCAL Executive committee, I wish you a peaceful holiday season and hope you will find Joy in however you celebrate these holidays! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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