

CALENDAR 🙄

6/1-6/28	Our First Virtual Show <i>entry</i> dates (online show)	
7/15-8/14	Our First Virtual Show dates	
8/15	Art-For-A-Cause show (more info to come via email)	
9/26	Saturday Portrait Workshop - St. Matthews Robert O'Brien	9am - 4pm

Pruyn House Art Pick-Up

Thank you for your patience with the delay in picking up your paintings from the Pruy House Art Show. We are working with the Town to set up dates and times. As soon as we know, another email will go out. Meanwhile, the humidity and temperature are being monitored and regulated in the building to be sure your art and their collections are safe.

Robert O'Brien Portrait Workshop Saturday, Sep 26, 2020



We hope to welcome back Rob O'Brien in September. We will plan a one-day portrait workshop at St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's has been reconfigured for social distancing. Class will be limited to 8 people. Send your deposit of \$40 payable to CAL, to Kris Woodward at 44 Hoffman Dr., Latham 12110. Expected cost is \$80. Of course, this will play out according to the state of the nation.

As always, your deposit is your ticket. Meanwhile, be well, be safe.

“GOING FORWARD”

Dear Members,

Hoping you are well...and can find some relief in this unique “time” in our lives. One thing about life, it’s always changing...and of late, more dramatically than ever. But “going forward” may be the best way to go. And even better, “going with the flow”, and riding the waves to new ideas, insights, and artistic expression. In preparing this article, I was thinking of the positive things that have come out of this “time”.

-I’ve noticed a new comraderie between people that has not been before - whenever I’m in a store or in line waiting for “my turn”, because we all (or nearly all) have our masks on, there is an awareness that we are sharing a common experience, which is unique. To me, people seem friendlier, and speak to each other more, even though its harder to hear since we are six feet apart and our voices are “muffled” by our masks.

- More people are walking outdoors, enjoying the natural world.
- The stars have never looked brighter in this area.
- Some people are finding new hobbies or have renewed their interest in unfinished projects.
- Those who had a “hectic schedule” are getting some needed rest and relaxation.
- And for some it has been a time of reflection.

I am sure you can think of many more “positive” aspects of this “time”.

CAL is no exception in having to cancel most of its programs over the past few months and for the unforeseeable future. The monthly meetings and demos have been suspended until further notice. The Town Hall Show was cancelled. Those who have a painting at the Pruyn House have been waiting to pick up their artwork. An email will be sent out to update members on this. The June Dinner meeting and Children’s Summer Art Program are cancelled for this year.

We are pleased to announce that we will have a “virtual show” with judging and prizes during the summer. More about this later in this newsletter.

Going forward as the country and community requirements and restrictions change, CAL will also revise “the ways” in which we extend benefits to our members. In addition, the Board is also working on some new ideas of how the league can benefit the community at large, with a focus on art as a conduit to bringing people relief, solace, hope, and beauty.

Sincerely,

Susan Lunow and *Marci Poirier*, Co-Presidents

Changes to the CAL Board

Noreen Powell has graciously served as the Show Chairperson and Board Member coordinating the venues, dates, judges, intakes, for the past seven years. She will be passing the baton to **Lee York**, a long-time contributing member of the art league. Thank you, Noreen, for coordinating all three shows each year (or a total of 21 shows). What a great job!

Carolyn Martel will be stepping down after more than 10 years of service as the Newsletter Chairwoman. She is going to work with **Jean Reiter**, a new member as of last May, who graciously agreed to take this position so she can get more involved. The newsletter has continued to evolve and improve over the years thanks to Carolyn's commitment and "easy going, no fuss" attitude. It is an important job, and we thank her for getting it out in a timely and accurate manner. You've done a terrific job. Luckily, Carolyn will continue to serve on the Board. Thank you Carolyn, and thank you, Jean!

Barbara Via will be stepping into the Co-President position along with **Sue Lunow**. She has done a great job as secretary, and she always has great ideas for the future of the art league. She has participated in many committees and has an excellent understanding of the art league's mission.

Marci Poirier will be side-stepping from the Co-President position to the Secretary position. Marci's work as Co-President has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated. Her positive attitude is an absolute "plus" for the workings of the League (or any organization, for that matter). Lucky for us, as she moves into her new position, her valuable contributions of ideas, work and support of the ongoing projects/events of the League, absolute dependability and good-natured character will continue to benefit CAL in her new capacity.

Marjorie Ward will be stepping down from her position on the board as summer art camp program coordinator. This involved coordinating dates with the Pruy House, marketing and filling the camp with students, volunteers, getting supplies, teaching and cleaning up. She, along with Lynne Kaiser and her husband Russ, have developed a new tri-fold brochure highlighting the art league's programs and mission. Her contributions as a Board member, includes the running of a very successful raffle of the Bruce Handford painting, donated by him to benefit the League's Scholarship Fund, serving on the Budget committee as well as coordinating the refreshments for all the shows and previously the monthly meetings. In her new position as a board member of the Pruy House Historic Site, she will still be very involved with the summer art program. Thank you Marjorie!

CAL Scholarship Winners

Each year one of CAL's missions is to award local high school seniors with a scholarship. These are students that the art departments at Shaker HS and Colonie HS have selected for showing great dedication and future visual-arts interests. Congratulations to the following four students!

North Colonie/Shaker High School

Chloe Baldwin

Planning on attending SUNY New Paltz

Lily Jerome

Planning on attending F.I.T.

South Colonie High School

Kendall Benac

Planning on attending Savannah
College of Art and Design

Sara Rybitski

Planning on attending
Russell Sage College

Due to our increased fundraising efforts, the four girls will each receive \$500.00.

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Member Classes, Workshops and Services

Join us for Wednesday Open Studio

Where: St. Matthew's Church in Latham

How much? \$4 donation

For whom? open to all CAL members

When? anytime on Wednesdays, 9-4

on hold till further notice

Enjoy a full day of painting with friends. Bring your lunch, and art supplies and a dose of humor. Take advantage of the CAL library...please call Kris 518-461-2809 the first time you come.

Art Classes

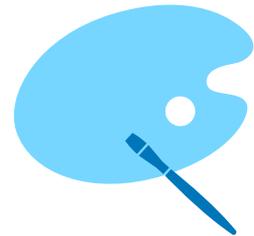
with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic, Oil and Drawing

Classes with Kris Woodward in watercolor, pastel, acrylic, oil and drawing are currently on hold, but she will be restarting as soon as possible. Contact her if you are interested in future classes. Meanwhile, she's in process of doing critiques thru e/m and classes on zoom. Kristin.woodward10@gmail.com

Pray and Paint!

Noreen Powell offers a mix of scripture, prayer and acrylic painting. Check out her website; noreenpowellart.com to view options for a paint session. It is a perfect activity for adult small groups, youth groups and for anyone interested in connecting with God through paint! Currently, Noreen is doing virtual classes through Zoom.



CAL Library

The library of books and DVD's at St Matthew's is in the back room, normally open from 10am to 8pm Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call to make sure that the church is open, Kris 518-461-2809.

Online Art-Related Websites/Videos

Here are a few free art resources you can access with your electronic devices:

www.Boredpanda.com

"12 Famous Museums And Galleries You Can Visit Virtually From Your Own Couch"

Here's a handy website link from artwork archive about on-line artist resources:

<https://www.artworkarchive.com/blog/25-online-resources-every-artist-should-know-about>

youtube offers many online videos on art. For example:

www.youtube.com/watch "A Brief Art History"

Of course, there are many more - just do a search on whatever subject you're interested in.

MEMBER NEWS



Active artist and member, **Shelly Nevard**, embarked on a remarkable journey from coast to coast on a bicycle. On March 4th, she and 17 other women gathered in San Diego, California, to begin their ride across the country. They all dipped the back tire of their bicycles in the Pacific Ocean and then began their ride. The 56-day journey would take them to the Eastern Coast where they would dip their front tires in the Atlantic.

After about two weeks and 700 miles, traversing southern California, Arizona and New Mexico, they decided that they could not continue. The international women needed to return home, and the possibility of closed inns and eateries along their route made it impossible to complete the trip. They hope to resume their ride next year to finish what they started! Way to go, Shelly!



Congratulations to **Libby Lee** for illustrating a book published in January.

Pam Agan-Smith won Honorable Mention in the Bethlehem Art Assoc.'s virtual show. Congratulations Pam!

Get Well

To **Gretchel Hathaway**...who has recovered from coronavirus, but her sister is downstate in the hospital for the past month with the virus. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers, Gretchel.

To **Sheri Murphy**, recovering from back surgery.
And we hope we haven't missed anyone....

Condolences

Sympathy to friends of **Ron McLean**. Ron was a board member and one of the founders of the Art League's Gallery in the late 90's.

Sympathy to friends and family of **Joan Krathaus** who passed last month after a long illness.

For Every Artist!

The Show Must Go On, Virtually

The Colonie Art League Board is happy to announce that we will be hosting our first ever **virtual art show** this summer. We are eager to keep our members engaged in art during this period of time when physical distancing prevents us from participating in so many of our usual activities. **We will have a virtual art show, hosted on our website starting July 15th.** To thank you for your continuing support of the League, there will be no entry fee for this show. Each member will be able to submit a digital image of one framed piece of art to be entered in the show. Local watercolor artist, Ritvik Sharma, has agreed to be the judge for the virtual show. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Best in Show will be awarded. In the interest of showing support for our local art store, *Arlene's Artists Materials*, the awards will be in the form of gift cards to the store, along with the usual ribbons. Members will be able to submit entries from June 1 through June 28th. Guidelines and an entry form will be available on our website by the end of May. We hope that many members will take part in this special event.

Can't get enough of the Virtual Shows?

After the CAL Virtual Art Show in July, CAL Members will have an opportunity to enter a *second* virtual event in August called "Art for a Cause." Members will donate a painting with a food-related theme and all proceeds from this sale will go to the Regional Food Bank. More information will follow.

Is Your Artwork on the CAL Website?

CAL's facebook page and website would not be operating without the continued updating and oversight by **Jack Berkery**. Jack, seeing the need for the League to be "visible" to the community in this cyber-age, voluntarily created our original webpage many years ago. At first, using available website technology, updating with pictures often took many hours and "technical acrobatics", a job requiring patience and technical know-how. Because of Jack's foresight and work "behind the scenes" the League has been a viable part of the on-line community.

Thank you Jack, from all of us on the Board and the membership.

If you wish to have an "Artist Page" on the CAL website, simply send Jack Berkery (jackpaints@nycap.rr.com) up to 4 images (jpeg or pdf) of your artwork. With each image, include the name of the painting, its size, medium, and your contact information if you wish people to contact you, either to purchase the painting or to inquire about your work.

Ritvik Sharma demo in February



Pruyn House Reception in March

