

CALendar

9/8	General Meeting - (virtual) Tony Conner Zoom Mtg	7pm 7pm
9/15	CAL Board Meeting – (virtual)	6:30pm
9/26 9/27	Robert O’Brien Zoom Portrait Workshop	9:30am – 12:30pm 1:00 – 4:00pm
10/6	General Meeting - (virtual)	7pm
10/20	CAL Board Meeting - (virtual)	6:30pm
11/10	General Meeting - (virtual)	7pm
11/17	CAL Board Meeting - (virtual)	6:30pm

A Letter from the Co-Presidents

Hello CAL Members!

During these months of restricted activities, we realize how fortunate we are to be part of such a dynamic art league. We are understandably elated that the league has been able to actively engage with our members by hosting two virtual art shows on our website! Our first Virtual Art Show ran from July 15 through August 14 and included over 70 art works. From August 15 through September 15, we are hosting our second virtual show, a fundraiser for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. “Art for a Cause” proudly features over 60 pieces, donated by CAL members. We are overwhelmed by the talent and generosity of our members in contributing beautiful works of art for this worthy cause.

On September 8, we kick off our fall season with another first - a General Membership Meeting (GMM) via Zoom! Log on to the internet, grab your favorite beverage and settle in for an exciting evening. Who better to kick off our first virtual

GMM than our returning demonstrator, Tony Conner? Tony will host the online meeting through his Zoom account. We will begin at 7:00pm with a general business meeting followed by Tony's watercolor landscape painting demo. He will provide the art league members with a link that will be sent via email to all members well before the meeting. Watch for an email from the Colonie Art League with the "zoom meeting link." Please log on by 6:55pm so the meeting can begin promptly at 7:00pm. If you have trouble accessing the site, you may call Criss Macaione for help at 518-312-6883.

About Tony Conner:

"Tony's path as a self-taught artist has followed a serious and active course that has been dedicated to a single medium - watercolor - and an apprenticeship to its unique disciplines. While primarily expressing and interpreting the landscape and seascape, his paintings reflect an interest in a variety of subjects and exhibit a wide range of expression. Most of his work is completely focused on the quality of light itself. Tony is a Signature Member of both the New England and Vermont Watercolor Societies and an active member of several other watercolor and art societies and an Artist Member of the Salmagundi Club."

For more information about Tony Conner's art, go to his website at <https://tonyconner.com>.

Stay tuned for upcoming events. We will be keeping everyone up to date through the bi-monthly newsletters, periodic emails and on our website, colonieartleague.com

In the meantime, stay happy, healthy, and safe!

Sincerely,

Susan Lunow and Barbara Via

Co-Presidents

Virtual Art Show

Our first ever Virtual Art Show was a wonderful success! Seventy-two members contributed artwork to the show. Judge Ritvik Sharma, award-winning watercolorist, said he was impressed with the show. He selected the following pieces for awards:

Best in Show

No. 11 **Enduring Grace** - Ruth Crotty

First Place

No. 24 **Sunrise at Block Island**- Meggie Carson

Second Place

No. 18 **Jeaninne Carrera** - Robert Francis Whelan

Third Place

No. 3 **Storm Has Passed** - Kristin Woodward

Honorable Mention

No. 66 **Chester Arthur Gravesite** - Kevin Kuhne

No. 63 **A Perfect Summer Day** - Megan Ruch

No. 47 **Reflections** - Shelly Nevard

No. 20 **Running to Assimilation** - Frederick Holman

No. 23 **ER** - Margaret Carrick

No. 51 **Fetch** - Doug Levey

No. 71 **Albany Unplugged** - Deb Carpenter

Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to all the members who contributed such beautiful work to this show!

Robert O'Brien Zoom Portrait Workshop Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27

We welcome back Robert O'Brien for a portrait workshop on Zoom. Rob will be doing the demo in watercolor but has agreed to work with you in your medium of choice. He will do a 3-hour demo on Saturday, 9:30-12:30 and then Sunday you will work on your portrait with a class critique at the end...1-4 pm. You will have the option of working from his provided picture or to do one of your own. Of course, you have the option of getting your painting/drawing started on Saturday afternoon or evening in preparation for Sunday's class. Checks are payable to CAL for \$65.

Mail to: Kris Woodward 44 Hoffman Drive, Latham, NY 12110

Be sure to include your email address so Rob can "invite" you into the class and send you the photo he will be using.

Workshop cost is \$65 per student. Any questions, e/m or text Kris at 461-2809 or kristin.woodward10@gmail.com

CAL Artwork on Display at the Art Associates Gallery Inc.

2020 Season Opening Show

The Art Associates Gallery Inc. extended CAL a wonderful opportunity to feature and sell our artwork at their September 2020 Season Opening Show. The Gallery generously offered this opportunity free of charge and organized all of the details around intake, hanging and sales. The Gallery also printed a

postcard, designed by Criss Macaione, to advertise the show. (Thank you, Criss!)



Art Associates Gallery, Inc
21 Railroad Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
518-459-1307

Season Opening Show
presents the

Colonie Art League

September 4 thru 26

Opening Friday, September 4, 4 pm to 9 pm
and Saturday, September 5, 10 am to 3 pm

For more information go to: artassociatesgalleryinc.com
or colonieartleague.com

* THE ART ASSOCIATES GALLERY FOLLOWS THE NYS COVID-19 GUIDELINES *

We are enormously grateful to Attila Zalavary, owner/operator, and his wife, Kinga, for hosting this event and inviting CAL artists to showcase and sell their work. The artwork has been on display during the month of September. The Art Associates Gallery Inc. has been providing custom framing, frame refinishing, and art restoration services for the Capital District for over 30 years. For more information, please visit their website: www.artassociatesgalleryinc.com

December 2020 CAL Holiday Show

We are beginning to plan for the 2020 Holiday Show. In light of Covid 19 restrictions, we have decided to do the show virtually on our website during the month of December 2020. Please start working on your pieces for the show and be sure to renew your membership. It is likely that we will ask you to submit a photo of your work sometime in late November to give our website manager time to put the virtual show together.



We are still working on a decision about the sale of small works during the virtual show and determining the need for cards/bookmarks for the Holiday Tree at the Library.

Updates will follow in the next newsletter or sooner. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to the CAL Show Co-Chairs with questions or further information:
Lee York (leeyork1030@gmail.com)
Pam Agan-Smith (pandg85@gmail.com)

Who's New on the CAL Board of Directors?

As our new year begins on September 1, 2020, we officially welcome the following as new members to the Board.

Lee York and Pam Agan-Smith, will serve as Show Co-Chairs. They have already begun organizing the September Art Associates Show! It will be a busy year with four shows scheduled. (They will need volunteers, so be ready to help if possible.) Jean Reiter, is the new Newsletter Chair. She will edit the content and prepare the newsletter, which is published digitally bi-monthly. (By the way, members are welcome to contribute to the newsletter. If you have an art exhibit coming up or have won an award for art, you can announce such events in the newsletter. The deadline for any articles is the 5th of the previous month of issue.)

And a few more changes to the Board:

Carolyn Martel, after serving as the Newsletter Editor for 12 years, has passed her "red pen" to Jean, but will continue to serve on the Board. Thank you, Carolyn!

Marci Poirier and Barbara Via have switched positions. For 2020-2021, Marci will serve as Secretary, and Barbara as Co-President. Thank you both for being multi-taskers!

Thank You to our Outgoing Board members:

Noreen Powell, our Show Chair and 2nd Vice President for 7 years.

Shirley Gordon, who served as Budget Chair, and was key to the updating of the bylaws.

Marjorie Ward, our Children's Summer Program Director, Budget Committee member, Refreshments Chair, Special Raffle Coordinator.

Art for a Cause

The Colonie Art League is happy to report that the virtual fundraising event "Art for a Cause" is up and running on our website. We thank our members who have generously donated their original artwork to raise money for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Colonie Art League is also donating an additional \$25 for each piece sold! 65 pieces of art have been donated, and over \$1000 has been raised so far. The artwork can be viewed, and pieces purchased through September 15th.

Many individuals in our community have been impacted by this pandemic, and Art for a Cause created an opportunity to help those in need.

A big THANK YOU to CAL members for their generous donations!

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

Enjoy a full day of painting with friends. Bring your lunch, art supplies, and a dose of humor. If you'd like to take advantage of the CAL DVD's and library, please call Kris 518-461-2809 the first time you come.

Art Classes with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic, Oil and Drawing

Weekly at St. Matthew's. Wed evenings, Thurs. mornings and evenings.

Contact

Kris Woodward 518-461-2809 or kristin.woodward@earthlink.net

Member Milestones

Congratulations to **Diane Bollman-Buyer** and **Libby Lee** for getting their new books off to the printer. We'll let you know when they are available. They wrote their books and did the artwork... quite an undertaking!

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!

Get Well

Get-well wishes go out to **Barbara Frankel**, healing after surgery for a broken wrist, **Bob Haakonson**, healing after back surgery, **Carol Meisel**, healing from hip replacement, **Dick Leonard**, healing from broken ribs, **Sherry Murphy**, healing from more back surgery and **Jim Edmond**, healing from a shoulder replacement. And to anyone else we don't know about that has been ill ...heal quickly and stay well.

CAL Website

Our website www.colonieartleague.com, is not a commercial website and does not sell directly or indirectly to potential clients. It will only display your wares and contact information if someone wants to buy. There is a page for CAL members to display artwork which is labeled "Member Art for Sale". One option if using the CAL website is to make a page with your name on it and include a few examples of your artwork along with your contact information, phone number, or email address. If you wish to participate, email the details to jackpaints@nycap.rr.com.

CAL Library/Scholarship

The library at St Matthew's is in the back room, open from 10 AM to 8 PM Wednesdays and Thursdays. Books and DVDs. Call to make sure that the church is open, Debbie 518-658-2178 or Kris 518-461-2809.

Community Art Venues

Colonie Town Hall

If you are interested in using the corridor walls as a venue for your art, the Town Supervisor's office would be happy to arrange that for you. Contact the Supervisor's Office at 783-2728.

Niskayuna Library community room

Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

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