

CALENDAR

4/23	Board Meeting	6:30
5/6	Pick up artwork from Pruyn House	9:00am – 3:30pm
5/7	General Meeting Demoist Ken Wilson, oils Awarding of Annual Scholarship Awards	6:30pm @ St. Matthews
6/4	50th celebration Pruyn House Barn	5:00-8:00pm
8/1	Intake for Summer Show	10:00am – 2:00pm
8/2 – 8/29	Dates for Summer Show at Guilderland Library	
8/6	Summer Show Reception	5:00pm – 7:00pm
8/30	Pick up artwork from Guilderland Library	9:30am – 8:00pm

CAL's 50th Anniversary

CAL's 50th Anniversary! This year marks 50 years of creating, sharing, and promoting art for our league. Our golden anniversary! We are celebrating this milestone with a catered dinner to be held in the Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House on June 4th from 5-8pm. Based on an email sent to members a couple of months ago, asking about likely attendance, we expect a large turnout, which makes us very happy and excited. We will soon be emailing invitations. Since we must provide the caterer (Birch Hill) with a final count, we will need your replies by May 15th. The barn can seat a maximum of 115 guests. So, it will be important that you reply so that we can accommodate everyone who wants to attend. The planning committee, ably led by **Lynn Huntington**, has some fun things in store for us. This will be a great celebration of our wonderful organization!

Pruyn House Show Accolades

Once again, the Colonie Art League held a wonderful Pruyn House Show. There was a total of 88 pieces submitted for the judged portion of the show. It was the most paintings ever submitted for this venue and we were just overwhelmed by the beautiful works which filled up the Pruyn House.

There were so many volunteers who helped make this show a success and just saying thank you does not seem to be enough. There was a wonderful crew who took in the entries over

the two-day period. Many thanks to: **Pat Ryan, Cathy Laccetti, Oksana Burr, Ann Dusza, Anita Schermerhorn, Mary Gaillard, Nan Stoliker,** and **Jonathan Pollack.**

After the intake, the hanging crew came in and created a space for all the works to be displayed in the best possible way. With the large number of submissions, this was a herculean task.

Thank you to: **Kathleen Lyons, Mary Gaillard, Aniko Fata, Eden Hart, Lori McCann, Sally Decheine, Vince Forte, Anita Schermerhorn and Cathy Laccetti.**

The reception was held on, April 7. A big thanks to **Marjorie Ward, Sally Decheine, Jessica Kirker** and **Sharon Thorpe** for creating festive table decorations and providing the lovely flowers.

We also need to thank our Judge, **Tom Myott,** for doing the difficult job of selecting the award winners. His feedback to the members was greatly appreciated. With all the fabulous works that came in it was a difficult job selecting those who received awards.

Once again, a big round of applause goes out to **Pam Agan-Smith** and **Lee York,** our show co-chairs. Without their coordination and attention to detail the show would not have come together.

Last but not least, thank you to the Pruy House Administrator, **Tami Sherry,** who provided the necessary equipment and support to hang the show and put on the reception. She really went above and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 PRUYN HOUSE SHOW WINNERS

1st Place - Tim Lederach

2nd Place - Lynn Huntington

3rd Place - Barb Lennox

Honorable Mention - Irina Kaplan

Honorable Mention - Gary Mercer

Honorable Mention - Ned Lacey

Honorable Mention - Tracy Loring

Important notice to artists: if your artwork in the Pruy House show is sold, please mark it "sold" with a pink round sticker. These stickers are available in the top drawer of the dresser in the main hall of the Pruy House. Also, please notify our webmaster, Richard Ruotolo @ ruotolodesignshack@gmail.com

Outdoor Artists Market

Merriman and Phister in Delmar is hosting an Outdoor Artists Market on the lawn of the Delmar Reformed Church. Sat., June 22. \$25 to reserve a spot. Call or text 518-588-7268.

Colonie Art League Summer 2024 Show Guilderland Public Library

2228 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY, 12084

518-456-2400

www.guilderlandlibrary.org



Dog Day Afternoon by Fred Holman
Winner of the Members Choice Award
Summer 2023 Show

Schedule of Activities and Call for Art

Show dates: Friday, August 2 to Thursday, August 29

Intake: Thursday, August 1, 10 am to 2 pm

Entry Fee: \$10.00 (cash or check only)

Hanging: Thursday, August 1, 2 to 4 pm

Opening Reception: Tuesday, August 6, 5 pm to 7 pm

(please bring a snack or refreshment to share)

Pick-Up: Friday, August 30, 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

This will be a judged show with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place awards with cash prizes and honorable mention awards. We will also have a Member's Choice award.

This library space is limited, therefore the size limit for each painting is limited to **24 x 24 inches**, including outside frame dimensions. As such, depending on the number of entries, the judge may need to select pieces for display. If your work is not chosen, the exhibit committee will notify you to pick up your artwork.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We will be emailing those of you who indicated an interest in volunteering for shows to check on your availability to help with this show. If you do not get an email and can spare some time to help with the intake, hanging and/or reception, please email Pam Agan-Smith: (pandg85@gmail.com)

Feel free to contact the Show Co-Chairs with questions or for further information:
Lee York: 518-772-0859 and) or Pam Agan-Smith 518-813-3583
(pandg85@gmail.com)

Guidelines for Entry, Display and Sale of Art For the CAL Summer 2024 Show at the Guilderland Public Library

Entry Fee: \$ 10.00 (**cash or check only**) (non-refundable)

- Two-dimensional work only
- One work per artist/CAL member
- **Maximum size - 24 inches height or width (including outside dimensions of frame)**

- Work must have been completed within the last three years and NOT have been exhibited previously in any CAL exhibit (excluding Art Associates Gallery Shows)
- Work must either be framed or museum/gallery wrapped
- **Remember to be sure your painting is wired for hanging! No saw tooth or other hangers please.**
- Affix one entry form below to the back, upper left-hand corner; bring the other form with you
- Watercolors (except if on canvas), pastels and drawings must be under glass
- Work must be dry
- Artwork must remain on display for the duration of the exhibit
- Original art only
- Sales will be the artist's responsibility.
- **You must be a current CAL member to participate. Please visit our website for a membership form.**

Entry Form for the CAL Summer 2024 Show

Please complete 2 copies of this form. Affix one (1) copy to the back, upper left-hand corner of your artwork. Bring the other copy when you drop off your artwork at intake. The nonrefundable entry fee is \$10.00 (**cash or check only**)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email address _____

Title _____

Medium _____ Price or NFS _____

Our Judge for the 2024 Summer Show:

Takeyce Walter

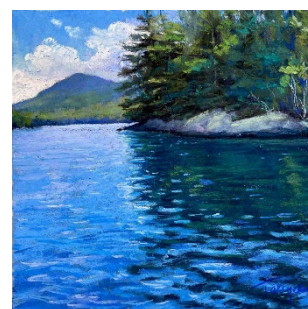
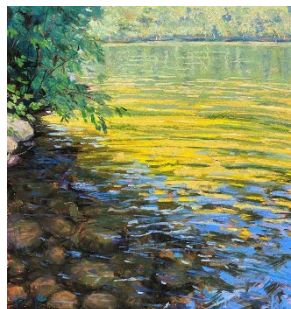
Artist, Educator and Media Producer



Takeyce Walter is an award-winning contemporary American painter (Jamaican-born), art instructor, and media producer living and working in upstate New York. Since her formative years, the impulse to create has driven her, resulting in a lifelong journey of artistic expression. Takeyce's work is a testament to her deep-rooted connection with the Northeastern landscape, reflecting her profound contemplation of humanity's relationship with nature and the environment. Through the masterful manipulation of oil paint, gouache, and pastels, she crafts evocative portrayals of the natural world, capturing its essence in every stroke—be it the meandering rivers, the ethereal skies, or the tranquil lakes.

Beyond her artistic endeavors, Takeyce serves as a staunch advocate for both art and the environment, dedicating her time and expertise to local non-profit organizations championing these causes. In 2022, spurred by her volunteer work, Takeyce initiated a youth program titled, [Art and the Environment](#) in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Chapter, and Black Dimensions in Art. Furthermore, in 2014, Takeyce launched "Creative February," a daily creative project that has since inspired artists worldwide to engage in daily art creation throughout the month.

Takeyce is represented by several regional galleries in upstate New York and her work has been acquired by numerous private collections across the United States and internationally, including these notable collections: [The Adirondack Experience](#), [Brookside Museum](#), [Hudson Headwaters Health Network](#), and [Saratoga Hospital Foundation](#).
Sample of Takeyce's artwork (www.takeycewalter.com):



May 7 General Meeting with Ken Wilson and Awarding of Student Scholarships

Please join us at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Latham for our May member meeting. At this meeting, we will award our scholarships to students from five area high schools. Our demo artist will be Ken Wilson. Ken is an oil painter from upstate New York who uses a palette knife extensively in his work. On his website, <http://kenwilsonequineandanimalart.yolasite.com/> he explains his artistic vision. He says:



" I think of my work as a dichotomy of dynamic, contrasting styles, varying at times between representational and Impressionism."

"I strive to achieve work that evokes emotion in viewers. It is a delicate waltz between movement, light, and shadow."

Sand Lake Center for the Arts - Call for submissions to the 2024 Juried Show

Submit your artwork for this year's juried art show! This year's inspiration comes from a quote from singer/songwriter Phil Ochs:

Artists are first and foremost the reflection of their time, and their ability to stay a few steps ahead of the rest of society is their contribution.

Media submissions of all types are welcome, including the written word. All pieces must reflect the quote above.

Submit JPEGs or PDFs to assvsubmit@gmail.com. Please include title, medium and dimensions (if applicable).

Submissions must be received by June 1. An artist reception will be held on July 6 from noon to 3 p.m.

Membership Update

As of April 2024, there are 172 members in CAL!

A BIG WELCOME to New Members to CAL (since February 2023)

Kathleen Gallagher

Liz Klahr

John Torrens

If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact **Pam Agan-Smith**, Membership Chair: Pandg85@gmail.com

Member Classes, Workshops and Services

Diane Champion is going to be leading a CAL workshop: Intro to Travel Journaling and Scrapbooking on May 7 from 2 to 4 at the Colonie Library.

Tracy Loring will be leading a beginner acrylic workshop in floral painting the same day from 11 to 1 at the Niskayuna Library.

Kathleen Lyons will be leading two sessions of a children's camp workshop: Painting an Aztec Sun, on August 8 from 1 to 3 at the Colonie Library.

Thank you to our talented leaders!

If you are interested in helping with these classes or leading one of our remaining classes: July 23 or August 22 at Colonie Library, please contact **Criss Macaione** today! Supplies provided by the library.

Join us for Wednesday Open Studio

Just a reminder that Wednesday Open Studio continues to meet at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church every Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00 pm and is open to all members! What camaraderie! What a CAL perk! Cost continues to be \$5.00/session. Whether you are a new member or a member who used to visit, please feel welcome! Members can sign out library books and DVDs, bring a snack or lunch, and encourage each other sharing artistic endeavors, milestones, and challenges. Whatever medium you choose to work in is fine... but please remember to bring a table cover. There is plenty of table working space along with outlets for lamps and charging cords. Wellness fact: Being together with others while sharing and learning makes for healthy mindfulness. And, as Pablo Picasso said, "The purpose of ART is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Hope to see you soon!

The contact for Wednesday Open Studio is **Carolyn O'Donnell**. 518-435-5527

Member News

We were saddened to learn of the death of longtime CAL member, **Lois Lansing**, who passed away on April 6. Lois worked for many years in the William K. Sanford Library in the Children's Department.

Art Classes with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, Gouache, Pastel, Acrylic, Oil and Drawing

Kris has two classes a week: Wednesday from 6 to 9 and Thursday, 9:30-12:30 at St. Matthews. She teaches all mediums and works with you and your particular medium. For more information contact kristin.woodward10@gmail.com.

CAL Library

The library at St Matthew's is in the back room, open from 10 AM to 2 PM and 6:00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday and 9:30-12pm on Thursday. Books and DVDs. Call to make sure that the church is open, Chris 518 879-2927 or Kris 518-461-2809.

Venues For Showing Art

The following venues offer spaces for art displays. Contact the venue to get details.

The Glen Eddy Senior Living Center in Niskayuna. Contact Dawn Layman for details. Dawn.Layman@sphp.com

Electric City Barn, 400 Craig Street, Schenectady. Contact McCauley Cannizzo for more information. McCauley@albanybarn.org

The Avila Retirement Community, 100 White Pine Drive, Albany, NY 12203
Contact Erich Steiner, esteiner@avilaretirement.com (518) 640-9404

*Currently adding a hanging system in their gathering room.

The Shaker Pointe at Carondelet, 1 Bell Tower Dr, Watervliet, NY 12189.
Contact Kathy Welden, KWelden@shakerPointe.org (518) 250-4890 extension 1101.

Town of Niskayuna:

- The Senior Center (12-16 pieces)
 - The Town Hall board room (16 pieces)
 - Town Hall upper-level rotunda (12-24 pieces).
- Contact Edie Cannizzo (528-372-4969) for more information.

- Niskayuna Library community room
Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady

Zion has a room called the Wildgrube Fellowship/Friendship Room available to display artwork.

It can hold up to a maximum of 45 pieces, depending on the size. Typically, a show is for a two-month period. Interested artists or artist groups please contact Trudy Hudson at tcaudson212@gmail.com or via text to her cell at 518-847-5307

The Slingerlands Monday Painters are having a Pop- Up Art Sale on Saturday, May 11 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church from 10 to 2. There will be original Art, handpainted Notecards, and handcrafted Jewelry.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Instructors and Assistants to share their love of art to teach a workshop of your choice to adults.

Colonie Library

July 23 2:00 to 4:00

July 23 6:00 to 7:45

Aug 22 2:00 to 4:00

Bright Horizons at Beltrone

Date and time TBD

If interested, contact Criss at 518-312-6883 for more information.

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 ruotolodesignshack@gmail.com.

CALnews Schedule

We will send out five issues per year and email blasts for additional information as necessary. Below is the proposed schedule:

1) SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE

August 5th - Newsletter copy deadline for articles/info

2) NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE

October 5th - Newsletter copy deadline

October 15th - Newsletters get emailed to membership

3) JANUARY/FEBRUARY membership list and show information only

January 5th - membership list and show info sent to Jean

4) MARCH/APRIL ISSUE

February 5th - Newsletter copy deadline

February 15th - Newsletters get emailed to membership

5) MAY/JUNE ISSUE

April 5th - Newsletter copy deadline

April 15th - Newsletters get emailed to membership

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