

## CALENDAR

3/5	General Meeting Lynn Diefenbach—Pastels	6:30pm Zoom Mtg 7:00pm
3/19	Board Meeting	6:30pm
4/1	Intake #1 for Pruy House Exhibit	9:00am – 1:00pm
4/2	Intake #2 for Pruy House Exhibit	1:00pm – 4:00pm
4/3	Hanging and Judging the Pruy House Exhibit	11:00am
4/7	Opening Reception for Pruy House Show	2:00pm – 4:00pm
4/8 – 5/3	Exhibit Dates for Pruy House Show	
4/23	Board Meeting	6:30
5/6	Pick-up artwork from Pruy House	9:00am – 3:30pm
5/7	General Meeting Eden Compton—Art presentation with visuals Awarding of Annual Scholarship Awards	6:30pm @ St. Matthews

## 2024 Pruy House Exhibit

### Pruy House Town of Colonie Cultural Center

207 Old Niskayuna Road,  
Newtonville, NY 12128  
518-783-1425

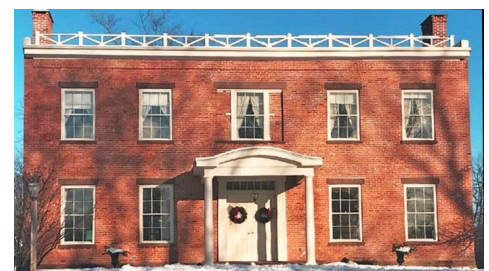


Photo by Sue Lunow

### Schedule of Activities and Call for Art

**Exhibit dates:** April 8 - May 3, 2024

**Intake:** Monday, April 1, 9 am to 1 pm  
and Tuesday, April 2, 1 pm to 4 pm

**Hanging:** Wednesday, April 3, 11 am

**Opening Reception:** Sunday, April 7, 2- 4 pm

**Pick-Up:** Monday, May 6, 9 am - 3:30 pm

*Fishing Boat,  
oil by Ned Lacy  
Best in Show  
2023 CAL  
Pruy House  
Exhibit*



Cash awards will be given for **First, Second, and Third places. We will also have one or more Honorable Mention awards.** The Pruyn House space is limited. 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 and you must pick up your piece at the reception on Sunday, April 7, between 2 and 4 pm. Pictures of the artwork will be posted on our website sometime after the reception. Thank you in advance to Richard Ruotolo, our webmaster, for taking care of this important job.

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](mailto:pandg85@gmail.com)).

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### **Entry Form for the Pruyn House Exhibit**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price or NFS \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Guidelines for Entry, Display and Sale of Art**

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

- Two-dimensional work only
- One work per artist
- Maximum size - 36 inches height or width
- 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 entry form below to the back, upper left-hand corner
- 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. The Pruyn House will provide visitors with a list of works and prices
- **You must be a current CAL member to participate. Please visit our website for a membership form**

**Our Judge for the  
2024 Pruyn House Show:  
Tom Myott**

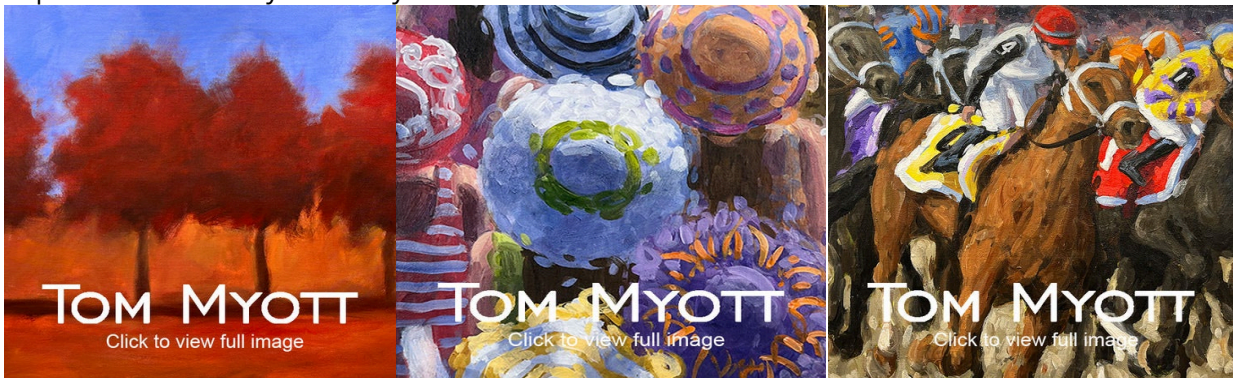


Tom Myott is a man with a passion for experimenting with new ideas and it shows in everything he does. His signature painting style using circles, dots, and dashes was developed over many years from a variety of techniques inspired by such artists as Seurat's Pointillist works to Chuck Close and his grid system with a smattering of ideas from other Impressionists and Contemporary artists.

But it's Myott's love of horses and thoroughbred racing at the Saratoga Racetrack that has been the main focus for many of his paintings for over a decade. The lush vibrant colors and the loose use of his paint strokes combined with the sense of live action, create an artistic version of the excitement of being at a horse race.

Tom Myott captures the action and vitality of each subject. The canvas comes alive with a myriad of lush, vibrant colors. Loose, animated strokes are the genesis of his work. His passion for painting, exploring the limitations of acrylic mediums and techniques is evident in his work. [www.tmyottart.com](http://www.tmyottart.com)

Sample of artwork by Tom Myott:



## May 7 General Meeting with Eden Compton 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 guest artist that evening will be Eden Compton, a wonderful artist from Saratoga, who has taught several workshops for CAL members. She consistently provides high quality workshops that participants give high praise.

Eden's work can be seen in galleries in upstate New York and Boston. She is a juried member of the Degas Pastel Society, Oil Painters of America, Portrait Society of America, and an Associate with Distinction of the American Women Artists Association.

For our meeting, Eden will give a presentation with visuals on a topic of her choice. This meeting is not to be missed! Please join us.

## Member News

In February, **Tracy Loring** received Best in Show for her piece, "Fuzzy Thinking", at the Student Art Show at the Atelier at Arlene's (Arlene's Artist Materials).

**Peggy Becker**, "MUD Season", March 15 - April 20, Artistree Gallery, Pomfret, Vermont. A show of artists working in all media. I will have three pieces that reflect the theme of mud season when we curse the conditions but watch joyfully as the earth comes alive again. (Mud is the season in Vermont anywhere between winter and summer when thaw hits and the back roads swallow cars).

"Real and Imagined" July 11-17 at the Granite Gallery in Tenant's Harbor, Maine. This is a two-woman show -- I will exhibit photos from throughout New England. Local Maine artist, Kathleen Fox, will show watercolors from the area. We will both include AI-inspired images based on our work. The opening reception on July 19 will feature our artists' talk, exploring image making across the three media.

**Fred Holman** has been invited to be part of an eight person exhibit titled "Here and There" at the Mountain Gallery in Glens Falls. Fred will have 6 paintings (3 landscapes and 3 figurative) in the exhibit. The work will be on exhibit from February 23 through March 29. There will be a closing reception on March 29, 5 - 7PM.

**Barb Lennox** has nine paintings on display (and for sale) at the Whitney Book Corner, 105 Clinton St, Schenectady NY. Their hours are Monday-Friday 10-4, Thursday 10-7, and Saturday & Sunday 10-2. The paintings will be there till the end of March.

She will be exhibiting 4 Collage pieces at the Jan Rutland Artists Space, which is in The National Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa NY. The show runs from February 17 through March 16 and is open Wednesday through Saturday 10-4.

## CAL's 50th Anniversary is Coming!

2024 marks 50 years of CAL sharing and encouraging art in the Capital District. To celebrate, we are having a catered dinner at the Pruyn House barn, on Tues, June 4th. We will have some entertainment, raffles, and opportunity to visit with your fellow artists in a festive setting. CAL member **Lynn Huntington** is leading the committee that is planning this event. We hope to see many CAL members come and enjoy this joyous evening. More details will follow.

## Membership Update

As of February 2024, there are 164 members in CAL!

**A BIG WELCOME to New Members to CAL (since December 2023)**

**Jonathan Pollack**  
**Maggie Schmidt**

**Peggy Becker**  
**Elinur Danon**

**Robert Horvath**

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

## Member Classes, Workshops and Services

### *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

### **Workshops**

March 2&9 **Tracy Loring** will be running a "Textured Floral in Acrylics" painting workshop at Arlene's Artist Materials. The workshop will explore the use of acrylic mediums and glazing.

Link to learn more or register:

<https://www.atelieratarlenes.com/event-details/textured-floral-in-acrylic-class-with-artist-in-residence-tracy-loring>

April 12 **Tracy Loring** will be running a "Printmaking: Image Transfers" workshop at Arlene's Artist Materials. This workshop will explore the ins and outs of creating image transfers on the gel plate. Link to learn more or

register: <https://www.atelieratarlenes.com/event-details/printmaking-image-transfers-with-artist-in-residence-tracy-loring>

## 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](mailto:kristin.woodward10@gmail.com).

## 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 Suzanne Gamello for details. [Suzanne.Gamello@sphp.com](mailto:Suzanne.Gamello@sphp.com)

**Electric City Barn**, 400 Craig Street, Schenectady. Contact McCauley Cannizzo for more information. [McCauley@albanybarn.org](mailto:McCauley@albanybarn.org)

**The Avila Retirement Community**, 100 White Pine Drive, Albany, NY 12203

Contact Erich Steiner, [esteiner@avilaretirement.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **The JRM Artists' Space, at The National Bottle Museum**

#### **"The Adirondack Show, Visualizing Nature"**

April 27 thru May 25

Entry deadline April 20

Up to 4 pieces per artist

Entry fee \$25 per artist

Other shows are planned, please contact The Bottle Museum for more information.

# 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

## Niskayuna Library

Date and time TBD

## Bright Horizons at Beltrone

Date and time TBD

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

# 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.

# CAL Website

Our website [www.colonieartleague.com](http://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](mailto: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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