

CALENDAR

9/3	General Meeting Demoist Tom Myott, oil and acrylics	6:30pm @ St. Matthews
9/8	Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House	12-4pm
9/24	Board Meeting	6:30pm
10/8	General Meeting Demoist Lori Lawrence, oil paintings, mixed media collages, printing, inks, and fabrics.	6:30pm @ St. Matthews
10/15	Watercolor Workshop with Ritvik Sharma	9am-4pm
10/22	Board Meeting	6:30pm
11/12	General Meeting Demoist Jean Mackey, watercolor birds and nature journals.	6:30pm @ St. Matthews
11/19	Board Meeting	6:30pm
12/1	Holiday Show Intake	12:30-4:30pm
12/2	Holiday Show Intake Holiday Show Hanging Judging	10am-11:30am 11:30am -3:30pm 3:30pm-5:30pm
12/8	Holiday Show Reception	2pm-4pm
12/30	Pick up Artwork	3pm-5pm
12/31		1pm-3pm

2024 Summer Show

Our 2nd Summer Show was a great success! Thank you to all the members who participated in the show at the Guilderland Library. We had a total of 60 beautiful entries.

There were so many volunteers who helped to make this show a success and just saying thank you does not seem to be enough. First, a big Thank You to our

wonderful crew of volunteers who managed the intake process: **Kathy Gallagher, Nancy Lyons, Larry McArthur, Anita Schermerhorn, and John Tobison**. Also, thank you to **Barbara Via** for typing up our program and getting it published at Corner Gateway Printing and Shipping.

After the intake, a dedicated “hanging team” came in and worked to display all of the artwork in the best possible way. Many thanks to: **Anne Cluett, Barbara Danowski, Sally Decheine, Tim Lederach, Kathleen Lyons, Mike Lyons, and Anita Schermerhorn** for accomplishing this gargantuan task.

The reception, held on August 6th, was well-attended by our members and their families and friends. Thank you to all who contributed a treat to share for the reception. A special thank you goes to **Karen Zimmers** who brought the lovely flowers and tableware. And thank you to the team of: **Lynn Huntington, Laura Morrill, and Judy Warren** for assisting with the set-up and take-down at the reception.

Once again, this show will be available for viewing on our website. Thank you to **Richard Ruotolo** for his skillful work in photographing and posting pictures of the paintings.

Thank you to **Pam Agan-Smith and Lee York**, our show co-hosts for their coordination and direction to put this show together.

A special thank you to our judge, **Takeyce Walter**, for doing the difficult job of selecting the award winners from the fabulous artwork submitted by our talented members.

Last but not least, thank you to the staff at the Guilderland Public Library who went above and beyond in providing support and equipment. A special thanks to **Luanne Nicholson** and **Amy DuBrey**, for their coordination and assistance with this successful event.

Congratulations to our 2024 Summer show winners:

1st place: **Larry McArthur**

2nd place: **D.J. Michael**

3rd place: **Irina Kaplan**

Honorable Mentions: **Pam Agan-Smith, Christine Spencer, John Tobison, and Barb Lennox**

Members Choice Awards (a three-way tie!): **Nancy Lyons, Lee York, Orhan Alpaslan**

CAL's 50th Celebration

A huge thank you to **Lynn Huntington**, who led the committee that planned our wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. Committee members, in addition to Lynn, are **Pam Agan-Smith, Cathy Laccetti, Sally Decheine, Paula Haavind, Marthanne Linacre, Lori McCann, Laura Morrill, Marci Poirier, Jennifer Siciliano, Jacqueline**

Smith, Mary Ann van Alstyne, Barbara Via, and Lee York. Thank you all for your outstanding work.

Just over 100 CAL members and guests enjoyed an evening of delicious food, beautiful decor, music provided by dulcimer artist **Susan Trump**, an opportunity to have a caricature portrait drawn by new CAL member, Mark Brennan, fabulous raffle prize options, and best of all, a chance to catch up with fellow artists, and make new friends. Congratulations to CAL for achieving our golden anniversary!

Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House

Join CAL at the Old-Fashioned Sunday event on the grounds of the Pruyn House on Sunday, **September 8, noon-4pm**. There is music, demos of sheep shearing and blacksmithing, pony rides, baby animals, crafts, music, and food. CAL always has space reserved for a few artists to set up tables and display and sell their art, notecards, etc. If you wish to participate in that way, please email Barbara Via viabarbara@gmail.com. Otherwise, just come and enjoy the afternoon strolling around.

December 2024 CAL Holiday Show

We are beginning to plan for the 2024 Holiday Show and Small Works Sale at the William Sanford Library in Colonie, NY.

Mark your calendars with these dates for the 2024 Holiday Show:

Intake #1: Sunday, December 1, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Intake #2: Monday, December 2, 10:00 to 11:30 am:
(11:30 am to 3:30 pm: **Hanging**)
(3:30 pm to 5:30 pm: **Judging**)

Reception: Sunday, December 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pick-up artwork:

Monday, December 30, 3:00 -5:00 pm or

Tuesday, December 31, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Volunteers will be needed for the intake, hanging, and reception. We will be reaching out to you by email if you indicate an interest in volunteering for shows on your membership renewal form. If you do not hear from us and would like to volunteer for this show, please contact **Pam Agan-Smith**.

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 (518-772-0859)

Pam Agan-Smith (pandg85@gmail.com 518-813-3583)



2023 CAL Holiday Show
Best In Show
Self Portrait in Watercolor
Irina Kaplan

2024-25 Membership Update

CAL Membership is open to anyone with an active interest in two-dimensional fine arts, including photography. We currently have 177 active members in our league!

We ask that dues be paid by September 30, 2024.

The 2024-25 CAL membership year begins September 1, 2024.

The Membership year is from September through August.

Annual Membership Dues: \$35

All members, including renewals, must submit a membership form and pay dues.* You can submit an online form, or you can print out the form (attached) and mail it to us (make check payable to Colonie Art League).

<https://www.colonieartleague.com/join-us>

We will verify all data received against current records to ensure that we are up to date. **Remember to include your email address.**

A BIG WELCOME to New Members to CAL (since April 2024)

Mark Brennan

Cynthia DiDonna-Nethaway

Diane Rafter

*Please note, if you renewed or joined on or after May 1, 2024, your membership will be carried through the 2024-25 year.

We look forward to another great year!

Pam Agan-Smith

Membership Chairperson

Upcoming Demo Artists

The following artists have agreed to be our Demo Artists:

9/3: Tom Myott—He is known for his vibrant thoroughbred, racing scenes, landscapes, and portraits. He works both in oil and acrylics.

His web address is:

www.tmyottart.com

10/8: Lori Lawrence—Lori Lawrence lives near Albany, NY. She works in several media, including oil paintings, mixed media collages, printing, inks, and fabrics.

Her web address is:

lorilawrenceart.com

11/12: Jean Mackay—She is known for her watercolor birds and nature journals.

Her web address is:

jeanmackayart.com

(Please note change from our usual first Tuesday due to election day)

Watercolor Workshop with Ritvik Sharma

Welcome back Ritvik! On Tuesday, October 15, 9am-4pm Ritvik will do a workshop on *street scenes* and *winter landscapes*. He will do two demos with student worktime. The cost is \$70. Please send your check to Kris Woodward, 44 Hoffman Dr., Latham 12110, payable to CAL and include your e-mail in the memo line. More information upon registration. Questions, e-mail Kris at kristin.woodward10@gmail.com. Go to see his oils and watercolors on Facebook at Ritvik Sharma Art.

Thanks to **Diane Bollman Buyer** for donating many new art supplies to the Scholarship fund. We will be having another Art sale in the spring. Any donations you would like to make to the sale will be appreciated. Call **Marion Greenberg** or **Kris Woodward**.



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

Member News

All are invited to **Bob Blackmon's** annual exhibit at the East Greenbush Library this November. This year he will be joined by his good friend, **Bill Bentley**, a watercolorist from North Granby, CT. Bob will show his trademark still lifes done in oils, plus landscapes, sunsets and Irish paintings done in acrylics.

The opening reception is Sunday, November 3, 2 to 4 pm. Please join us.

Condolences

We lost two very talented ladies and long-time CAL members, **Betty Bumgarner** and **Helen Otterness**. Betty, 95, was a familiar, happy face at all our shows with her realism and abstract art. Helen Otterness, 99, was a realistic colored pencil artist. Both had many one-person exhibits at the Town Library and Schenectady Stockade show. We also lost **Dick Leonard** who was a longtime active member of the league. Condolences to their families.

Condolences also to **Marci Poirier** on her husband Bobs' passing and to **Diane Bollman Buyer** on the loss of her husband Dick. Bob and Dick were familiar faces at our shows and summer dinners.

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 Telisa Claus for details. Telisa.Claus@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 tcahudson212@gmail.com or via text to her cell at 518-847-5307

CAL Website

Our website www.coloniartleague.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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COLONIE ART LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

RENEWAL

NEW MEMBER (You must be 18 years of age to join)

First Name:	Last Name:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Primary Phone:		
Secondary Phone:	Website:	

Email Address:

MEDIA OF INTEREST

Oil Acrylic Watercolor Pastel Photography Other

VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following:

Leadership Mail Distribution Annual Dinner Workshops
 Shows Refreshments Scholarship Publicity
 Membership Children's Program Other _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership runs from September 1st through August 30th

Membership Dues \$35.00 _____

Donation to the Scholarship Fund _____

DATE: _____ CHECK# _____ CASH: _____ AMOUNT: _____

**Make your check payable to Colonie Art League Membership
P.O. Box 941, Latham, NY 12110**

How did you learn about CAL?

- Website
 Publicity (i.e., CAL newsletter, newspaper, etc.)
 CAL shows
 Friend
 Other _____

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website www.colonieartleague.com
There is also the option of completing the form on-line and paying with PayPal.