

CALENDAR

12/29	Pick-up artwork and Small Works from Colonie Library	1:00 to 5:00 pm
1/2	General Meeting Demoist Lisa Bernstein—Oil	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00pm
1/16	Board Meeting	6:30pm
2/6	General Meeting Demoist Karen Weihs—Contemporary Oil	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00pm
2/20	Board Meeting	6:30pm
3/5	General Meeting Lynn Diefenbach—Pastels	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00pm
3/19	Board Meeting	6:30pm
4/1 & 4/2/24	Intakes for Pruyn House Exhibit	
4/3	Hanging and Judging the Pruyn House Exhibit	
4/7	Pruyn House Exhibit Reception	
5/6	Pick-up artwork from Pruyn House	
5/7	General Meeting Awarding of five Annual Scholarship Awards	6:30pm @ St. Matthews

2023 Holiday Show and Small Works Sale

Once again, the Colonie Art League had a wonderful Holiday Show. There were a total of 89 pieces submitted for the judged portion of the show and the 82 small works submitted took up the entire designated wall space! It was certainly gratifying to see all of these beautiful works of art fill up the William K. Sanford (Colonie) Library space.

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 and catalogued the entries over the two day intake period. Many thanks to **Julia Altar, Oksana Burr, Helen Centanni, Sally Decheine, Ann Dusza, Vince Forte, Mary Gaillard, Lynn Huntington, Tim Lederach, Nancy Lyons, Larry McArthur, Anita Schermerhorn,** and **Jaqueline Smith** for their assistance with this task and their careful attention to detail.

After the intake, the hanging elves came in and created space for all the works to be displayed in the best possible way with attention to color, content, framing and size. Thank you to **Meggie Carson, Eleanor Christie, Anne Cluett, Barbara Danowski, Sally Descheine, Vince Forte, Mary Gaillard, Shelby Harrison, Sue Lunow, Kathleen Lyons, Lori McCann, Emily Ravida** and **Mary Ann van Alstyne** and **Kris Woodward**.

The show reception was held on December 3rd and approximately 120 people attended the ceremony. Special thanks to **Karen Zimmers** for purchasing the gorgeous poinsettias and tableware. Thanks, too, to **Eleanor Christie, Oksana Burr** and her lovely daughter, **Alysia Burr** for assisting with set up and take down at the reception.

The six poinsettias were raffled off with proceeds (almost \$200) given to our scholarship fund. **Oksana Burr, Alysia Burr,** and **Ann Dusza** managed the raffle ticket sale. Thanks so much!

Our judge for this year's show, **Theresa Somaio**, had the difficult job of selecting the award winners. Her feedback to the members was greatly appreciated. With all the fabulous works that came in, it was a challenging job to select the winners in the various categories.

Additionally, we would like to thank our president, **Barbara Via**, for sending out reminders to the membership about the show and reception. **Richard Ruotolo** also kept our website updated and put out numerous notices on social media. Richard also photographed all of the show entries and posted them on our website, making it possible for us to easily share the show with family and friends near and far.

Thank you to **Greg Rucinski** and staff at the Colonie Library who provided the necessary equipment and support to hang the show and put on the reception. Thanks, too, to **Lois Lansing** of the Colonie Library (and CAL member) for displaying the bookmarks and cards created by CAL members for sale with proceeds to help out the library.

Once again, thanks to **Pam Agan- Smith** and **Lee York**, our show co-chairs. Without their coordination the show would not have come together.

Congratulations to the 2023 Holiday Show Award Winners

Best in Show

Irina Kaplan

Emerging Artist Awards

1st Place - Erin Shoudy

2nd Place - Trudi Jacobson

3rd Place - John Tobison

Honorable Mention - Janine Gibson

Paint on Canvas

1st Place - Orhan Alpaslan

2nd Place - Ned Lacy

3rd Place - Margaret Carrick

Honorable Mention - Barb Lennox

Honorable Mention- Ruth Crotty

Paint on Paper

1st Place - H. Andrew Fricke

2nd Place - Tim Lederach

3rd Place - Eden Hart

Honorable Mention -Paula Haavind

Pastel

1st Place - Pam Agan-Smith

2nd Place - Criss Macaione-Bilodeau

3rd Place - Susan Trottier

Other

1st Place - Sharlene Vanderbilt

2nd Place - Laurel Peterson

3rd Place - Ann Dusza

Honorable Mention - Chick Owens

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.

Welcome new CAL Board Members

Welcome to **Laurel Petersen** and **Jennifer Siciliano** to the CAL Board. We are happy to have you join us.

Membership Update

As of December 2023, there are 155 members in CAL. Attached is the membership list with contact information.

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

Barb Duclos	Robert Laper
Ann Dusza	Monica Mackey
Cheryl Galinsky	Frank Nasutowicz
Jessica Kirker	Richard Vitkay
Janis Kralovic	

Welcome Back and Thank you to our CAL members who have renewed their memberships for the 2023-24 year!

For those who have not yet renewed, we look forward to hearing from you!

Please complete our membership form attached to this newsletter (even if you are a returning member) and either mail to CAL with your dues payment (make check payable to Colonie Art League) OR you may renew online. <https://www.colonieartleague.com/join-us>

Annual Membership Dues: \$35.00

The 2023-24 CAL membership year begins September 1, 2023.

The Membership year is from September through August.

Remember, you must be a member to participate in CAL shows.

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

Member News

Orhan Alpaslan has an exhibition at SCPL Niskayuna Library, 2400 Nott St. E, Niskayuna NY, now through January 15th.

CAL Goes to the Library

CAL offered an adult collage class at the Colonie Library. CAL member **Nancy Haggerty-Lyons** taught the class to an enthusiastic group. Here are a couple of the attendees completed pieces. Thank you, Nancy!



2024 Pruyn House Exhibit

It's time to start working on your paintings for the 2024 Pruyn House Exhibit.

The show will run from **Monday, April 8th through Friday, May 3rd.**

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Intakes: **Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd**

Hanging and Judging: **Wednesday, April 3rd**

Reception: **Sunday, April 7th**

Pick up Art: **Monday, May 6th**

Tom Myott has agreed to be our judge for this show.

More information to follow in our next newsletter.

Volunteers will be needed for Intakes, Hanging and Reception.

Please contact Pam Agan-Smith if you have time to help out:

Pandg85@gmail.com or 518-813-3583

Art Classes with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, Gouache, Pastel, Acrylic, Oil and Drawing

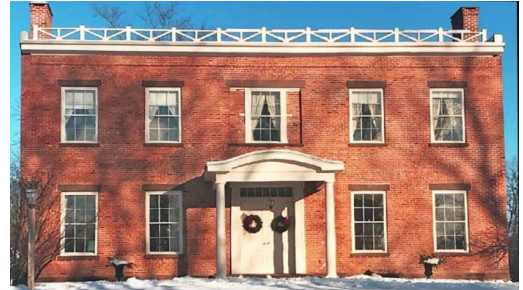
Kris has two classes a week: Wednesday from 6 to 9 and Thursday, 9:30-12:30 at St. Matthews. She teaches all mediums and works with you and your particular medium. For more information contact kristin.woodward10@gmail.com.

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



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

Niskayuna Library community room

Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

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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.

CAL Volunteers Needed

Dee Foley is looking for another member to assist her with identifying and contacting potential demoists. Dee's contact info is in the Board of Director's list at the end of the newsletter.

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