

CALENDAR

9/6	General meeting Demoist Ken Wilson will be doing expressive palette knife painting.	6:45pm
9/20	Board meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
10/4	General meeting Demoist Laura Shore from Farmshare Studio will be painting with acrylics.	6:45pm
10/18	Board meeting	6:30pm
11/1	General meeting	
11/7	K. Woodward special zoom demo — Wiring Your Painting for Hanging	6:45pm
11/15	Board Meeting via zoom	6:30pm
11/30	Intake #1 for Holiday Show	1-4pm
12/1	Intake #2 for Holiday Show Hanging for Show	10-11:30am 11:30-3:30pm
12/4	Holiday Show Reception	2-4pm
12/20	Board Meeting via zoom	6:30pm
12/30	Pick up Artwork from Holiday Show	1-5pm

December 2022 CAL Holiday Show

We are beginning to plan for the 2022 Holiday Show. At this time, we intend to return to an in-person show at the William Sanford Library in Colonie, NY and include a sale of small works along with donations of bookmarks and cards for the holiday tree.

Frozen Bubble
by Marthanne Linacre,
2021 Holiday Show Award
Best In Show



Mark your calendars with these dates for the 2022 Holiday Show:

Wednesday, November 30, 1:00 to 4:00 pm: **Intake**

Thursday, December 1, 10:00 to 11:30 am: **Intake**

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 to 4:00 pm: **Reception** (registration required on library website)

Friday, December 30, 1:00 to 5:00 pm: **Pick-up artwork**

Volunteers are needed for each of these dates. Please contact Pam Agan-Smith if you can offer your time and talent to help with the show in any way.

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)

Colonie Town Hall Art Show

Once again, we must thank so many people for a successful Colonie Art Show at the Colonie Memorial Town Hall during May and June 2022. We were very fortunate to be able to come back to the Town Hall after two years absence due to Covid.

The Town Supervisor, Peter Crummey, generously sponsored the event and presented the awards to the winners. Peter's Administrative Aide, Mary Ellen Ives, was instrumental in coordinating and managing intake for the show, finding the judges, and preparing the information for the public. We appreciated the time and energy it took to make the show a success.

We owe a great thank you to the CAL volunteers who helped hang the show. They included: **Mary Ann van Alstyne, Aniko Fata, Rose Knightly, Sue Lunow, Kris Woodward**, and **Barbara Via**. Mary Ellen Ives was also involved in making sure the paintings remained securely hung.

The show wouldn't have gotten off the ground except for the dedication of CAL's Show Co-chairs, **Pam Agan-Smith** and **Lee York**. Since this was a new event for the Town Supervisor and his staff, Pam and Lee had to work closely with them to make sure everything came off as planned and fill in the gaps where necessary. Thank you, ladies.

Last but not least, thank you to all our members who spent their time creating the artwork which made this show such a success. There were a total of 73 pieces of art work in the show.

2022 Town Hall Show Winners

1st Prize - *Moonlit* by **Barb Lennox**, mixed media

2nd Prize - *A Ray of Sunshine* by **Pam Agan-Smith**, pastel

3rd Prize - *California Canyon* by **Debbie Shaw**, oil

Honorable Mention

BH-BL by Night by **Larry McArthur**, watercolor

Twins by **Irina Kaplan**, watercolor and ink

Summer Waning by **Nancy Lyons**, pastel

They by **David Chapin**, pastel

The Fish by **Anna Stoliker**, watercolor

Annual Old-Fashioned Sunday

The Pruyn House annual Old-Fashioned Sunday will be held this year, from noon-4pm, on Sunday, September 11. CAL members are welcome to participate and bring a small table to display and sell your art, notecards, etc. You might also want to bring art supplies and paint so that visitors can watch artists at work. If you want to participate to help represent CAL, please contact Barbara Via, viabarbara@gmail.com.

Preparing Artwork for Shows

The aim of a show is to display the artist's work in a professional manner. There have been some issues in the past shows where art has been brought in to be hung without the proper framing and wiring. Several paintings that have been hung without the support needed to carry the weight of the painting have fallen and been damaged. Because of this, CAL will not be able to accept any works of art for shows that are not prepared to be hung in a professional and safe manner. The following are some basic tenants which members submitting artwork for a show should follow:

- **Frame Construction:** The frame must be sturdy enough not to fail in a 1-2-month show.
- **Frame Suspension:** All paintings must be wired for hanging. The wire must be secured at two separate end anchor points. The wire must be secured at points equidistant on both sides from the top of the frame, ideally one third of the way down from the top of the frame. Use screw eyes or D-rings. These should be secured into the wooden frame not into the cardboard backing. Saw tooth and other hangers are not admissible.
- **Frame Appearance:** The frame should be clean, free of scratches or flaws.
- **Glass Condition:** The glass should be fully clean on both sides with no cracks or chips.
- **Mat Condition:** Mats should be pristine, free of mold, water marks or soil spots.
- **Materials:** Tape should not be used in any structural or cosmetic way.
- If the artist is preparing a painting on canvas to be hung with a "French Wrap", the sides of the canvas should be painted black or reflect the color of the

painting. Also, the wiring should be done according to the above Frame Suspension instructions.

There are numerous videos on YouTube illustrating how to properly wire your painting. One example can be found at: <https://youtu.be/-ThspVqHlok>

On the evening of Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:45 pm, Kris Woodward will host a special zoom presentation on this important topic for all CAL members. A zoom meeting invitation will be sent in advance of this date.

We look forward to seeing your artwork in the CAL shows this year!

Membership Update

CAL Membership is open to anyone with an active interest in two-dimensional fine arts, including photography. We currently have 175 active members in our league!

We ask that dues be paid by September 30, 2022

The 2022-23 CAL membership year begins September 1, 2022.

The Membership year is from September until August.

Annual Membership Dues:

Standard membership: \$40

Senior rate (age 62+): \$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 and Returning Members to CAL (since April 2022)

Jenyce Aondona

Robert Barao

Oksana Burr

Jeanne Butler

Mary Cahill

Trudi Jacobson

Nina Kayzman

Noriko Stevens

Carol Svedson

*Please note, if you renewed or joined in or after May 2022, your membership will be carried through the 2022-23 year.

Fun Fridays at the Pruy House

CAL Summer Camp 2022

CAL's 2022 return to summer camp was planned for 3 consecutive Fridays in July and we were pleased to have 14 young ladies register as campers. The Pruy House barn was the perfect venue offering a wide-open space for COVID safety, a beautiful breeze to keep us cool, and all the tables and chairs we could possibly use.

Camp began with Mary Smith sharing her experiences with local wildlife rehabilitation. She offered stuffed animals and photo examples for the campers to use as references to paint shadow boxes and wooden animal ornaments. Each camper donated at least one ornament to be sold for rehab fundraising. Switching gears in the afternoon, Trudi Jacobson taught folded paper sketchbooks. Think origami books then add hand drawn artwork or multimedia. Trudi's examples of her own work were stunning.

Day two, due to the extreme heat, our Pruy House hosts graciously allowed us to use space in air-conditioned comfort inside. Only one camper chose to join us, as parents balked at the mask requirement. Perhaps, she knew the special attention she would get as the instructors became campers with her. Lea Mastrianni and Sharon Rowe brought antique button collections. Did you know there are buttons made of bone, rubber, paper, wood, seashells, ceramic, and all kinds of metal? The artists (young and old) created picture frames with buttons and colors of their choosing. After lunch, Kathleen Lyons taught the technique of one point perspective using block letters.

The morning of our third and final day Nancy Hodder took the campers on a tour of the garden, including our chocolate mint sun tea brewing in the sun. Then each camper created a Tussie-mussie, a nose gay of flowers, before sketching a flower or leaf of their choice. Excitement grew after lunch when the campers made paper flowers with Marjorie Ward for table decorations and then drew original designs on the aprons they would wear to serve tea and cookies as they hosted a tea party and exhibit of their camp artwork.

A big thank you to Criss Macaione for coordinating; Diane Champion for setting up our art show; and to Carolyn Martel, Barbara Via, Kathy Glasser, Sally Decheine and Linda Grimes, our camp aides, for pitching in wherever needed to keep the days running smoothly. And special thanks to Tami Sherry of the Pruy House for all her support and help with publicity and Richard Ruotolo for his work on our website - job well done!

Looking forward to CAL Camp 2023!

Member Accomplishments

Meggie Carson and Linda Ackert Guzzo will have a joint exhibit during the month of October at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie. A reception will be on Sunday, October 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Congratulations!

Kris Woodward and Pam Agan-Smith had their paintings accepted into the 8th Annual Adirondack National Pastel Exhibition which was held at View Gallery in Old Forge during the month of July.

Pam Agan-Smith had a painting accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society 2022 Online National Exhibit. The show will be published on the GLPS website starting Aug. 27th. www.greatlakespastelsociety.com

Get Well

Get well to Rowena Nelson after shoulder surgery

Eden Compton Workshops

Saratoga-based artist Eden Compton provided two workshops that focused on the gouache medium for CAL members, one in April and another in June. Both workshops filled up, and attendees were impressed with Eden's talents as an artist and instructor. Eden also presented to CAL members on color theory at a workshop held on August 16.



Upcoming Eden Compton Workshop

There will be a composition workshop on **Tuesday October 11**. More information to come. Although this is in the formative stages, only 12 people can join and at this writing, I expect it will be for most media. It will be \$100 for the day. If you're one of 12, send check payable to CAL to Kris Woodward, 44 Hoffman Dr. Latham, 12110. Remember, it's easier to get in and cancel if you must rather than wait till the last minute and not get in!

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.

Lynn Kaiser is looking for another member to assist her as New Member Liaison.

Member Classes, Workshops and Services

Join us for Wednesday Open Studio

Where: St. Matthew's Church in Latham

How much? \$5 donation

For whom? open to all CAL members

When? anytime on Wednesdays, 10-2

Enjoy painting with friends. Bring your lunch, art supplies, and a dose of humor. Take advantage of the CAL DVD's and library.

CAL Library

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

Art Classes with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, Pastel, Acrylic, Oil and Drawing

Kris Woodward has classes on Wednesday night 6:30-9:30 currently alternating St. Matthew's and Zoom. Also, Thursday morning either at her home gardens or St. Matthew's depending on the weather, 9:30-2:30. Kristin.woodward10@gmail.com, 518-461-2809. Students are required to have COVID shots.

Ruotolo Design Shack

Richard Ruotolo is a new CAL member this year and our new CAL Webmaster. He brings with him 25 years' experience in the design industry. View samples of his art and client work at www.ruotolodesignshack.com. See more on Facebook and Instagram. Contact Rich for all your graphic design, illustration, and photography needs.

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

CAL Board of Directors

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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.

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

COLONIE ART LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

First Name:	Last Name:
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Address:

City:	State:	Zip Code:
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Primary Phone:	
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Secondary Phone:	Website:
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Email Address:

MEDIA OF INTEREST

Oil Acrylic Watercolor Pastel Photography Other

VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> Shows	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Program	Other _____	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership runs from September 1st through August 30th

Standard Membership \$40.00 _____

Senior Membership (62+) \$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.