

CALENDAR

11/7	General Meeting Demoist Caitlin Cadeaux (Nature Art)	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00pm
11/21	Board Meeting	6:30pm
11/30	Holiday Show Intake	1:00 – 4:00pm
12/1	Holiday Show Intake Holiday Show Hanging Judging	10:00 – 11:30am 11:30 – 3:30pm 3:30 – 5:30pm
12/3	Holiday Show Reception	2:00 – 4:00pm
12/29	Pick up Artwork	1:00 – 5:00pm

December 2023 CAL Holiday Show

The 2023 Holiday Show is fast approaching. The show will be held at the William Sanford Library in Colonie, NY during the month of December 2023. Each CAL member will be able to submit **one (1)** piece of artwork for the Holiday Show (\$10.00 fee to enter) and up to **two (2) Small Works** for sale. The show will include many cash awards. Winners will be announced at the show reception.

You must be a current member to participate.

Important Dates:

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

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

11:30 am to 3:30 pm: **Hanging (Including small works)**

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm **Judging**

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 to 4:00 pm: **Reception**

Friday, December 29, 1:00 to 5:00 pm: **Pick-up Artwork**

Volunteers are needed on each of these dates. Lee York, Show Co-chair, will be reaching out to those members who indicated an interest in volunteering for shows on their recent membership renewal forms. If you do not hear from her and would like to volunteer, please contact Pam Agan-Smith @ pandg85@gmail.com

General Rules for Entry

Enter one (1) original painting/photograph completed within the last 3 years and not shown in a previous CAL exhibition.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 for one piece

Size limit: 36" X 36" including the frame's outside dimensions.

Painting must be dry, sturdily framed, wired, and ready to hang. Gallery wrapped paintings on canvas must have all edges painted to be accepted. Watercolor, pastels, drawings, etc. must be under glass or acrylic. No prints or art based on greeting cards, calendar art, magazine photos, etc.

Please refer to Sept/Oct 2022 Newsletter for the article on Preparing Artwork for Shows. <https://www.colonieartleague.com/2022>

Exhibit Categories

We have made changes to our categories. There will no longer be a Judge's Circle category and, instead of only one award for Emerging Artist, we will have 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards and one Honorable Mention in this category. Other categories remain the same.

Paint on Canvas including oil, acrylics, and water media (any medium used in an aqueous manner)

Paint on Paper including oil, acrylics, and water media

Pastel

Other (including - drawings (pen/ink, charcoal, pencil/graphite, colored pencil, markers), collage, mixed media (2 or more media), encaustic, photography, digital photography (all forms of digital including manipulated), and traditional printmaking (limited edition of 10, hand-pulled original prints only).

Emerging Artist: Anyone who has never received any award from CAL or any other art organization for work in any medium submitted for any show or exhibit. Any award means best in show first, second or third prize or honorable mention or any other competitive recognition. Check the emerging artist box category on the application.

Small Works Sale: We will be filling the entrance hall to the library gallery with small works for immediate sale. These sale items are in addition to your one entry to the show and will not be judged. There is no fee to enter small artworks.

Size limit: 12" x 12" including the frame's outside dimensions.

Maximum price: \$75.

Two (2) small works per artist

Giclee and prints are acceptable but must be marked as such. Label your piece with name, telephone number and price using the form below. Buyers will contact you directly. You may replace any painting you sell. Your replacement must be the same price and size as the piece sold. New pieces will use the number assigned the original piece entered.

Entry Forms

Holiday Show Entry and Waiver Form

Colonie Art League and the William Sanford Library are released from any liability as to loss or damage to my artwork or equipment during set-up, exhibit or take-down. I have read the above and accept the conditions before entering my painting as submitted below.

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)

Artist's Signature _____

Name (print) _____

Phone _____ email address _____

Title _____

Medium/Category _____ Price or NFS _____

Emerging Artist _____

Small Works Sale Entry and Waiver Form

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Please complete two (2) copies of this form. Affix one (1) copy to the back of your small artwork. Bring the other copy when you drop off your artwork at intake.

Artist's Signature _____

Name (Print) _____

Preferred contact for customer (Phone or Email Address)

Price (Maximum \$75) _____

Feel free to contact the Co-Chairs if you have questions.

Lee York: 518-772-0859 and **Pam Agan-Smith** (pandg85@gmail.com) or 518-813-3583.

Card and Bookmark donations needed for Library Holiday Tree

It has been a tradition for the Colonie Art League to support the Sanford Town Library by donating handmade cards and bookmarks with original artwork for sale on their Holiday Tree. **These are needed again this year!** Cards and bookmarks can be of any subject; a holiday theme is not required. Please make a card (with envelope) and/or a bookmark (2"x 6") and deliver it to the Library at one of the Holiday Show intakes (plastic sleeves and tassels for bookmarks will be available at the Holiday Show intakes).

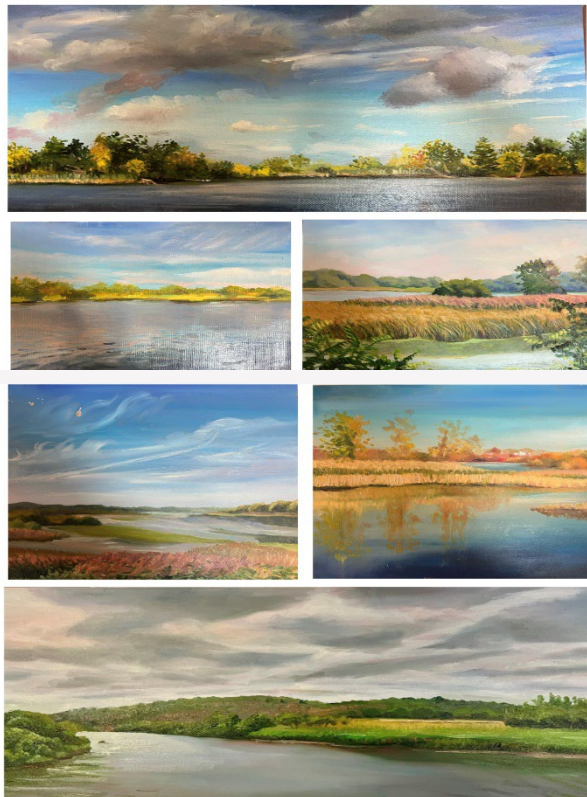
Our Judge for the 2023 Holiday Show: Theresa Somaio



"A true artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others." (Dali).

Theresa Somaio has been an artist and art educator for over thirty years. Immersed in the artistic process from all perspectives, she enjoys working with students and fellow artists in the community. Theresa's oil paintings and watercolors are figurative, sometimes narrative and explore the relationship of individuals, family groups and society. She has studied painting in Italy and in 1998 was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship. She has undergraduate degrees in fine arts and art history from Adelphi University and a Master of Fine Arts in painting from the State University of New York at Albany. She resides in Delmar, NY and teaches oil, watercolor and pastel painting classes throughout the capital district.

Sample of Artwork by Theresa Somaio:



Member News

Over several years, **Robert Whelan** has painted seven children for the organization: "Rare Disease United", "Beyond the Diagnosis". They were all featured on a Jumbotron in Times Square, for the whole month of February.

Robert has been commissioned to paint the official portrait of a senior Federal District Court Judge.

Everyone is invited to "A 50-year Career of Painting.....So Far: **Bob Blackmon** at the East Greenbush Library." This solo show of approximately 50 oil and acrylic works will include Bob's trademark Baroque-style still lifes, plus landscapes, seascapes, spacescapes, sunrises, and sunsets. Not surprisingly, many of the paintings include an Ireland theme.

The library is located at 10 Community Way, East Greenbush, New York, just off Route 155. The show runs November 1 to 30. The opening reception is Sunday, November 5, 2 to 4 pm. Please plan to join us; the treats will be excellent, and the art will be a treat as well.

This past May, Albany celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Tulip Festival. The Festival started when Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands sent 2,000 tulips to Albany in thanks for post WWII aid sent by Albany citizens to Nijmegen. The aid was organized by General Gavin, who liberated Nijmegen, a city in the Netherlands near the border of Germany, from the Germans in September 1944. General Gavin's daughter and the current mayor of Nijmegen attended the 75th anniversary celebrations in Albany. What a surprise to **Mary Gaillard** when a friend of hers bought her watercolor painting of the tulip gardens in Washington Park and sent it to her friend, the daughter of General Gavin, who then sent a copy to the mayor of Nijmegen!



Membership Update

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

ME Bussey
Dan Dunham
Helen Centanni
Lynn Jonquieres

Thomas Joseph
Tammy Liu-Haller
Gary Mercer
Laura Morrill

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

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.

Venues For Showing Art

Niskayuna Library community room

Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

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.

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.

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 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:	
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.