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Calendar

5/6	General Meeting Awarding of five Annual Scholarship Awards Demo artist, Julia Durgee	6:15pm @ St. Matthews (Meet the winners) 7:00 pm (Demo)
5/20	Board Meeting	6:30
5/20	Tom Myott Workshop	9:00am-3:00pm
6/17	Potluck Supper	5:00pm
7/31	Summer Show Intake	3:30pm-6:00pm
8/1	Summer Show Intake	10:00am-2:00pm
8/1	Summer Show Hanging	2:00pm-4:00pm
8/5	Show Reception	5:00pm-7:00pm
8/28	Show pickup artwork	9:30am-8:00pm

Pruyn House Show Accolades

Once again, the Colonie Art League held a wonderful Spring Show at the Pruy House. A total of **81** pieces were submitted for the show. Thank you to all who entered; the show was truly lovely.

Thank you also to the many volunteers that helped to make this show a success. Many thanks to: **Kathleen Gallagher, Oksana Burr, Barbara Danowski, Carolyn O'Donnell, and Pam Agan-Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Lee York, Jan Silverman-Pollow, and Nancy Lyons** who helped with intake.

Thank you to the hanging crew: **Lorraine McCann, Sally Decheine, Barbara Via, Barbara Compa, Eleanor Christie, Pam Agan-Smith, Aniko Fata;** and, as always, a special thanks to **Kathleen Lyons**, art hanger extraordinaire! They did a wonderful job creating a space so that all the artwork could be displayed in the best possible way—not an easy task.

The reception was held on Sunday, April 6th. Set up and take down thanks go to **Anne Varcasio, Sue Lunow and Ann Dusza**, who also provided the lovely bouquet for the judge's table. Another special thanks to **Marjorie Ward** who has organized the Pruyn House Show reception many times over the years for CAL.

We also need to thank our judge, **Deborah Bayly**, for doing the difficult job of selecting the three award winners and eight honorable mentions.

Also, a big round of applause goes out to **Lynn Huntington and Cathy Laccetti**, our new show co-chairs. Without their coordination and attention to detail the show would not have come together. They would like to thank the past co-chairs, **Pam Agan-Smith** and **Lee York**, for their helpful input and guidance during this transition.

Finally, thank you to the Pruyn House Administrator, **Tami Sherry**, who provided the necessary equipment and enthusiastic support for the show and reception.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 PRUYN HOUSE SHOW WINNERS

First Place: Tim Lederach - *Galapagos Frigate Bird*

Second Place: Ruth Crotty - *Gigi*

Third Place: Lynn Huntington - *Some Like It Hot*

Honorable Mentions

Pam Agan-Smith - *The Fun Sister*

Peggy Becker - *Masai Herder - Tanzania*

Paula Haavind - *Resting Nuthatch*

Cathy Laccetti - *Bear Cub Road*

Gary Mercer - *Maeve*

Laura Morrill - *Gateway to Nantasket*

Ellie Prakken - *The Glow*

Richard Ruotolo - *Good Reception*

Important notice to artists: if your artwork is sold, please mark it with a pink round sticker. These stickers are available in the top drawer of the dresser in the main hall of the Pruyn House. Also, please notify our webmaster, **John Tobison** at jtobison@nordiclightgallery.com that your artwork has been sold.

May Demo Artist

On May 6 at St Matthews Church in Latham, Julia Durgee will be our guest Demo Artist at our 7 o'clock meeting. Julia graduated from Cornell University and worked in New York City as a freelance illustrator. In 2013 she moved to Portland Maine, where she worked for L.L. Bean and painted on Mohegan Island with David Lussier. She works mainly in oil and paints portraits and landscapes.

General Meeting/Demo/Scholarship Awards-May 6

Our next meeting, in person at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Latham, will provide an opportunity for members to meet this year's high school scholarship winners and see samples of their art.

Please plan to gather by 6:15pm so that you can chat with the students, view samples of their art, and have some refreshments. We will start the Scholarship Award ceremony at 6:45pm. Following that, we will do our art demo by Julia Durgee.

Hope to see you there!

Tom Myott Workshop

Hats and Flowers

Tuesday May 20 9am -3:30pm

Using flowers and women's hats as a subject to create dynamic, colorful, and exciting compositions. Tom will use his signature mark making to help develop a sense of motion and movement. He will have demos for both subjects. Choose your favorite flowers and/or hats. Research your images and bring them to class. He will be working in acrylics; however, any medium will work. The cost is \$50.

Currently the workshop is full and there is a waitlist. Members can contact Kris Woodward at Kristin.woodward10@gmail.com to see if a spot becomes available.

Colonie Art League Summer 2025 Show

Guilderland Public Library

2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY, 12084

518-456-2400

www.guilderlandlibrary.org

Schedule of Activities

Show Dates: Saturday, August 2 to Wednesday, August 27

Intake: Thursday, July 31, 3:30 - 6:00 and Friday, August 1, 10:00 - 2:00

\$10.00 (cash or check only)

Hanging: Friday, August 1, 2:00 - 4:00

Reception: Tuesday, August 5, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
(Please bring a snack to share.)

Pick-Up: Thursday, August 28, 9:30 - 8:00

This will be a judged show with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place awards with cash prizes and honorable mention awards. We will also have a Member's Choice Award.

Since library space is limited, the size limit for each painting is limited to **24 x 24 inches, including outside frame dimensions**. 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 to pick up your artwork.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We will be emailing those of you who indicated an interest in volunteering for shows to check on your availability to help with this show. If you do not get an email and can spare some time to help with the intake, hanging and/or reception, please email Pam Agan-Smith: (pandg85@gmail.com)

Feel free to contact the Show Co-Chairs with questions or for further information:

Lynn Huntington (518) 977-9400 / lynnmhuntington@gmail.com

Cathy Laccetti (518) 698-5563 / calaccetti.art@gmail.com

Guidelines for Entry, Display and Sale of Art

For the CAL Summer 2025 Show at the Guilderland Public Library

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

- Two-dimensional work only.
- One work per artist. **You must be a current CAL member to participate. Please visit our website for a membership form.**
- **Maximum size - 24 inches in height or width (including outside dimensions of frame).**



- 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 one entry form below to the back, upper left-hand corner; bring the other form with you.
- Watercolors (except if on canvas or treated with wax medium), 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.

Entry Form for the CAL Summer 2024 Show

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**).

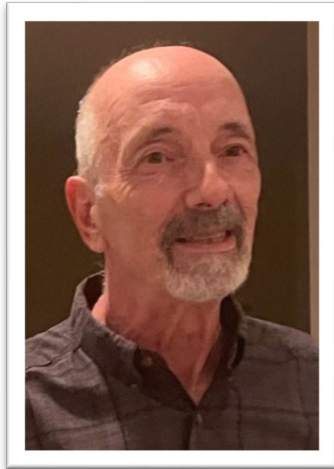
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ **Price/NFS:** _____



Our Judge for the 2025 Summer Show

Fred Neudoerffer

Photographer, Artist, Art Gallery Director and Art Installer

Fred sees photography in the simplest of terms, composition without chaos. He uses the basic tools and techniques of his cameras and lenses and his darkroom experience to capture and present images of details, light and shadow.

As a photographer he has worked in the photo industry for almost 50 years. His work has included commercial, industrial, and technical photography for consumers and manufacturers and collection photography for museums, historic sites and private collectors. He has demonstrated new photography equipment at trade shows and built and managed one of the first fully digital studios in Connecticut starting in 1994.

As an artist, most of the art he creates is defined by themes and parameters and then presented in series form. A good portion of his work leans toward the abstract but it is always just the reality in front of him. He started working in thematic images 45 years ago and to date has approximately fourteen series that he works on continuously. He doesn't necessarily go looking for specific shots, although some series call for very specific technical and subject matter guidelines. Many of his series images are just the luck of finding subjects that are a good fit for an on-going project. In his vast archives most of the images probably don't fit a specific series but the ones that do usually get the most attention in his workflow.

He is very involved in the arts in the Capital Region as he is a full member of **The Oakroom Artists**, **Volunteer Director of The Artists' Space** at the **National Bottle Museum** in Ballston Spa, **Vice President of the Board** at **Choose Cohoes for Art, Inc.**, and works to bring the art of the region to the community.

CAL Annual Potluck Supper

Our final meeting for the CAL year is always a potluck supper. This year, the supper will be held on Tuesday, June 17, starting at 5pm. It will be in the historic Shaker Meeting House, on the Shaker Heritage Society property, located adjacent to the Albany International Airport off Heritage Lane. The address is 25 Meeting House Rd. We have received a warm welcome from the Director, Johanna Batman. An email will be sent to members, reminding you of the date and asking what food items you will

bring (main dish, side dish, salad, etc). We will provide water, seltzer and lemonade, and paper products.

CAL White Elephant Sale

We will again be having a White Elephant Sale of all sorts of art supplies, art instruction books, and frames. The proceeds from the sale benefit our Scholarship Fund.

Look through your stash. If you have art materials (paints, brushes, mats, paper, canvas, etc.) art materials storage boxes, extra books, and/or frames, bring them to St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 129 Old Loudon Rd, Latham.

Drop off your items:

Wed. April 23, 10am-2pm and 5:30pm-8:30pm

Thurs. April 24, 9am-1pm

SALE DAYS

Wednesday, April 30, 9:30-2 and 5:30-8pm

Thursday, May 1, 9-noon

Come on the sale days and scoop up some good stuff for low prices! Huge thank you to **Kris Woodward** who spearheads this effort, time and again!

Shout Out to Our Members

Advance "Shout Out" to our CAL membership which continues to support the Scholarship Program enabling five area high school students to receive a \$500.00 award. The schools are Shaker HS, South Colonie HS, Albany HS, Schenectady HS and Troy HS. Plan to come to the May 6 meeting at St. Matthew's Church to meet these young artists and to offer good wishes to them for their continued future in the arts.

Membership Update

A BIG WELCOME to New Members to CAL:

Ben Glimore

Janet Cooke

Connie Neal

Nancy Keelen

Carol Turner

Nejla Balaganesh

Jing Wang

Thank you to our CAL members who have renewed their memberships for the 2024-25 year!

As of the date of this newsletter, there are **170** members in our league.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Pam Agan-Smith, Membership Chairperson: 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.

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

The following venues offer spaces for art displays. Contact the venue to get details.

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

The Glen Eddy Senior Living Center in Niskayuna

Contact: Telisa Claus Telisa.Claus@sphp.com

Electric City Barn, 400 Craig Street, Schenectady

Contact: McCauley@albanybarn.org

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

(Currently adding a hanging system in their gathering room.)

Contact: Erich Steiner: esteiner@avilaretirement.com, (518) 640-9404

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)
- Niskayuna Library community room

Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady

Wildgrube Fellowship/Friendship Room

Contact: Trudy Hudson: tcahudson212@gmail.com or text 518-847-5307

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 them. 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 Jtobison@nordiclightgallery.com

CAL Volunteers Needed

Tracy Loring is looking for instructors and helpers for this year's adult and children's art programs at the Colonie Library. Please contact Tracy if you are interested.

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

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