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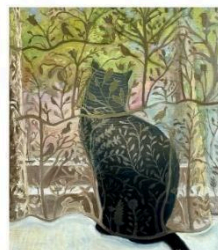
CALendar

9/2	General Meeting Demoist, Joann Quinlivan, Pastel Artist	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00
9/7	Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House	12:00-4:00
9/16	Board Meeting	6:30
10/7	General Meeting Demoist, Karen Woodin, Oil Painter	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00
10/21	Board Meeting	6:30
11/4	General Meeting Demoist, Alexandra Higgins, sculptor/mixed media	6:30pm @ St. Matthews 7:00
11/11	Mixed Media Workshop with Ruby Silvius	
11/18	Board Meeting	6:30
11/30 12/1	Holiday Show Intake	1:30-4:30 10:30-12:30
12/7	Holiday Show Reception	2:00-4:00
12/31	Pick up Artwork	1:00-3:00

Summer Show 2025

Thank you, **members**, for bringing your wonderful art to the Guilderland Public Library for the 2025 Summer Show. This year, 66 members participated. Please remember to let either Lynn Huntington or Cathy Laccetti, Show Co-Chairs know if you sell your artwork.

As always, a big thank you to all the volunteers who made this show possible. We had a great crew who ensured that things ran smoothly



1st Prize - Carol Turner



2nd Prize - Larry McArthur

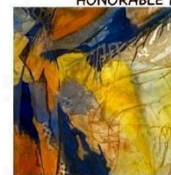


3rd Prize - Michael Mirsky, Ph.D.

HONORABLE MENTIONS



Fred Holman



Bev Braun



Ann Dusza



Susan Himmel

during the two intake days. Thank you, **Eleanor Christie, Anne Varcasio, Larry McArthur, Pam Agan-Smith, Sally Decheine, Aniko Fata, Tracy Loring, Marthanne Linacre, David Chapin, and Mary Ann VanAlstyne.**

After intake, the hanging crew arrived and worked together to display each piece to its best advantage. Many thanks to **Tim Lederach, Sue Lunow, Rebecca Broadway,** and of course, **Kathleen and Michael Lyons.**

Thank you also to **John Tobison** who photographed the artwork during intake and posted an online gallery on the CAL website which can be viewed [here](#), and thank you to **Barbara Via** who typed up the program for the show.

The reception, held on August 6, was well attended by members and their families and friends. Thanks to **David Chapin, Sally Decheine, Diane Segal and Jing Wang** for the set-up and cleanup after the reception. Special thanks to **Pam Agan-Smith** who brought the lemon water, tablecloths, plates, and napkins and to **Ann Duzsa** for the beautiful flower arrangement. Also, thank you to those who brought something to share and apologies to those who could not attend due to the last-minute date change.

A special thank you to our judge, **Fred Neudoeffler**, who had the challenging responsibility of selecting the award winners from the wonderful artwork submitted by our talented members. We would also like to thank him for taking the time to speak to individual artists about their artwork after his “judging duties” were completed.

Last, but not least, thank you to **Amy DuBrey** and the **maintenance staff** at the Guilderland Public Library for their coordination and assistance with this successful event.

And now on to awardees!

Congratulations to our 2025 Summer Show Awardees!

1st Place

Carol Turner
Bird Watching

2nd Place

Larry McArthur
Reaching for the Sky

3rd Place

Michael Mirsky, Ph.D.
Copenhagen Street Scene

Honorable Mentions

Bev Braun
A Sunny Day

Ann Duzsa
Summer Walk

Susan Himmel
Leaves III

Fred Holman
Walking up the Mall

Members' Choice Award

Ned Lacy
Summer Moment



December 2025 CAL Holiday Show

Hard to believe it's time to start planning for the 2025 Holiday Show at the William K Sanford (Colonie) Town Library.

Mark your calendars with these dates:

Intake #1: **Sunday, November 30, 1:30 to 4:30**

Intake #2: **Monday, December 1, 10:30 to 12:30**

(Hanging: **12:30 to 3:30/Judging: 3:30 to 5:30**)

Reception: **Sunday, December 7, 2:00 to 4:00**

Pick-up: **Monday, December 30, 3:00 to 5:00**

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



2024 Best in Show
Finalists by Oksana Burr

Volunteers will be needed for intake, hanging, and setting up before and cleaning up after the reception. **Pam Agan-Smith** will be sending an email to those that indicated an interest in volunteering for shows on the membership form. If you do not hear from us and would like to volunteer to help at this show, please contact her directly at pandg85@gmail.com or 518-813-3583.

Eden Compton has agreed to be the judge for this show. More information will be included in the next newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to the CAL Show Committee Co-Chairs with questions or further information.

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

Cathy Laccetti - calaccetti@outlook.com/518-698-5563

EDEN COMPTON ARTIST BIO



American painter Eden Compton was born in Texas and raised in Connecticut. She currently resides in Saratoga Springs, NY where she has a teaching studio and fine art gallery. She works in multiple mediums including pastel, oil, acrylic and gouache.

Prior to settling in upstate New York, Eden and her NZ born husband, Richard, spent many years sailing and managing private charter boats in the Caribbean and throughout the US East Coast. "My extensive travel has sparked an interest in different types of subject matter ranging from rural landscapes to rainy cityscapes to colorful market scenes as well as figurative subjects and interior paintings. I am

particularly enamored of the colorful grays and variety of shapes found in the urban landscape.”

Eden's formal training began with a B.A. in Art History at Colgate University and independent courses at the International Center for Photography in NYC. She also has studied independently and in workshops with nationally known artists over many years. Her award winning work has been included in national juried shows including the Catherine Lorillard Society, Salmagundi Open Non Member Juried Exhibit, the International Pastel Society, American Impressionist Society online members show as well as numerous regional and local shows. She is a member of the American Impressionist Society, Oil Painters of America and an Associate with Distinction of the American Women Artists Association.

Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House

Sunday, September 7, noon - 4pm.

This annual event includes crafts, sheep shearing demos, black smithing demos, pony rides, farm animals, food, and music. CAL is always allowed some lawn space to set up tables and show and/or sell our work. It is a fun event, and another way to share our love of art with the community. If you wish to bring a table and set up, please contact Barbara Via, viabarbara@gmail.com, as space is limited. In any case, come on out, and enjoy a lovely afternoon at the Pruyn House property.

General Meetings and Demos

General meetings and demos will be held at St Matthew's Episcopal Church, Old Loudon Rd, Latham. Meeting/Demo begins at 7pm. Please gather at 6:30pm for refreshments and social time.

Tuesday, September 2, Joann Quinlivan will be our demo artist. She is a pastel landscape artist who is president of the United Society of Pastel Artists in Southern California. She also teaches pastels in the Glen Falls area and Wiawaka. Please check her out on her website www.joannquinlivan.com.

Tuesday, October 7, Karen Woodin will be our demo artist. Karen is a talented oil painter who teaches and displays in the greater Albany area. She has won many awards and been highlighted in local magazines. You can read about her many accomplishments on the website www.timelessartist.com.

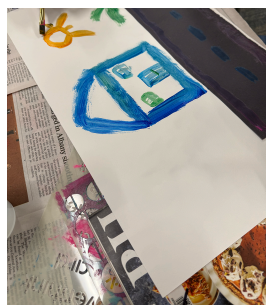
On November 4, Alexandra Higgins, a sculptor and mixed media artist will be our demo artist. She lives in Mayfield, New York and often paints women and gardens. You can check out more information on her website alexandrahiggins.com.

Mixed Media Workshop with Ruby Silvious

We are thrilled to have Ruby come for a workshop on November 11th. She will do *three* mini classes of 2 hours each. Paint a tea bag bursting with color, craft delicate painted butterflies with Ginko leaves and decoupage eggshells into tiny works of art. This playful workshop blends painting, texture and upcycled treasures perfect for beginners and seasoned creatives alike. \$70 for the day. Ruby will provide supplies, but you might want to save some of your eggshells. You can find her work at Rubysilvious.com. This will fill very quickly and spots will not be saved. Your check payable to CAL will be your ticket. Send your check to **Kris Woodward**, 44 Hoffman Drive, Latham, 12110.

Colonie Library Programming

Our much anticipated CAL programs for the Colonie Library are complete! Tracy Loring kicked us off with a mixed media collage program for all ages and wrapped up the series with a program on painting picture frames with buttons. Special thanks to Cathy Laccetti for leading the adult program on one page mini books, to Liz Klahr for her support, and to all of the volunteers who came out to lend a hand! If you have ideas for future programming or would like to help out, please reach out to Tracy Loring.



Kid's Corner Event

On July 19th, **Tracy Loring** led the Kid's Corner for the second year in a row at the Summer Art Fest hosted by Albany Center Gallery. Over 1000 art and music lovers turned out for this event featuring live muralists, a pop up gallery, live music, and art activity stations, helping to bring "more art everywhere."

Member News

Barbara Via and her friend **Barb Duclos** will be exhibiting their watercolors in the East Berne Library for the month of October.

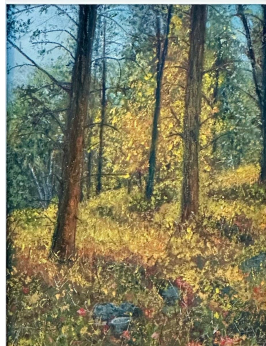
Lynn Huntington entered a themed, juried show by "A Still Small Voice For You" which was held at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts. Her painting won best interpretation.

She is also having a solo show there (SLCA) in October. The reception will be held on the 18th from 1-3.

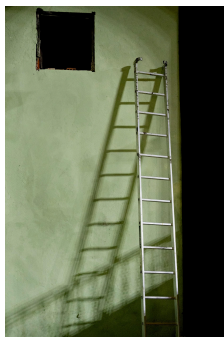
Kathleen Gallagher had an original oil painting accepted for the “Not a Word” exhibit at the Blooming Artist Gallery in Clifton Park, on display from July 22 - September 6.



Nancy Lyons was a recipient of The Dick Blick Award for her pastel painting “Sunlight in the Autumn Woods” at the 2025 Adirondack National Pastel Exhibition, which was held July 17 through August 9th, at Tom Myott Gallery in the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls, New York. **Kris Woodward, Pam Agan-Smith, Oksana Burr** and **Lynn Couey** also had beautiful pieces in this show.



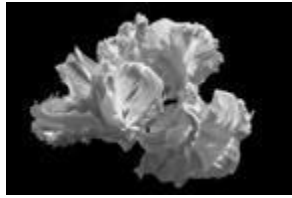
Peggy Becker recently won the 'Rev. Canon George French Memorial Prize' at the "Cooperstown Art Association 90th Annual National Juried Art Exhibition" for her entry "Havana Nocturne."



Peggy also has two upcoming shows:

September 5-28 at 25 Main Gallery in Cherry Valley: "Digital vs. Film: a photography show(down)." A group of ten photographers will demonstrate the merits of each genre. Artists talk on September 28 at 5 pm. I will have five images from my series "Evanescence."

October 7-November 8 at Artistree Gallery in Pomfret, Vermont. Solo show "On the Edge of Quiet: Studies in Mist and Memory."



2025-2026 Membership Update

CAL Membership is open to anyone with an active interest in two-dimensional fine arts, including photography. We currently have 174 active members in our league!

We ask that dues be paid by September 30, 2025.

The 2025-26 CAL membership year begins September 1, 2025.
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

(<https://www.colonieartleague.com/join-us>) or you can print out the form (attached) and mail it to us (make check payable to Colonie Art League). 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 2025):

Ellen Allen
Deborah Bernard
Gariella Dillman
Diane Segal
Jacqueline Towne

*Please note, if you renewed or joined on or after May 1, 2025, your membership will be carried through the 2025-26 year.

We look forward to another great year!

Pam Agan-Smith
Membership Chairperson

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of CAL Board member **Criss Macaione**. She was a valuable member of our Board, serving as our Zoom Host for both Board meetings and Online Demos, leading our Children's Art Program at Pruyn, and then transitioning to teaching in our Art Outreach programs at the Colonie Library. Criss was a gifted artist, generous in sharing her talents, and always had a beautiful smile. She was also active in the Bethlehem Art Association, and local theater. Criss made many friends throughout the arts community. and will be missed by so many people. Our hearts go out to her beloved husband Shawn and her family.

Art Show

33rd Autumn Art Show and Sale
Oct. 4th and 5th
Noon - 4PM
Pawling Hall
86 Pawling St
Hagaman NY

Former participants for the last two years will be mailed the information as usual and the entrance form around the 18th of August....a quick response is appreciated since we, are as of Sept 1st, advertising the show for new artists on Facebook...as you know we have room for only 60 artists and want to give our regular artists the first chance to enter the show...all the information will be in the email....if you are newly interested please call **Virginia Salamack** at 518-842-7821 ...hope you can join us this year.....it's a great weekend...

Hagaman Events Committee,
Virginia, Juliet, Charles and Edward

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: tc Hudson212@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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