

CALENDAR

9/5	General Meeting Demoist Marion Reynolds (Oil)	6:00pm @ St. Matthews
9/19	Board Meeting	6:30pm
10/3	General Meeting Demoist Ottavia Huang (Ink Watercolor)	6:00pm @ St. Matthews
10/17	Board Meeting	6:30pm
11/7	General Meeting Demoist Caitlin Cadeaux (Nature Art)	6:00pm @ St. Matthews
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

CAL Summer 2023 Art Show at the Guilderland Library

Once again, we had a wonderful show. Our first time at the Guilderland Library was a great success. There were fifty entries this August which was gratifying as so many people were vacationing. Our members always come through with beautiful and striking works of art and we are grateful to them for their loyalty to CAL as well as their craft. We want to thank the Guilderland Library staff and especially, Luanne Nicholson,



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Public Information Officer. Having good people working with us to stage the facility for the show is always a treat.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom there would not be a show. They included: **Sally Descheine, Lori McCann, Julia Alter** and **Jacqueline Smith** who worked on the intake and **Barbara Via** who did computer input for the program. The volunteers who did a wonderful job on placing and hanging the art were: **Kathleen Lyons, Kris Woodward, Julia Alter and Barbara Via**. We also thank **Richard Ruotolo** who worked on the virtual show which can be viewed on the CAL website. For the show reception, a big thank you goes to **Karen Zimmers** who purchased and arranged the table and flowers.

Thanks, too, to **Lorenz Worden**, for offering his watercolor painting, *Un samedi après-midi au parc avec Bob*, (Saturday in the park with Bob) for display at the entry of our show and shown above.

Once again **Pam Agan-Smith** and **Lee York**, our show co- chairs, deserve our thanks for putting on a great event. You go girls!

Although we had only one category for an award, it was nice to have the membership select their choice. The award went to **Fred Holman** for his oil painting, *Dog Day Afternoon*. Congratulations on winning the Members' Choice award!

December 2023 CAL Holiday Show

We are beginning to plan for the 2023 Holiday 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.

Mark your calendars with these dates for the 2023 Holiday Show:

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**

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 for the intake, hanging, and reception. 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)



Bear Hug
by Richard Ruotolo
2022 Holiday Show Award
Best In Show

Show Time

When the curtain is pulled back on a play, we are transfixed by what changed a stage into a production. The same thing occurs in our CAL shows. We start 3 - 4 months in advance to select the dates and coordinate with the local staff.

We seek the names of potential judges and then make contact to explain what we expect, and the dates of the event. We ask judges to also be on hand at our reception to award prizes and talk about chosen pieces.

The next step in the process is identifying what items are needed for the show. This year we purchased new and improved wall hangers, new easel stands, banners and signs.

Several months before the event, we begin reaching out to the membership for volunteers. Our members always come through! At intake time, we set up tables and signage, get snacks and food to keep our volunteers' energy up and make sure everyone knows their job. When the doors open for the intake, we are thrilled to see and accept all our members' wonderful works of art that will make up the show.

Just before we hang the artwork, we pay our webmaster, **Richard Ruotolo**, to photograph each piece and create an online version of the show. Member volunteers then help to hang the show and, typically several days later, we host the reception. Again, our volunteers help by decorating the tables for the reception. We purchase tablecloths, decorations and plants or flowers and get the prize monies and awards ready.

There is about a month or so before we start thinking about our next show. As with any all-volunteer organizations, our shows couldn't happen without the support of the Board and our membership. Thank you.

Your Show Co-Chairs, Pam and Lee

Get Well

We would love to send Get Well wishes to members but can only do it when you let us know someone needs a perk. Please email Kris with the information and she will get it in the newsletter. (Kristin.woodward10@gmail.com)

Get Well wishes to **Chris Spencer**. Chris broke her femur last week. Heal quickly, Chris!

CAL Camp at Colonie Library a Huge Success!

The first CAL Camp at Colonie Library was a huge success!

Over forty children from grades 1 through 4 participated in the two sessions that were jam-packed with exciting activities.

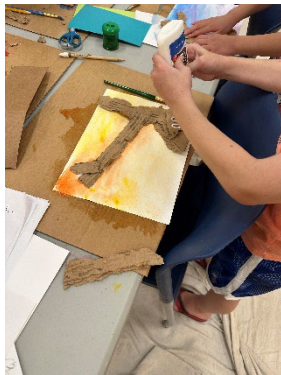
The kids had a blast listening to a book on birds before diving into the art segment of the camp. **Kathleen Lyons**, one of our talented teachers, taught painting trees with nests to grades 3 and 4, while **Nancy Lyons** equally talented but no relation taught collage birds to grades 1 and 2.

The children and CAL members all had a lot of fun, with some beautiful and creative pieces to show for it!

We would like to extend our gratitude to our amazing teachers and helpers **Barbara Via** and **David Chapin** for making this event possible.

Don't miss the chance to join us for the next fabulous camp experience!

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How to Create Dynamic Watercolors with Light and Shadow with Robert O'Brien, AWS

This workshop will focus on creating dynamic paintings with light and shadow. Students will learn how to make color combinations for perfect transparent shadows. Composition and values will be emphasized. Reference photos will be provided or use your own. The class will begin with a demonstration by Rob followed by class painting and a critique. All levels are welcome. Some drawing and watercolor experience suggested. Class is **Nov. 14th** and will run from 9:30-4. Cost is \$75.00. Your check is your ticket. Please send to Kris Woodward, 44 Hoffman Dr., Latham, 12110. Supply list will follow your registration.

Member News

Congratulations to **Tim Lederach**! His painting entitled, *Last Race, Lucky #7?* was accepted into the 42nd Annual Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors at View in Old Forge.

<https://www.viewarts.org/experience/experiences/aneaw/>

Kristin Woodward will be exhibiting at Colonie Library from September 30 thru the month of October. Kris will host her reception **October 15th from 2-4 pm.**

Barb Lennox will be part of a juried four-person gallery show at Saratoga Arts in September. The show runs through **October 7th**. The gallery is located at the corner of Broadway & Spring St, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Barbara Via will be showing her art in the Bethlehem Public Library for the month of **September.**

Membership Update

CAL Membership is open to anyone with an active interest in two-dimensional fine arts, including photography. We currently have 178 active members in our league!

We ask that dues be paid by September 30, 2023

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

The Membership year is from September until August.

Annual Membership Dues: \$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 Members to CAL

Julia Alter

Darla Jowett

Lucy Siegel

Annette August

Jacqueline Moylan

Catherine Tracy

Cynthia Cadwallader

Ann Norsworthy

Please note, if you renewed or joined on or after May 1, 2023, your membership will be carried through the 2023-24 year.

Art Classes with Kris Woodward

Watercolor, 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 6:30pm to 9pm Wednesdays. Books and DVDs. Call to make sure that the church is open, Chris 518 879-2927 or Kris 518-461-2809.

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 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.

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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