

CALnews

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CALENDAR

12/30	Pick up Artwork from Holiday Show	3 - 5pm
12/31	William K. Sanford (Colonie) Library	1 - 3pm
1/7	General Meeting - joint Zoom with Bethlehem Art Association Al Gury, Philadelphia based oil painter	6:45pm
1/21	Tom Myott Landscape Painting workshop St. Matthew's	9am - 3:30
2/4	General Meeting - Zoom Sam Vokey, Boston School oil painter	6:45pm
3/3	General Meeting - Zoom Maggie DeMarco, abstract acrylic painter	6:45pm
3/31, 4/1	Pruyn House Art Intake	
4/6	Pruyn House Exhibit Reception	

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A BIG WELCOME to *New Members* to CAL :

Cynthia Burola Barbara Compa
Michelle Holmstrom Iona Megas
Patty Schardt Bruce Wolford

Welcome Back and thank you to our CAL members who have renewed their memberships for the 2024-25 year! There are currently **155** members in our league.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Pam Agan-Smith, Membership Chairperson: Pandg85@gmail.com



November Demo Artist- Cathy Laccetti

Members were treated to a fascinating demo of gel plate printing by CAL member, Cathy Laccetti. She graciously stepped in at the last minute when our scheduled artist notified us of a death in her family.

Cathy demonstrated an array of colors, textures and techniques and finished with a handful of 5x7 prints and a few larger prints by the end of the night.



Starting in January, we will have Zoom meetings so that our members will feel safe and comfortable at home.



Tom Myott Workshop....Price Reduction to \$50

January 21 (Snow Date: Jan 28) 9am to 3:30

Tom's kindness has enabled us to offer his workshop at a \$50 cost instead of \$70 at St. Matthew's. Tom will demonstrate a landscape with colorful sky, sketching the composition in charcoal, blocking in the underpainting and building up layers. It will be an acrylic demo, but you may work in oil or acrylic. Deposits to Kris Woodward, [44 Hoffman Dr, Latham, 12110](mailto:kriswoodward10@gmail.com). Expect this workshop to fill rapidly, so reserve your spot with a check payable to CAL. It is refundable if necessary.

Please bring all your supplies, reference material on your iPad, Iphone or 8 x 10 copies. You will need a table cover, paper towels, easel, camera and be aware that it can feel cool by afternoon, so dress accordingly. Plan to bring your dirty brushes home with you. Pick your choice of size that you feel you can finish in one day. Bring your lunch and something to share (fruit, nuts, juice, yogurt, etc.) Any questions, e/m Kris at kristin.woodward10@gmail.com.

2024 Holiday Show and Small Works Sale

Can you believe the fabulous Colonie Art League Holiday Show this year? There are a total of 84 submissions in six categories and the art is just fantastic. We also have 59 beautiful small works for sale on the front wall of the William Sanford library. The show and sale will continue through December 29th.

There were so many wonderful volunteers who helped make the show a success and just saying thank you does not seem to be enough. The show could not have come together without our volunteers.

On December 1st and 2nd there was a great crew who took in and catalogued the entries. They were very adroit at handling the paintings and preparing them to be displayed. Many thanks go to **Tim Lederach, Larry McArthur, Lynn Huntington, Jacqueline Smith, Helen Centanni, Nancy Lyons, Victoria Tucker, John Tobison, Sally Decheine, Cathy Laccetti,** and **Oksana Burr.**

Upon completion of the intake the hanging folks came in and put a lot of effort into displaying all the works in the best possible way. Many thanks go to **Kathleen Lyons, Jack Berkery, Carolyn O'Donnell, Meg Carson, Barbara Compa, Victoria Tucker, Lynn Huntington, Cathy Laccetti, Sue Lunow, Eleanor Christie, Dee Foley, Marci Poirier, Anne Cluett** and **Barbara Via.**

The reception was held on December 8, and we thank **Eleanor Chistie, Sue Lunow, Oksana Burr, Barbara Via** and **Sally Decheine** for both putting together the reception area for the rest of the members to enjoy and cleaning up the space afterwards.

Many thanks to **Peg Foley**, our judge, for doing the difficult job of selecting the award winners. Her feedback to the members was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to **Greg Rucinski** who put together our brochure and made sure everything went smoothly from the Colonie Library side. His help and the help from the library staff was really appreciated.

Oksana Burr and **Sally Decheine** managed the raffle ticket sale. Thanks so much!

Additionally, we would like to thank our president, **Barbara Via**, for sending out reminders to the membership about the show and reception. **Richard Ruotolo** also kept our website updated and put out numerous notices on social media. Richard also photographed all of the show entries and posted them on our website, making it possible for us to easily share the show with family and friends near and far.

Once again, we need to mention the exceptional job done by the show co-chairs, **Pam Agan-Smith** and **Lee York**. Without their coordination and attention to detail the show would not have been a reality.

Congratulations to the 2024 Holiday Show Award Winners

Best in Show

Oksana Burr

Emerging Artist Awards

1st Place – Victoria Tucker

2nd Place – Paul Lawton

3rd Place – Barbara Danowski

Honorable Mention – Aniko Fata

Oil

1st Place – Ruth Crotty

2nd Place – Catherine Tracy

3rd Place – Susan Trottier

Honorable Mention – D. J. Michael



Acrylic

1st Place – Barb Lennox

2nd Place – Tracy Loring

3rd Place – Cathy Laccetti

Pastel

1st Place – Nancy Lyons

2nd Place – Pam Agan-Smith

3rd Place – Janine Gibson

Honorable Mention – Mary Sherwood

Other/Mixed Media

1st Place – Bev Braun

2nd Place – Aosta Nasutowicz

3rd Place – Laurel Peterson

Honorable Mention – Peggy Becker

Honorable Mention – Marthanne Linacre

Venues For Showing Art

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

The Glen Eddy Senior Living Center in Niskayuna. Contact Telisa Claus for details.

Telisa.Claus@sphp.com

Electric City Barn, 400 Craig Street, Schenectady. Contact McCauley Cannizzo for more information. McCauley@albanybarn.org

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

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

*Currently adding a hanging system in their gathering room.

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) for more information.

- Niskayuna Library community room

Contact: Circulation Desk 386-2249

Ballston Community Library community room

Contact: Deborah 399-8174 ext. 2

Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady

Zion has a room called the Wildgrube Fellowship/Friendship Room available to display artwork. It can hold up to a maximum of 45 pieces, depending on the size. Typically, a show is for a two-month period. Interested artists or artist groups please contact Trudy Hudson at tcaudson212@gmail.com or via text to her cell at 518-847-5307

Pruyn House Show 2025

It's time to start working on your paintings for the 2025 Pruy House Exhibit!

Monday, April 7th - Friday, May 2nd

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Intakes: **Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st**

Hanging and Judging: **Wednesday, April 2nd**

Reception: **Sunday, April 6th**

Pick up Art: **Monday, May 5th Tuesday, May 6th**

Deborah Bayly has agreed to be our judge for this show.

More information to follow in our next newsletter.

Volunteers will be needed for Intakes, Hanging and Reception

Please contact **Pam Agan-Smith** if you have time to help out:

Pandg85@gmail.com or 518-813-3583



Community Outreach Update

The 2025 theme for the Colonie Library is *Color Our World*. A perfect theme for art programs! Our programs have been a hit in the past and they would love to have us back. We have an opportunity to support the library's programming during the course of the year including 4 programs (workshops) for adults and 1 for children. Each program will be ~1 hour in length and up to 90 minutes for adults. All supplies will be provided by the library. We just need your ideas and talent!

The library will include a short bio of each of the teaching artists along with a "Sponsored by the Colonie Art League" tag to aid with visibility. If you're interested in teaching or volunteering in any way, please reach out to Tracy Loring (tracy@tracyloring.com) by January 12th. Tracy will be gathering volunteers and coordinating our efforts. We'll need to get back to the library with dates and details by March.

CAL Website

Many thanks to John Tobison for becoming our new webmaster! 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 jtobison@nordiclightgallery.com

CAL Library/Scholarship

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: Kris 518-461-2809.

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. Matthew's. 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

Wednesday Open Studio

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. Hope to see you soon! The contact for Wednesday Open Studio is Carolyn O'Donnell. 518-435-5527.

CAL Board Comings and Goings

A huge thank you to CAL Board members who have served our league so well and have decided to step down from the Board: **Kris Woodward** has served CAL for so many years in countless roles, including as President for several years (thankfully, she will continue to direct our Workshops), **Lee York**, who has been Show Co - Chair for several years and along with her Co-Chair they produced so many wonderful CAL member shows, and **Jennifer Siciliano**, who has been on the Board for a couple of years. Jen recently took on a demanding job with NYS, and reluctantly asked to step down from the Board for now.

Also, though he was not on the Board, **Richard Ruotolo** did a fabulous job as Webmaster for four years. A heartfelt thanks to Richard for all of your efforts on behalf of CAL, and enhancing our social media presence.

We welcome new Board Members: **Tracy Loring**, who is leading Community Outreach to public libraries, **John Tobison**, who is our new Webmaster, and **Victoria Tucker**, Member-at-Large.

CAL Board of Directors

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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