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NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2011

Meetings are always the 3rd Thursday of the month at First Christian Church 701 Franklin SE, Olympia, Washington.

6:30 p.m. Socializing, art display
7:00 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 p.m. Speaker, demonstration
8:30 p.m. Socializing & discussion

September Meeting Topic: Composition, with Cal Capener

Cal will be discussing and demonstrating the basics and some advanced ideas about composition. The demo is applicable to all types of painting.

Cal has painted for about 30 years and studied with several well known painters in New Mexico and Colorado. He painted full-time in New Mexico for 3 years and then returned to his home state of Washington in 1995. He paints primarily in oils. Cal's subject matter is mostly landscapes, however, he did win a second place award at the Olympia Art League show 3 years ago for a portrait of his grand-daughter. He has won numerous awards over the past 15 years including "Best of Show" at the Fred Oldfield Western Art show several years ago, as well as several awards at the Puyallup Fair.

Cal has taught classes in both photography and oil painting at various schools and at the Daniel Smith store in Seattle. Currently, he is represented at Childhood's End Gallery and The Art House in Olympia.

We look forward to Cal presenting his ideas and knowledge regarding composition at the September meeting.

Annual OAL Picnic 2011



On Friday, August 12th, at the end of the Olympia Art League Lakefair Juried Show, twenty or so OAL members and their families gathered at the Heritage Park to celebrate the show and share their summer experiences. Those attending shared some wonderful pot-luck main dishes, salads, desserts and cold drinks. There were lots of enjoyable conversations, walks to view the old brewery and take pictures. Special thanks to those who provided the basics for picnics: paper plate, napkins, table clothes and, of course, the wonderful food we all enjoyed. We will do it again next year so watch for the announcements during next spring's newsletters.

Letter from the Co-Presidents



▲ Barbara Strophy & ▲ Roxana Caples

I am sitting on the boat in Friday Harbor watching a very beautiful sunrise.

Suddenly I realize that the real world is close by and I need to reconnect.

I hope that we all had some time this summer to "get away"! Leaving your usual surroundings doesn't take gallons of gas but only a quiet walk to one of the many beautiful places that surround us. A big thank-you to Leslie for helping OAL artists to discover some of these wonderful sites! Thank-you also to Susan for keeping our members connected with e-mail notifications.

While in Friday Harbor I visited the Kurt Wenner exhibit. He now lives here. You have seen his ephemeral art on your computer. If not Google him! Here is an artist who enjoys the journey more than the destination. Imagine painting masterpieces, only to have them washed away with the next rain storm! Here is the solution to our trepidation over a blank canvas. ART AS A PROCESS RATHER THAN A PRODUCT. Enjoy the act of creation, that's where your success evolves! Push the right side of your brain and just create!

I'm looking forward to visiting with you at our next meeting on September 15th.

Roxana Caples

Another great summer of paint-outs



Another successful Olympia Art League Paint-out summer is coming to an end. Members enjoyed a variety of sites and produced many drawings and paintings. They also enjoyed each other's



companionship and had a great time painting outdoors.

You can view the artworks they created at the Bonsai Teriaki in Tumwater. Their show will run from November through Decem-

Opportunities

Fiber Art Workshop

The Olympia Calligraphy Guild is hosting a fiber art workshop by Lisa Engelbrecht. You do NOT need to be a Calligrapher to enjoy painting on canvas and muslin....with all types of acrylic paints, then embellishing with sewing, drawing, lettering.... Lisa has presented a workshop in Olympia in the past and made wonderful artful journals. Check out her work at lisaengelbrecht.com. We have 5 spaces left. More information: Karen at 943-1827.

The Barn Nursery

One of our Paint-out locations; Carla at The Barn has invited all artists to participate in a one-day Customer Appreciation September 24. Sell your art!!! You are responsible for your own table, chair and/or tent. Events and speakers are scheduled from 10 AM to 4 PM. Should be a great day. A few Paint-out artists participated last year and liked it. *Please call The Barn and let them know that you will be there to participate. 943-2826 (and let the sun shine!)*

Rainier Arts Festival

Call for artists. Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st & 2nd. Deadline is September 25th or until filled. Visit <http://rainierarts.com/call-for-artists.html> for more info.

Show Your Work

Fish Tale Brewpub is looking for artists. Space available from September 1 on. Exhibits are 30-45 days.

For more questions, please contact: Martha Correa, Event Coordinator, FishTale Brewpub 360.943.3650

OAL Fall Members Show

The Members Show will be from October to November at Olympic West. More information will be available at the meeting on Thursday.

ARTrails

9th Annual Juried ARTrails of SW WA 2011 Sept. 17-18 & 24-25 - information www.ARTrailsofSWW.org; make a tax deductible donation of \$25 or more.

Open Studio Tour

The Greater Gig Harbor OPEN STUDIO TOUR. Sep 17th & 18th, 10AM to 5PM. 28 artists in 25 studios, Free Self-guided Tour

Fine Arts and Crafts Show

Call to Artists: Fine Arts and Crafts Show, Winter 2011: Tacoma November 12th and 13th, Seattle November 19th and 20th, Olympia December 3rd and 4th, and Olympia December 10th and 11th

Why do the Fine Arts and Crafts Show? 4 Separate Shows, Central Checkout, Indoor & Juried, Reach new market areas, Professionally ran by an Artist for Artists, Accepts most credit cards for you, Reasonably Priced, Prime Locations, Producing shows since 2005,

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Sorticulture Poster

EVERETT – The City is accepting artist submissions for poster art. through Tuesday Dec 2, 2011 for a poster marketing the 2012 Sorticulture event in Everett. The Sorticulture Fine Arts Poster and promotional materials will feature an original piece of artwork that reflects the theme and spirit of Sorticulture, Everett's Garden Arts Festival. The artwork will be used in all promotional materials including: posters, postcards, billboards, bus sides, television spots, electronic media, and websites. Art images focusing on gardening, flowers, birds or other garden wildlife work well. Artists should submit work via Entrythingy.com, a free, user-friendly, artist entry format. Access to the online entry form can be found at enjoyEverett.org. For more information, contact Carol Thomas at 425-257-7101 or cthomas@ci.everett.wa.us WWW.enjoyEverett.org

From the Board

Tony Lirette, our Treasurer, reports the Checking Account has a balance of \$738.81 and the Savings Account has a balance of \$2,838.65 for a Net Worth of \$3577.46.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

We are now considered a Public Charity under the federal tax revenue code and exempt from tax under section 501 © (3) of the code, making any donation to our organization tax deductible.

Two new members

Ann Lewis, Olympia, creates in Paste, acrylic watercolor, oil, mixed media. Deborah Henderson, from Olympia, works in pastel. **Welcome!**

More News

Olympia Has a New Gallery

Visit Splash Gallery of Olympia at 501 Columbia Street NW. Opening hours: Wednesday through Saturday 11-7, Sunday 11-5. www.SplashGalleryOlympia.com
www.marionpollmanneramics.com 360.956.9100

Tilbury Event

Sep 24, 2011: The Tilbury Event Western/Victorian. Fourth Bi-Annual Tableaux Vivant event in Kitsap County. \$65.00 for the day. Western-Victorian scenes with models will be staffed *for painting or viewing*. Information at gardnersart@wavecable.com.

Hooray! 501 (c) (3)!

We have finally been recognized as a tax exempt public charity! Let's thank Les Fosmire and Tony Lirette for all the work they put into the application process. Obtaining the designation should make it easier to solicit funds and possible grants to continue our work. This tax exempt status will put us in good stead with prospective donors and for future OAL projects, particularly our annual art exhibit. Your membership dues are now tax deductible!

Fall Arts Walk October 7 & 8



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