

Olympia Art League Newsletter

January 2017

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MEETINGS—3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2017

Location:

Faith Lutheran Church

7075 Pacific Ave SE

Lacey, WA 98503

Time:

6:30 PM Socializing & Art Display
(stands available at the Dollar Store—bring some)

7:00 Business Meeting

7:30 Speaker Demonstration

January's presenter...

Yuming Zhu Demonstrates

His Style of Transism



Originally from Shanghai, Yuming began studying under the masters at a young age. After his BA from China, Yuming came to the United States and graduated from Sonoma State University with his MA in 1991. Working in oils, pastels and Chinese/sumi watercolors, Yuming's paintings are a unique blend of East meets West artistry. It is a style that Yuming refers to as "Transism". The term references his constantly evolving interests, which include observations on modern life, a love of music, and an exploration of his own unique heritage. "I paint to achieve balance and harmony. Once I reach that, I will for sure break it"

Yuming is lyrical in his descriptions of his artistic process and work. "My art is just a channel; through it I invite people to look at the world differently, to feel new sensations, to arouse emotions one dares not to have before." Fascinated about the relationship between art and music, Yuming always says: "I love to paint music! I invite the viewer to listen to my painting rather than seeing. Emotion flows from line to color to form. I feel music informs me how to paint more than the act of painting itself."

In describing his process, Yuming says, "I land my brush with the force of a giant rock splashing into the ocean. I am not looking for a beautiful painting, but to express Life itself."



"Painting is just like a stacking of passions. Painting is a method of stripping myself naked and facing the truth of my inner emotion. I invite the viewer to experience through my paintings the joy of being alive right at this moment."

Yuming will be demonstrating his sumi technique at the January OAL presentation. You can see more of his work on his website-- <http://www.yumingfineart.com/artist/> He is based in Woodenville. You can visit his Studio/Gallery by appointment and can contact him by calling 425-749-8703 or via email: zhu@yumingfineart.com

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. A Secret Get-Away

Are you feeling the need to find a dark corner to hide away? The world around us seems a little scary right now!

Fortunately you are one of a very special group blessed with a secret get-away. Like a faithful friend your art is always there for you. Your own private world where time stands still. Where you are free to plumb the depths of creativity. Where the joy of personal expression rejuvenates and satisfies your need to create. Time flies by unnoticed. We all have experienced losing ourselves to our art. We are blessed by making art.

Many of us are asking what we can do to rectify the coming national changes and honor our own personal beliefs. The answer is at the tip of our brushes. Be a recorder of the things you love. Let art bring you together as a group of creative people. The reality is that most of us won't become famous or rich with our art. And that's okay.

Artists share one important ingredient. Artistic passion. That fire inside of you that consumes a lot of your time, energy and dreams.

Be true to your artistic self. Rediscover the original joy that your art brought you. Someday your work may bring awards. Or it might end up in your child's home, or a friend's. Every time they gaze at your art, it will bring a smile. And in this way, the spirit of your creative soul, your personal beliefs and the things you love will live on.

Roxana



November's speaker...

Urban Sketcher

Jane Wingfield

Olympia Art League members were delighted with Jane Wingfield's presentation about Urban Sketchers. And many of our artists were envious of her wonderful journals where she was able to capture the moment with a minimal amount of materials.

Urban Sketchers are adventurers, naturalists, foodies, architects and museum goers. They love to draw the world around them. Urban Sketchers draw quickly. They use special techniques to create fresh, spontaneous cityscapes. They have miniature art tool kits tucked into their messenger bags and purses. Sometimes sketchers specialize in neighborhoods, or people scenes, or meals. They draw whatever is interesting to them at that moment.



Jane and her artist friend Sara Light-Waller (both experienced Urban Sketchers) are hoping to share their love of urban sketching with Olympia artists by offering a series of winter talks to help artists who are new to journaling learn the basics. These little seminars will be taught inside where it is warm and prepare you for a fun journaling experience when the warm weather arrives. E-mails will be sent out when these events are scheduled.

janewingfield@gmail.com or
sara@saralightwaller.com
www.olysketcher.com

Beginning January 5th...

OAL EVENING PAINT-IN



Diana Fairbanks' Studio
Thursdays 6:30-8:30PM
1230 E 8th Ave Olympia

For more info contact :
Karen Bush 360-455-8176

*"All mediums and people are welcome.
\$5 charged to help pay utilities."*



Think Tank Tuesday meets the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 2:00 PM, at Haggens on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point Road.

Roxana will be there to greet and visit. Members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club.

Water Color Critique Group



The Watercolor Critique Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This month's meeting is **Jan. 13th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM**. The location will be Timberline Baptist Church 6628 Mullen Rd SE in Lacey.

If you paint with watercolor, we invite you to join this helpful, supportive & often inspiring group. Bring current work or a 'problem child' that's been set aside waiting for resolution to present itself.

Questions? Call or e-mail: Jo Anne Sanford, 360-878-8225
san3jo@comcast.net

OAL MORNING PAINT-IN

Join us at the Morning Paint Ins!

Time: The group meets Thursdays 9AM-Noon.

Location: Karen Crate's community clubhouse
in Thunderbird Village
716 Dennis St. SE in Tumwater

Bring what you are working on and join other artists at work.

Call or email for more info: **Karen Crate**
wkcrate@comcast.net 360-943-1827



Abstract Critique Group

The Abstract Critique Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting is on **January 18th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM** at the **Lacey Timberlake Library** on 500 College St. SE off Abby. After brief introductions, we do a gentle critique of each other's work and share information about classes, books, artists or teachers that have inspired us. Bring a few works to share—all experience levels and mediums welcome. To RSVP or for more information about the group contact Linda Selsor at 491-0377 or via e-mail at lselsor@msn.com

OAL ONLINE GALLERY UP AND RUNNING

The online OAL membership gallery is ready for your artwork. To share your work online, send Rick Drescher three of your favorite works and an artist statement of no more than 150 words. Include your website or Facebook page in the artist statement.

Send all information to Rick Drescher at rickdartist@gmail.com. Contact Rick if you have questions or need more information.

**Chances to strut your stuff...
LOCAL OAL SPONSORED ART VENUES**



New show theme...

**Cooper Point
Public House**

We will be changing art at the Cooper Point Public House on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:30 AM.

The theme will be **spring / florals**—let's make this a colorful hanging.

If you have a painting hanging there now, please be there to pick it up even if you are not bringing anything new to hang.

Cooper Point Public House is located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on Olympia's West side. Take a look at the show and enjoy a great meal. If you have questions please contact Rick Drescher phone: 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: rickdartist@gmail.com



**TRA Medical
Imaging**

The Women's Health Center at TRA Medical Imaging of Olympia on Lilly Road offers space for display of OAL member art. This venue works well for large pieces and sculpture. The next hanging of new works will be the end of January. If you would like to show your art, contact Jan Hansen at 360-352-2751 or at justjansue@gmail.com. TRA is located at 500 Lilly Road NE Suite 160 (opposite St Peter Hospital).



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**Art Display at
Capitol Chiropractor
1728 State Ave NE, Olympia**

Check out the show at Capitol Chiropractor (near Ralph's Thriftway). The paintings usually hang for a few months at a time and will be switching out soon. If you are interested in displaying some of your work in the next show, contact:

Lone Moody
lmoody@comcast.net
360-357-5249

Please thank our sponsor with your patronage.

**Check Out OAL Member Art at
Bonsai Wok Teriyaki**

Bonsai Wok Teriyaki offers the entire restaurant for display of OAL member art. The restaurant is located in Tumwater at 408 Cleveland Ave. SE. The next art switch out will be Sat. Jan. 28th.

Please thank our generous sponsor by taking your family to eat at Bonsai Wok Teriyaki.

Contact Anne-Marie Brown if you want to participate at the next art refresh: (360) 867-3270 or via e-mail at anniebrownie123@yahoo.com

GETTING ACQUAINTED...



The *Getting Acquainted* column is taking a break again this month. *If you'd like to be featured, contact **Nicki Weber** at (360)753-3040 or e-mail ednikweber@aol.com*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2017, please consider doing that today. Your support through our low membership dues enables us to offer the fabulous programming we enjoy at general meetings as well as other activities. Please mail your \$30 check to: Olympia Art League, PO Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507. You can also bring it to the next meeting. ***New members welcome!!***



Abstract Painting Wet on Wet Watercolor for Ages 50 +

Instructor Rob Lowry will explore pouring and glazing transparent water color, color theory, and applying different techniques to create one of a kind abstract works of art. The class will also cover basic design: layout, composition and balance. No previous experience with watercolor is needed.

Time: 6 Thursdays--Jan. 12 – Feb. 16, 2 PM – 5 PM

Location: Building 800, 1620 Edward P. Smith Drive, Aberdeen, WA

Fee: \$67

Registration: Click below

<http://www.campusce.net/ghc/course/course.aspx?C=179&pc=3&mc=16&sc/>

For the short supply list, please email Chelcie Bailey at chelcie.bailey@ghc.edu

Note: If you'd like to car pool to this class check with Ruth Bravetti at 943-5898 or bravos@comcast.net



CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

Newcomers, beginners and advanced students welcome!

Time: Saturday, January 21st 9 – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$60 with your own materials --\$65 if you use Cal's

Focus: Painting rocks, as well as creating more looseness through use of the painting knife. We'll also cover color mixing, composition, and brushwork.

Location: Class is held at the Diane Fairbank's Studio, 1230 8th Ave., S.E. Olympia.

Contact: Call Cal at 360-491-0704 to register or contact him by email at: ccnac@msn.com

OAL Member Kudos...



Nikki McClure, past Olympia Art League President, was featured on the front cover and in a two-page article in December's edition of South Sound Magazine.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send your articles, photos, announcements & ideas to:

Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com

Due Date: January 25, 2017



OLYMPIA WATERCOLOR CLASSES WITH ANN BRECKON

Painting Around the Color Wheel

Mondays: Jan. 9 and 23rd, Feb. 13th & 27th from 12 – 3PM

Cost: \$35 per session

Location: First Christian Church at 8th & Franklin, Olympia

Themes: Each month we will take one of the 12 colors on the color wheel and study its varieties, available pigments, uses, complements, and combinations while painting a variety of subject matter.

“Students of all experience levels welcome”

To register: Call or e-mail Ann at 425-644-4245 or annbreckon@gmail.com



**JACOB LAWRENCE:
THE MIGRATION
SERIES**

SAT JAN 21 – SUN APR 23
2017
SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

**Lois Beck, Mia Schulte, Becky
Knold: The Ways We See**

Show: January 20th – March 14th
Reception: [January 22nd](#)

*Three artists who pull from within to create
abstract images based on nature, memory, and
emotions.*



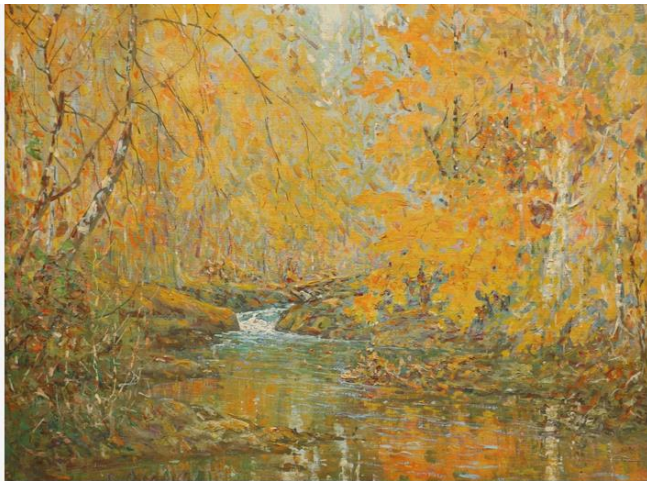
Glacial Melt - Becky Knold



Split Second – Lois Beck



Looking Out – Mia Schulte



TACOMA MUSEUM OF ART

**Coast to Cascades: C.C. McKim's
Impressionist Vision**

*McKim's light-filled, evocative images of Oregon
landscapes capture the unique beauty and character
of the Northwest.*

Through – March 26, 2017

Olympia Art League Members' Show 2017



The Prospectus for OAL's 2017 February member show at Olympics West is now available online. Art drop off is Jan. 29th. The show runs Feb. 1 – 24th. Art pick up is Feb. 25th.

- All OAL current members are eligible to submit up to 2 entries. Two-dimensional work in all fine art media will be accepted for consideration, including digital photography.
- No 3-dimensional art
- Framed size of 2-dimensional work must be at least 10" and not more than 36" in either direction.
- All art must have been created within the past 2 years.
- Art must have a hanging wire.
- Artists are responsible for delivery and pick up of their art at Olympics West. (929 Trospen Rd. Tumwater, WA)
- OAL reserves the right to refuse art if deemed unacceptable.

See full prospectus on the OAL webpage. Call Dotti Wilke 360.870.4648, Heather Simons 360.742.4667 or Lindsey Ford 360.789.7860 for more information.



ArtsWalk 2017

Juried Art Show

Call for Artists' Entries

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

March 17, 2017

PROSPECTUS AT:

www.olympiaartleague.com

Show location

April 28 - April 29, 2017

**Olympia Community Center
222 Columbia St NW
Olympia, WA**



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