

Olympia Art League Newsletter

September 2017

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MEETINGS—3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 21, 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

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September speaker Anita H. Lehmann explores...

Design Elements in Watercolor

Spring Tides



Anita H. Lehmann is a teacher, an artist and an award winning architectural illustrator. She is a registered architect in the state of Washington. After receiving her Master's of Architecture at the University of Washington, she has taught freehand drawing in Rome, Civita and in Seattle. She currently offers small group classes in drawing, painting, and design. Her other skills include architectural design, graphic design, community planning and design illustration. Prior to receiving the 2013 Civita Institute Fellowship, Anita was a graduate student teacher at the University of Washington Rome Center, in Rome, Italy in 1985. Anita brings over 30 years experience in teaching design and drawing.

Of her work Anita says, "Drawing is about attempting something beyond language and beyond representation. I connect with the world and experience life. Mine is the hand of a practiced artist who has spent thousands upon thousands of hours honing my tool. My

pencil is a baton; the goal is to wield it as effortlessly as most people breathe. I strive for humor, humility, work ethic, and confidence."

In her presentation at the September meeting, Anita will talk about her design process in watercolor. She'll be focusing on design elements specifically applying a 'depictive' and 'evocative' practice.

You can learn more about Anita's amazing career and art at her web site—www.ahldraws.com.



First Snow



Don't Wait.... Start it Now!

"It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There's almost no such thing as ready. There's only now. And you may as well do it now..... I do think that, generally speaking, now is as good a time as any." (Hugh Laurie)

Procrastination is a subject of which I am an authority. Procrastination ruins careers, saps energy and hinders creativity. So debilitating is procrastination, so difficult to overcome, that it requires step by step action. In Painter's Keys, Robert Genn has offered a step-by-step solution to help us "get going!"

First, you need a symbol. This symbol is the circle. The circle means that you can start any process at any point. Draw a large circle and pin up the circle in your work area. It will serve as a reminder that you do not need to wait until you feel ready or prepared, just jump in and begin!

Then you need a motivational statement of: "There is always now," is one of the best. It should be printed out big and hung on your easel. "Do it now," and "Simply begin," are others.

Next you need a verbal statement, an affirmation of intention and commitment. Open your window or door and shout to the world..... "today I am going to paint!"

Then you need a retreat. For most of us it's right here in our studios. We artists have a deep need to become one with our work — unsullied, un-tempted, unspotted and uninterrupted. Incidentally, genuine contemplation-time is not procrastination. It's a part of working. When you are properly in retreat your work grabs you.

Finally you need a begin button. "Start" can be simply when you turn on your favorite music. Music that encourages marching or dancing is good — it gets you moving. Incidentally, when you turn the music off — you can be off as well. You're outta here. One day at a time. Ready??? GO!

"Great journeys start with the space between one's feet." (Lao Tzu)

Roxana



Amy Fisher's May Presentation Delights Members

The audience was delighted and responsive to the May meeting presenter, Amy Fisher, who is also a long-time member of the Olympia Art League. Her presentation included samples of her work spanning several decades including two examples of the four posters she was commissioned to do for the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Department in 1995.

Amy has been a lifelong artist after graduating from the University of Idaho in 1974 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting. She has illustrated several field guides on birds and mammals, as well as commissions for large corporations, including Boeing, Coca Cola, Pepsi and numerous hotel chains.

Her presentation included several examples of her current exploration into semi- abstraction in which she paints a large fairly realistic water color which she then cuts into smaller rectangles. These smaller pieces she then modifies as to composition and color and then rearranges them back into the larger painting in a more random way so as to create an interesting semi-abstract composition.



Amy is currently teaching a weekly watercolor class focused on helping students to first gain a solid foundation in composition and color, and then explore their own style and creative expression. During the summer, Amy conducted plein air sessions. Amy's students will be showing their work during the fall Arts Walk, October 6-7, at Chinese Healing Arts 606 Columbia St SW.

One of Amy's plein air demos

Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...

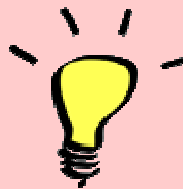


OAL EVENING PAINT-INS RESUME SEPTEMBER 7TH

Meet Thursday evenings
6:30—8:30 PM
Diana Fairbanks Studio
1230 E 8th Ave. Olympia

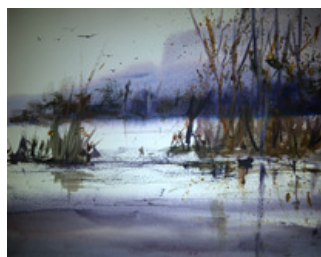
For more information contact Karen Bush at 360-455-8176 or via email kbush35@comcast.net

"All mediums and people are welcome."



THINK TANK TUESDAY meets the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 12th** at 2:00 PM at Haggen's on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point. 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.



Watercolor Critique Group

"Join this helpful, supportive and often inspiring group. Bring a work for gentle, constructive feed back."

Time: The second Friday of each month. This month's meeting is September 8th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

New Location: – Lacey Fire Station #33, 6500 Mullen Road SE (Entrance is side door to right of front door.)

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

Morning Paint-Ins Resume Sept. 21st

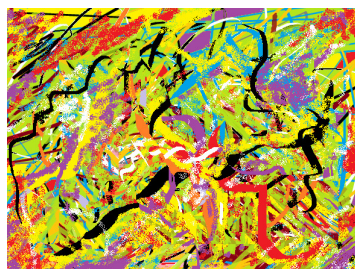
Time: Thursday 9 AM – Noon

Location: Thunderbird Village Community Club House, 716 Dennis St SE in Tumwater



Join other artists at work.

For more information: call or e-mail Karen Crate
wkcrate@comcast.net (360) 943-1827



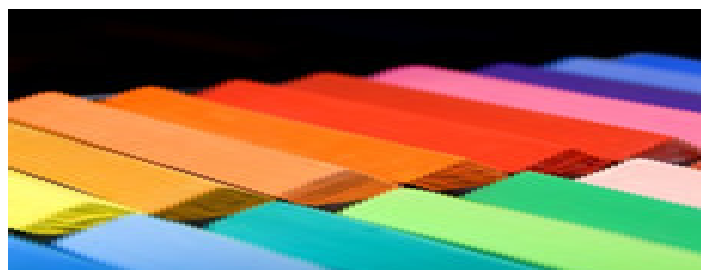
Abstract Critique Group

Time: The third Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting is on September 20th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Ruth Bravetti's home, 2210 Lakemoor Dr SW, Olympia.

We do a gentle critique of each other's work and share information about classes, books, artists or teachers that have inspired us. All experience levels and mediums welcome.

Contact: To RSVP, for directions, information contact Lindsey Ford at lindsey4d@comcast.net or (360) 789-7860.



Pastel Critique Group

Time: Meets first Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 5th from 12—2 PM

Location: Lacey Timberland Regional Library at 500 College St. SE off Abby Way.

Contact: Debra Hanson & Anna Hess are co-facilitating. Contact Debra at 360-259-5713 or via e-mail at debh.dh76@gmail.com

"In art, the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can imagine."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Check out the shows and support...

OAL SPONSORED ART VENUES



Bonsai Wok Teriyaki offers the entire restaurant for display of OAL member art. The restaurant is located in Tumwater at 408 Cleveland Ave. SE.

Bring your new work Saturday, September 30th at 10 AM when we'll change the art. **Contact Anne-Marie Brown** if you want to participate: (360) 867-3270 or via e-mail at anniebrownie123@yahoo.com

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

Wednesday October 11th starting at 9:30 AM the art will be changed at **Cooper Point Public House** located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on Olympia's West side.



Scenes from Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey will be the theme for this hanging—for example, the Capitol, Framers' Market, marina...

There is room for about 11 paintings. Contact Rick Drescher at Phone 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: rickdartist@gmail.com



OAL Members Dorothy Paulson, John Luxton & Carol Long at May Hanging

The Women's Health Center at **TRA Medical Imaging of Olympia** on Lilly Road offers space for display of OAL member art. This lovely venue works well for large pieces and sculpture. New art will go up September 27th at 2:00 PM.

For more information contact Jan Hansen at 360-352-2751 or at justiansue@gmail.com. TRA is located at 500 Lilly Road NE Suite 160 (opposite St Peter Hospital).



Capitol Chiropractor (located across from Ralph's Thriftway) offers its reception area for display of OAL member art. The staff and patients always look forward to the new art. If you'd like to be included in the

next show contact **Lone Moody** at lmoody@comcast.net or 360-357-5249.



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

The regular meeting for the Acrylics Support Group is the 4th Friday of each month, 1:30 to 3:00. The next two meetings are:

- Sept. 22 —Lacey Fire Station #33 – 6500 Mullen Road SE
- Oct. 27—Lacey Timberland Library at 500 College St. SE

Anyone wishing to attend who isn't already on our list should contact Karla Fowler at nwnxart@comcast.net for the latest schedule and location information. Anyone interested in acrylics is welcome!



Senior University has inspired creative artistry throughout the area for almost a decade. This year, we invite you once again to our 2017 Senior Art Show October 19—22, a juried gallery of works created by artists 55 or better within the past three years. See as many as 100 works from more than 70 artists. We are again accepting submissions from 2d, 3d and photographic artists based in Washington State. To enter this year's competition, please read our [art show entry guidelines](#), then submit your work using our [web submission form](#).

Deadline for returning our submission form, JPG images & entry fee is Sunday, September 3, 2017.



OAL ONLINE GALLERY

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 to Rick Drescher at rickdartist@gmail.com

Workshops, classes and shows...



Sherri Bails • Carole Barrer • Beth Van Faasen Betker
 Kathie Bliss • Kathy Collins • Julie Creighton
 Helen Drummond • Kristi Galindo Dyson • Christine Gedye
 Susan Glendenning • Judith Heim • Elizabeth Kincaid
 Lois Lord • Donna Lough • A.J. Lowe • Janci Mannington
 Judith Marshall • Jane Mayer • Pia Messina
 Susan K. Miller • Eileen Miryektka • Kristin Morris
 Barbara Benedetti Newton • Barbara Noonan • Paula Parks
 Judith Perry • Genny Rees • Cheryl A. Richey
 Karen Richter • K Robinson • Nancy Rothwell • Mia Schulte
 Hiroko Seki • Beverly Shaw-Starkovich • Marjorie Thompson
 Kathryn Townsend • Jackie VanNoy • Susanne Werner

August 4th - September 16th

Opening Reception Saturday August 5th 1 - 3 pm

Images by: L to R: top, Susan K. Miller, Marjorie Thompson, Barbara Benedetti Newton, Beverly Shaw-Starkovich & Kathryn Townsend; bottom, Barbara Noonan, Hiroko Seki & Paula Parks

CHILDHOOD'S END GALLERY

222 4th Ave W | Olympia, WA | 360.943.3724
 www.childhoods-end-gallery.com | Mon - Sat 10 - 6, Sun 11 - 5

Your Invitation
 To Artist, Ruth Bravetti's
 Studio, Home, and Art Display

Refreshments, September 10th
 Visit with Friends, 1 pm to 4 pm
 Neighbors, 2210 Lakemoor Dr SW
 and the Artist, Olympia, WA 98512




"If I create from the heart, nearly everything works; if from the head, almost nothing."

Marc Chagall



**CAL'S FIRST OIL
 PAINTING CLASS
 THIS SEASON
 OFFERED
 OCTOBER 14TH**

Newcomers, beginners and advanced students welcome!

Time: Saturday, October 14th 9 – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

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

Focus: The subject matter is the student's choice. We'll 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 Capener at 360-491-0704 to register or contact him by email at: ccnac@msn.com

STEP INTO THE ABSTRACT *with Bernie Bleha*



Make the journey from realistic art concepts to the wonderful world of the abstract. Classes begin at your level and follow a logical, non-threatening sequence of exercises that make for an enjoyable journey.

Dates: Saturdays; Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$150.00

Class size: 8 maximum

Location of Classes: Bernie's studio located at 18436 Apricot St. SW, Rochester, WA 98579

Contact: call at 206-947-2180 or E-mail bernardbleha@comcast.net

About the Instructor: Dr. Bernie Bleha has a B.A. in Graphic Design, an M.F.A. in Printmaking and a Doctorate in Education. He has taught Drawing, Design, and Sculpture at Green River College and many classes in Southwest Washington. Bernie is an active member of Arts Olympia.

Registration: The cut-off date for the class is Oct. 11. To insure your spot in this class please mail a check for \$150.00 to Bernie Bleha at 18436 Apricot St. SW, Rochester, WA 98579



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 Fair Art Show: Diana Fairbanks
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Capitol Chiropractic: Lone Moody
Cooper Point Public House: Rick Drescher
TRA Medical Imaging: Jan Hansen
 Paint Out: Jane King, Jo Anne Sanford
 Paint In Day: Karen Crate
 Paint In Night: Karen Bush
 Recruiter: Roxana Caples



PASSING THE TORCH

At the summer Think Tank Tuesday (TTT) meetings, discussion has centered on the upcoming transition in Olympic Art League's (OAL) leadership. We'll be electing new officers at our November 2017 meeting. At the Thursday, September 21, 2017 meeting, we will briefly discuss the upcoming election for the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. Tony Lirette has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. All are welcome to be considered for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary which will be for two year terms. Please submit names to Roxana for the election. Currently we are attempting to define the jobs and distribute duties. We will discuss this at the Think Tank Tuesday meeting September 12, 2017. All are welcome to attend. Duties identified so far include:

PRESIDENT:

- Create an Agenda and lead meetings
- Conduct real or virtual Board Meetings
- Attend Think Tank Tuesday meetings monthly
- Respond to, forward information to the membership

VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Send out reminders and agenda for Think Tank Tuesdays
- Supervise and enlist Art Show Chairs and oversee shows

SECRETARY:

- Print up minutes of the Board Meeting, keep in OAL Notebook
- Send out emails welcoming new members and include the newest newsletter



Tom Allen at Lattin's cider mill

PLEIN AIRE PAINT-OUTS TO CONTINUE

Weather permitting, the regular Thursday morning Plein Aire paint out sessions from 9:00 AM to noon will continue through September. The last of the scheduled sessions occurred August 31, 2017. Of the 17 scheduled outings this year, four were new locations. Of the 17 only four had to be cancelled because of rain. One was cancelled because of HEAT!! If you're on the Plein Aire e-mail list, check your mail Tuesday evenings through September to find out if we're planning a paint-out on the next Thursday morning. Questions, or if you'd like to be added to the e-mail list, call Jane King (360) 915-7866.

Show featuring OAL members...



Address: 701 5th Ave., Suite 310, Seattle
Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-4 PM

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send your articles, photos, announcements & ideas for the **October** newsletter to:

Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com

Due Date: September 25, 2017

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