

Olympia Art League Newsletter

January 2018

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MEETINGS—3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 18, 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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January speaker...

Watercolor Artist
Sherri Bails

In her artist's statement, Sherri Bails says, "My watercolors are meant to bring fun into your life. The thrill of a challenge drives me to pick up a paintbrush...not only the challenge of subject matter, but also how best to tell that subject's story, often using shapes and symbols to show meaning and bring a sense of sophisticated whimsy to every piece. I am here to awaken the need for fun in everyone's life in a lovely way."



Sherri is an artist, but sees herself most of all as a teacher. "I want to do more than 'teach'—I want to inspire, encourage, and perhaps, mentor. Each person who wants to 'do' art has their own vision/style. Each person is so very special and different. It is this uniqueness that I want them to discover, appreciate, and cherish...and then use to find their way in art...not to copy anyone else's style, but to find their own...to begin their own journey.



Watercolor has been her medium of choice since 1985. She loves its clean, clear color and inherent challenge. Sherri's work took a contemporary turn in 2008. She now paints in two distinct styles. Her newer style is more challenging from a design standpoint as the execution is more graphic and precise. It's helped her loosen up when she paints in a more traditional style.

In her presentation at the January meeting, Sherri will show how she goes about deciding what to paint; then she'll demonstrate her process. She'll also talk about her thoughts as an art teacher. She's shown her work extensively, been a juror and taught at the elementary, junior high and university levels since receiving her B.S. from Northern Illinois University in art education.

You can see more of her work at her website—
www.sherribails.com.





FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT!

I'm delighted to be your new OAL President, but must admit that filling Roxana's shoes is a bit daunting. All of us owe her our most sincere appreciation for a job well done for these past six years. I can't imagine being that tenacious. Thanks so much Roxana for building up our OAL; it is flourishing and I shall attempt to retain that vigor for the next two years. Roxana made it a point to attend many of the sub-group meetings and was always available for all our members. On top of that she has painted up a storm. I'm inspired and hope to continue in the same vein.

We have many members who work diligently to keep our many art groups going. I want to put a plug in for THINK TANK TUESDAY, the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at Haggen's in the public lunchroom at the West end of the building. The time is 2PM. The purpose of this gathering is to discuss the various activities of OAL. This group is open to all members; I think you will find it informative, innovative, and an opportunity to get to know your fellow members. Often we come up with ideas that improve our club, art shows and monthly meetings. Your ideas will help us as we evolve.

Here is how to contact me, Nicki Weber, President: ednikweber@aol.com cell: 253:222-0505 OR 360-753-3040. Be forewarned, often my cell cuts out as I am in the outback of Johnson Point.

Who's on First?

Check out the back page where you'll find the rest of OAL's many volunteer leaders and worker bees. You'll note some new functions and some changes as people step into different roles and others take on new jobs. Also, check out the "help wanted ad"—OAL volunteer jobs that need tending.

November speaker...

Robyn Chance

Brings Subjects to Life



Robyn Chance spoke about Golden Open Acrylics at the November meeting. These paints dry faster than oil and much slower than regular acrylics. They contain natural pigments for rich nontoxic colors that

blend beautifully. Golden Open Acrylic Medium and Open Acrylic Thinner may be used with any acrylic paint and will extend drying "open" time without sacrificing quality.

Robyn stressed that values in any painting are critical. "Where is the dark? Where is the light?" She also firmly stated that shadows "are not black". Shadows are composed of the subject color mixed with its complement (opposite color on the color wheel).



Robyn very patiently uses up to 30 translucent coats of paint to give her subject lifelike color nuances, texture and depth. Her portraits have great personality and always make an emotional connection with the viewer.

For more information about Robyn and her art, visit www.chanceart.com. And yes, she does teach classes locally.

Contributed by Ruth Fuller

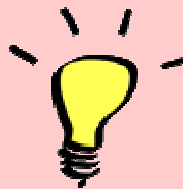
Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...



OAL EVENING PAINT-INS Resuming January 4th

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



THINK TANK TUESDAY meets the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 9th** at 2:00 PM at Haggens on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point. Nicki 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 feedback.

Time: The second Friday of each month. This month's meeting is January 12th 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 January 4th

Time: Thursdays 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. The next meeting is January 17th from 1 PM to 3:30 PM

New Location: Huntington Apartments Clubhouse, 913 Lilly Road NE (across from Kaiser).

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, January 2nd from 12—2 PM

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

Focus: Annie Jones will provide will discuss composition and provide a demonstration for the group.

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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com
Due Date: January 25, 2018

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.

New art will go up Saturday, **February 3rd**.

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 and check out the new show.

The new show will go up at **Cooper Point Public House** Tuesday February 6th starting at 9:30AM. The restaurant is located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside. The theme for the four month show is "Farms and Barns". If your art is currently hanging, please pick it up on the 6th. Bring you art and join us for breakfast afterward.



If you would like to be featured in the next show, contact Rick Drescher at Phone 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: rickdartist@gmail.com



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 goes up Thursday, January 25th at 2 PM.

To see about including 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).

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.



Artists' Breakfast Club...

Let's try a monthly breakfast social just for fun and support Cooper Point Public House. Inaugural meeting 4th Friday, Jan. 26th at 9:30 AM. Contact Rick Drescher if you're game. See contact info above.



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Date & Time: The fourth Friday of the month, January 26th from 1—3 PM

Location: Back to the regular location Lacey Timberland Regional Library at 500 College St. SE off Abby Way

Program: Bring a painting to share with the group

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!



GETTING ACQUAINTED Introducing Sherié Balko-Nation



Sherié joined OAL this past September and considers herself a mixed media artist on a quest of discovery. She has a fascination with myths, legends and religions. A graduate of Evergreen State College, her degree focused on art and history.

She has a challenge art group on Facebook that is about to enter its third year. She looks forward to learning about new mediums and ways of getting involved in both the art community and local shows. She's thankful for this opportunity and looks forward to getting to know the league's talented members.



If you'd like to be featured in Getting Acquainted contact Lindsey Ford at lindsey4d@comcast.net or (360) 789-7860

Chances to strut your stuff...

Workshops and classes...

Countdown to **JAN 14** Entry Deadline!

78th Annual International Open Exhibition

CALL FOR ENTRIES



Bev Jozwiak, "Backstage Adjustments", 1st Place 2017

PROSPECTUS POSTED AND ENTRIES ACCEPTED ONLINE AT nwws.org



Juror: Mark Mehaffey
Internationally Renowned
Artist and Instructor
OVER \$10,000 IN AWARDS

ENTRY DEADLINE: JAN. 14, 2018 - 6 p.m. PST

Exhibition Dates: April 16 - June 1, 2018
Mercer View Gallery, Mercer Island, WA

You are invited
To
The Olympia Art League
Members Show 2018 Reception

Thursday, March 1st 5:00 - 7:00 pm
at Olympic West - 929 Trosper Rd, Tumwater, WA

Exhibition Hours Daily Noon - 7 pm February 1st - March 2nd

Member Show reminder...

OAL members are eligible to submit two entries. **Artists need to deliver work** January 28th between 12—3 PM at Olympics West. See OAL website for full prospectus.



CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

Newcomers, beginners and advanced students welcome!

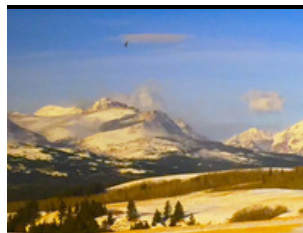
Time: Saturday, January 20, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

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

Focus: Techniques to paint more freely with a looser style in portraiture or landscape.

Location: Class is held at the Diana 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



WATERCOLOR CLASSES WITH ANN BRECKON

Focus: 2018 classes we'll "paint the Calendar". Each month the theme will fit the month. January we'll paint "Misty Mountains"

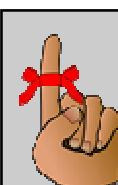
Date & Time: Monday, January 8th, 12—3 PM

Location: First Christian Church 701 Franklin St. SE, Olympia

Cost: \$35 per session

Contact: Please e-mail Ann if you plan on attending—annbreckon@gmail.com

Note: New this year—Ann will only hold classes once a month.



Annual member renewal was due January 1st.

Membership dues are just \$30 per year. Please bring your check to the next OAL meeting or mail it to: Olympia Art League, PO Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507.

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Website Gallery: Rick Drescher
OAL Sponsored Shows:
Members Only Art Show: Heather Simons, Lindsey Ford
Artswalk Juried Show: Roxana Caples, Janus Innes
County Fair Art Show: Diana Fairbanks, Kay Tolles
Local OAL Art Show Venues:
Bonsai: Anne-Marie Brown
Capitol Chiropractic: Lone Moody
Cooper Point Public House: Rick Drescher
TRA Medical Imaging: Jan Hansen
Painting Get Togethers:
Paint Out: Rick Drescher
Paint In Day: Karen Crate
Paint In Night: Karen Bush
Critique & Support Groups:
Abstract Critique Group: Lindsey Ford
Acrylic Support Group: Karla Fowler
Pastel Critique Group: Debra Hansen, Anna Hess
Watercolor Critique Group: JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller
Art Salon: Lynne Ferguson



Gems from Roxana...

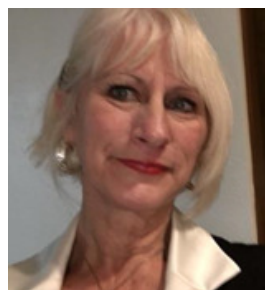
“Cooking is like art,” wrote Wolfgang Puck. “Just as there are only so many colors, there are only so many flavors—it’s how you combine them that sets you apart.”

Our New Officers...



Thanks to our Nominating Committee, left to right Karen Bush, John Luxton and JoAnne Sanford

Our new President Nicki Weber and outgoing President Roxana Caples



Our new officers, left to right: Rick Drescher, Vice President; Anne-Marie Brown, Secretary (and photo contributor); and returning Treasurer, Tony Lirette.



Got some time to spare?

The Olympia Art League has some volunteer positions that need attention.

- Public Relations
- Greeters
- Drive Buddies
- Member Communications
- Artistic Advice Basket

If curious, get more information from Nicki Weber ednikweber@aol.com

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