

Olympia Art League Newsletter

February 2018

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MEETINGS—3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 15, 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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February Presenter...

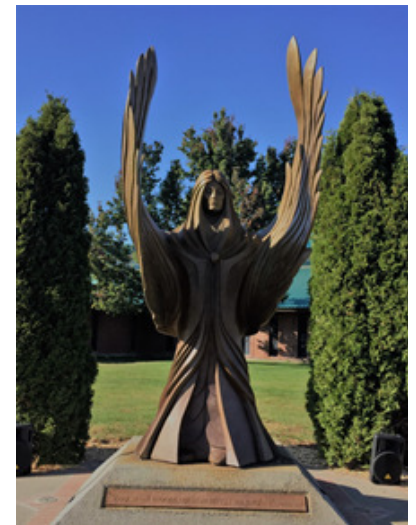
OAL'S OWN—

SCULPTOR ED WEBER

Our presenter on February 15th will be Edward Weber, our very own member who also happens to be married to our President, Nicki Weber. Ed is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Architecture and Art.

For years Ed loved art, sculpture, carving, painting, and drawing. He decided to be an architect so that he would have a steady income and still be able to pursue his art. It's been a winning combination. His architecture clients often commissioned him to create works of art. As a result, he's been able to continue his creations on a professional level.

His presentation will include the process of lost wax casting of bronze sculpture. He'll begin with the first art concept and take us through clay modeling, lost wax casting, and finally to the final bronze casting. There are many steps and craftspeople involved in the creation of a sculpture. Ed will bring a maquette, a small copy of the Heritage College Sculpture, Wings of Angels. In addition, he has created several illustration boards which will be helpful in understanding the process.





LIFE INFORMS ART

We are attempting to represent our subject through our eyes, our thoughts, and our vision. It's a challenge. Every time I put the brush on a pristine watercolor paper, I attempt to create a new view of the world I observe.

I guess that's why I'm eager to be of service to our OAL; I want to participate in the enrichment of art in Olympia. When I moved here from Tacoma in 2004, I didn't know many people and I felt at loose ends; I needed a tribe. It took me a long while to decide where I belonged. My art work was quite elementary. Slowly but surely I began to gain some skills, friends, and the desire to improve.

The Art League created opportunities to hear other artists and their journeys, socialize, and begin to seek a new way of looking at art and my art. Slowly it dawned upon me that art is much more complex than I had realized. It's much more cerebral, demanding, exasperating, and full of dead ends and new beginnings. Hope springs eternal and if there is one thing I am, it's an optimist.

My message is that it's worth the effort, many failures, and occasionally a glimmer of success.

Blue Skies, Nicki

PS: I borrow that saying from our former member and accomplished artist, Bill McEnroe

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com

Due Date: February 22, 2018

January speaker...

SHERRI BAILS DELIGHTS MEMBERS



Artist and art instructor Sherri Bails was our guest speaker at the January meeting. Her watercolor paintings are done in either a traditional or a contemporary style that is more graphic, with clean edges and many curves or circles.

The subject for Sherri's demo was "Poopsie", a young Hawaiian chicken that hung around Sheri's vacation condo enjoying the music. Poopsie's fluffy feathers, tilted head and mischievous eye expression captured in Sherri's painting brought a smile to our faces.

As an enthusiastic art instructor, Sherri strongly encourages each student to find their own unique style and to follow artistic ideas. She says, "Don't be afraid. Good artists make mistakes and then become problem solvers." Her upcoming workshops are listed on her website--
www.sherribails.com/artist.html.



Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...

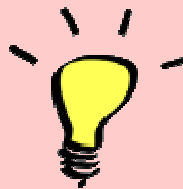


OAL EVENING PAINT-INS

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, February 13th** at 2:00 PM at Haggen's 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 February 9th 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

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 February 21st 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.

"Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it."

Andy Warhol



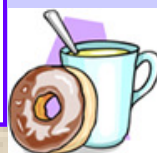
Pastel Critique Group

Time: Meets first Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting is Tuesday, February 6th from 12—2 PM

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

Focus: Annie Jones 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



Artists' Breakfast Club...

Enjoy breakfast with your fellow artists at Cooper Point Public House, 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside, at 9:30 AM on the fourth Monday each month—next one is February 26th. We had a nice turnout in January for our first monthly totally social Breakfast Club get together.

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 your art (with a wire hanger) 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: [rickdar-](mailto:rlickdar-)



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Date & Time: The fourth Friday of the month, February 23rd from 1—3 PM

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

Program: Come prepared with some advice or tidbit you've learned about acrylics or painting over the past month that would be worth sharing with the group.

And, bring a painting to share with the group – something on which you would like friendly feedback, which could include a work in progress.

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!



TRA Medical Imaging of Olympia is located in the Medical Arts Building at 500 Lilly Road NE, Suite 160 (across from St. Peter's Hospital). This lovely venue is offered for art display and works well for all types of art including large pieces and sculpture.

New art was hung at TRA Imaging on January 25th. Janus and Don Innes and Carolyn Long were on hand to lend a hand. The Medical Director, Grant Tibbetts, MD, stopped by to let us know how much the art is appreciated and to relay the many positive comments from patients and staff. The next "hanging" will be May 24th.

For information about how to include your art, contact Jan Hansen at 360-352-2751 or at justjansue@gmail.com.

Capitol Chiropractor (located across from Ralph's Thriftway) offers its reception area for display of OAL member art. The staff and patients enjoy the art work. New art will go up Thursday, **March 1st between 4 and 4:30 PM**.



If you'd like to be included in the next show contact Lone Moody at llmoody@comcast.net or 360-357-5249.



GETTING ACQUAINTED Introducing ... Margaret Pegi Lee



Of her art journey Pegi says, "I have been interested in art all my life with no discipline to pursue my abilities to an acceptable end. I am a doodler. I doodle anytime there is paper around. Although I can make an apple look like an apple, I cannot achieve the dexterity to make the apple look realistic or artistic – it's just an apple.

My friend Jean invited me to take watercolor classes and, eventually, I joined the Olympia Art League. I am learning a lot about both. What stands out most is how helpful and friendly the league members are. It's been a great discovery and I look forward to learning more about both."



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

New OAL Sponsored Event...

Art Salon Get Together



Join us for a lively discussion at the first meeting of the Oly Art League Salon...

When: Tuesday February 20, 3pm to 4:30pm

Where: Haggen's Grocery Cafe on Olympia's Westside off the intersection of Cooper Point and Black Lake

What: According to The Art Institute of Chicago, we artists choose colors to produce a certain mood or atmosphere. We use color to create space, light and shadow and more. For our first meeting, we'll discuss color. Pick a favorite color you like to work with in your art, look for the history of that color (perhaps a source like Wikipedia) and bring your thoughts or notes about what you read to the group. By the time each of us shares our ideas and background information all of us in the group will have a greater understanding of color in the Fine Arts.

Contact: Lynne Ferguson marandlynne@me.com

Note: Part of our time together we'll be discussing future topics and possible future meeting locations.

You are invited

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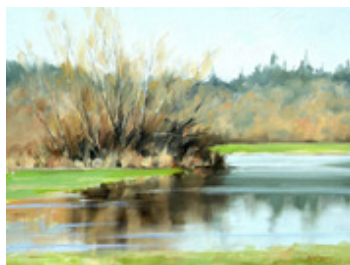
**Members Show 2018
Reception**

Thursday, March 1st 5:00 - 7:00 pm

at Olympic West - 929 Trospen Rd, Tumwater, WA

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

Workshops and classes...



CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

*Newcomers, beginners
and advanced
students welcome!*

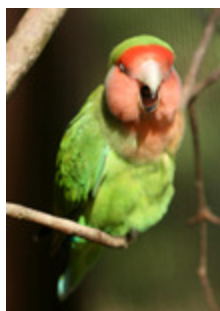
Time: Saturday, February 17th, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

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

Focus: Painting landscapes with a focus on knife, brush work and some things Not to do when painting.

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: In February we'll paint a couple of sweet little parrots in Valentine colors. Wet-in-wet technique, on hot-press paper. (Ann will bring some extra paper). In March we'll paint a perfectly beautiful Irish Spring setting, with early plum trees blooming and sweet grass fields.

Dates & Time: Mondays, Feb.5th and March 5th 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

Keep up on art happenings in Olympia...

Subscribe to Stephanie Johnson's **ART DIGEST** for upcoming local events. To join her e-mail list write to her at City of Olympia: sjohns1@ci.olympia.wa.us

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Gems from Roxana..

As the lights go out.....

“Paintings ought to work in the almost-dark as well as in the full light. Almost-dark is similar to what we do when we half-close our eyes. Areas of incongruity pop out, spindly and weak elements beg to be strengthened, woolliness is exposed as major-woolly. You notice funny things in the almost-dark — odd things, ghostly things, apparitions, things that look like something else. As you turn off the lights make a mental inventory of what needed to be dealt with in the morning.” - Robert Genn

Olympia Art League ArtsWalk

Juried Show

April 22 – April 29, 2018

Olympia Community Center

222 Columbia St. NW Olympia WA



Postmark deadline for entries Friday, March 16, 2018!

For full prospectus go to the Olympia Art League Website—

<http://olympiaartleague.com/wp-content/uploads/2018-ArtsWalk-Prospectus-Pages.pdf>



Choose a Job for the ArtsWalk 2018 Juried Show

1. Publicity
2. Catalog Helpers
3. Display system set-up Sunday April 22 1-3pm
4. Hanging art on hanging grids Mon. April 23rd
5. Reception Host greeting artists and art friends April 26
6. Checking art back to the correct artist after show is down April 29 1-3
7. Show Sitters Monday through Saturday. We are looking for 38 volunteers to fill twenty-eight 3 hour shifts. Shift choices are (8-11, 11-2, 2-5, 5-8 and 8-10pm) and will run April 23 through Saturday April 28.
8. Thank you cards: Send out thank you cards to all our donors and supporters

Call or e-mail Roxie for an opportunity to help with the show.
roxanacaples@comcast.net (360) 280.7161

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