

# Olympia Art League Newsletter

## March 2018

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**MEETINGS**—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

#### Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 15, 2018

#### Location:

Faith Lutheran Church  
7075 Pacific Ave SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

#### Time:

6:30 PM Socializing & Art Display

7:00 Business Meeting

7:30 Speaker Demonstration



### March speaker...

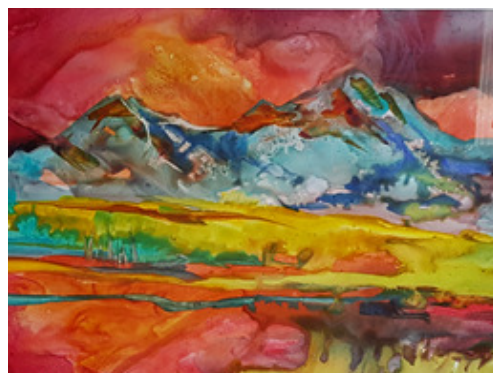
### Mary Schumaker Shares Love of Painting on Yupo

Yupo? What's that? This is the question Mary Schumaker hears most often when she's asked to describe her artistic efforts. Yupo is a plastic surface which is "slippery" and creates an interesting surface requiring different techniques than regular paper. "I discovered Yupo a few years ago and became an instant fan!" says Mary. "In fact, my very first painting on Yupo was an award winner and hangs in my home today to remind me to continue to be open to new ideas."



"Since then, I have been honored with several awards for watercolor paintings on Yupo in various shows, including Peninsula Art League Open Show, Northwest Watercolor Society "Waterworks" Show, Pacific Gallery Artists Show, South Hill Artists Show and Emerald Downs Equine Art Show. I now offer three day Yupo workshops. Yupo has become one of my favorite working surfaces and I am excited to share what I have learned about this fascinating surface."

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## Nicki's Nuggets



The Olympia Art League is a whirlwind of activities. Just read through our newsletter and you realize that our members are busy creating art, meeting and supporting each other, and striving to develop their artistic skills. Our "Members Only Show" is up at Olympics West Retirement until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The reception is March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 7 PM. Come see the art and enjoy the food.

Next will be OAL's Juried show in April. A juried show is selective, judged by a professional Artist—in this case Amanda Houston. We all hope our art will be selected; I do get a case of the jitters; I am as new to this competition as you may be. Just remember that the judge will do her level best to observe your art and honor it. Roxie is coordinating this show along with Janus Innes and Sherié Nation. I'm so grateful they are willing and appreciate their generous efforts. Thanks to all of you who have agreed to help.

The year will be busy and fun. What will I paint? What subjects are interesting to me and possibly others? I take a million photos. Often the ones I love are so complicated I don't know how to effectively represent the photo in paint and make it artful. I struggle to draw it and figure out the colors to make the painting work. Once I start, I often don't know how to accomplish my goal. Struggling along I often put it in the circular file; the subject is above my pay grade. That's why I need such a large collection of photos and possible subjects. As time goes by and I've developed some new skills, I may revisit a subject. It is mighty sweet to return to the scene, once a disaster, and attempt it once more. And, "voila", it is better, your vision a reality--maybe a keeper.

I have yet to settle on a subject and try to develop it fully--landscape, villages, cities, seascapes, mountains; I try them all. I'm realizing I will become more skillful if I attempt to paint many landscapes until I exhaust the subject (for the time being). Moving on, I'll begin a new series. This is often called a body of work. That's it; I want to develop a body of work. Many successful artists refine their skills by developing fully a particular subject. In the process, they find their style.

*February's speaker...*

## Ed Weber Shared the Sculptor's Process



Ed Weber (President Nicki's husband) was our guest speaker at the February meeting. While pursuing his career as an architect, he continued with a lifelong love of creating art pieces. He is a very accomplished artist in watercolor, graphite drawing, pottery and sculpting in wood, metal, clay and bronze.

Ed shared his process of making a bronze sculpture. He brought examples of the materials used and the product at each stage of developing a bronze casting. He begins by building the armature from wire and a Styrofoam like material. The piece then evolves through clay, ceramic, wax and finally bronze. Finishing of the cast bronze includes applying patina and wax or acrylic. He can spend many months in the creation of one sculpture.

Ed's magnificent sculptures are permanently displayed in colleges, hospitals, a winery, and private homes.



## Art Supplies Silent Auction Next Month

It's time to think about what you can donate to our ArtsWalk Silent Auction Fund Raiser—April's program. It's a great opportunity to clean out unused materials cluttering your art storage area. Things that are in huge demand—lightly used art materials, art books, easels, paper cutters, mini-workshops. **Things that DO NOT SELL**—frames and glass, personal art. The auction is fun and raises money for our ArtsWalk Juried show. There will be more information and "how to" directions in the April Newsletter.

## 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](mailto: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, March 13th** 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 March 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](mailto: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](mailto:wkcrate@comcast.net) (360) 943-1827



### Abstract Critique Group

*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.*

**New Time:** The third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is March 21st from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

**New Location:** Lacey City Hall, 420 College St., next door to the library. To find the room, enter through the Police Station doors and go left. The room is nearly to the end of the hall on the left (facing the parking lot and on the side of the building nearest the library.)

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



### Pastel Critique Group

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

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

**Focus:** This month's presentation will be given by Bruce York; the topic is "Value Studies". And, bring a painting or two to share.

**Contact:** Debra Hanson & Anna Hess are co-facilitating. Contact Debra at 360-259-5713 or via e-mail at [debh.dh76@gmail.com](mailto: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 March 26th. This is a totally social Breakfast Club get together. While there check out OAL members' art.

*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 went up February 3rd. Contact Anne-Marie Brown if you want to participate in the next hanging (360) 867-3270 or via e-mail at [anniebrownie123@yahoo.com](mailto: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 went up at **Cooper Point Public House** February 6th. The restaurant is located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside. The theme for the four month show is "Farms and Barns".



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](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)



**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 went up January 25th. 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](mailto: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](mailto:llmoody@comcast.net) or 360-357-5249.

### Coming in April—Next Art Salon

**When:** Tuesday April 17th, 3pm to 4:30pm

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

**Topic:** Come share your favorite piece by another artist.

**Contact:** Lynne Ferguson [markandlynne@me.com](mailto:markandlynne@me.com)



## ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

**Date & Time:** The fourth Friday of the month, March 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](mailto:nwnxart@comcast.net) for the latest schedule and location information. Anyone interested in acrylics is welcome!



## GETTING ACQUAINTED Introducing Carolyn Long



Carolyn joined OAL in 2017 and is happy to get back to the "art scene". She paints with oils, acrylic, and mixed media and designs computerized machine embroideries. In the past, she's worked with welded metal sculpture, pottery on a wheel, jewelry, and stained glass. "I enjoy painting flowers, still lifes, landscapes, and seascapes. My favorite style is impressionistic. I'm trying abstracts."



She is not affiliated with an art gallery but hopes to change that in the near future. She paints under the name Carolyn Neigh.

In the past, she owned and operated three art galleries and taught oil painting classes. She remodeled her garage into a new art studio and hopes to get a website up soon.

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

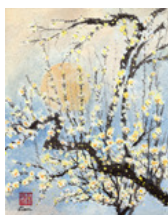
## Kudos and shows...



**April Works'** 4 x 6 postcard won the "People's Choice Award" at the 2018 annual postcard exhibit at the Minnaert Gallery in Olympia.

This year 127 artists submitted 278 postcards. The theme was "The Personal is Political". April's take on the topic—"It's OK to be different."

**Alice Liou** entered two paintings for "INK PLAY: Celebrating the World of Sumi", the upcoming exhibit at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. This exhibit, sponsored by the Puget Sound Sumi Artists, opens to the public on March 13th and will be on view until April 20th. The artists' reception will be on Saturday, March 17th, from 6:00—7:30 PM preceding the performance by the Seattle Men's and Women's Choruses at 8:00 pm.



**Divina Clark's** mixed media painting "Ocean" made it to the voting round for the City of Olympia's Traffic Box Art Competition. She was also selected to participate in the Green Lake Art and Music Walk in Seattle in February and will be participating in the Society of Washington Artists, Spring Art Show April 26-29th.



### First Meeting of New Drawing Critique Group

**Focus:** Bring your drawings for a friendly critique. You can leave them in sketchbooks if you like. The first meeting we'll set up how we do the following meetings.

**Date and Time:** The first Tuesday of each month starting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 3—4:30 PM

**Location:** Rainier Room at Capital Medical Center, 3900 Capital Mall Drive SW, Olympia. The Rainier Room is just past the information desk in the main lobby, first door on the left.

**Contact:** Rick Drescher at Phone 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)

## Workshops and classes...



### CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

*Newcomers, beginners and advanced students welcome!*

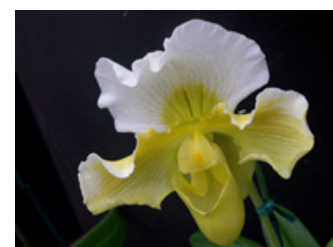
**Time:** Saturday, March 17th, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

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

**Focus:** Seascapes, still life or flowers. We'll review basic compositions, color mixing, knife and brush work.

**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](mailto:ccnac@msn.com)



### WATER COLOR CLASSES

#### WITH ANN BRECKON

**Focus:** In March we'll paint a perfectly beautiful Irish Spring setting, with early plum trees blooming and sweet grass fields. In April we'll paint a lovely orchid bloom. You can add leaves, roots and an interesting decorative container.

**Dates & Time:** March 5th and April 9th 2—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 or would like to be included on her e-mail list.—[annbreckon@gmail.com](mailto:annbreckon@gmail.com)

### APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Linda Selsor at [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com)  
Due Date: March 25, 2018

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*Watercolor Critique Group:* JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller  
**Art Salon:** Lynne Ferguson



## Gems from Roxana..

**From Howard Pyle:** "If you can make a picture with two values only, you have a strong and powerful picture. If you use three values, it is still good, but if you use four or more, throw it away." In using three values he used to say, "Put your white against white, middles tones (groups) against grays, black against black, then black and white where you want your center of interest."



## ArtsWalk 2018 Juried Art Show Call for Artists' Entries

### Deadline for Submission

March 16th

Prospectus at:

[www.olympiaartleague.com](http://www.olympiaartleague.com)

Show April 23 - 28

### Location

Olympia Community Center  
222 Columbia St NW  
Olympia, WA



Great news, there is only one opening left to fill for our 2018 Juried ArtsWalk Show.

**We have a slot still available on Wednesday April 25th from 5-8 pm to help sit the show.**

Contact Roxana at [roxanacaples@comcast.net](mailto:roxanacaples@comcast.net)  
(360) 280.7161

An amazing **FIFTY-EIGHT** members have signed up to help make this show fun and easy for everyone. Thank you So Very Much! Roxana

**Another volunteer opportunity...**Ocosta Elementary School is doing "Sprinkling of the Arts" on March 29th. They are hoping that some OAL artists would like to donate their time and materials and have a table at the event where the kids can try new techniques and see different types of art. The event is organized by first grade teacher, Mrs. Sweeney. Her e-mail address is [maria.tiffany@cranberryroad.net](mailto:maria.tiffany@cranberryroad.net); her cell is (925) 360-6469. Please call her with any questions.

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