

# Olympia Art League Newsletter

## May 2018

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

#### Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 17, 2018

#### Location:

Faith Lutheran Church  
7075 Pacific Ave SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

#### Time:

6:30 PM Socializing

7:00 Business Meeting

7:30 Speaker Demonstration



*May speaker...*

## AWARD WINNING ARTIST

## DIANNA SHYNE

Multiple award winning artist Dianna Shyne is our presenter for the May meeting. Pursuing her passion for art, she's spent thirty years working in acrylic, oil and watercolor. She studied 15 years with renowned Russian Impressionist teachers including Ron Lukas, William Reese and Del Gish.

Dianna has exhibited her work in over 40 solo and two person exhibitions, and won more than a dozen top national awards. She has also given classes and demonstrations locally, around the country and in Canada, Italy and China. She is currently teaching classes around Washington State. To Dianna, teaching is a joy as well as an art, conveying not only theoretical art concepts but also delving into the deeper issues of creativity and the ongoing artistic journey. Dianna's classes are both informative and inspirational. Dianna is a member of Women Painters of Washington and a signature member and past president of the Northwest Watercolor Society.

Richly textured surfaces, compelling compositions, and dynamic color interplay form the basis of Dianna's unique style. From luminous dripping washes to impasto palette knife and painterly brush strokes, Dianna's paintings tap into her Russian Impressionist training to evoke the passage of light and unspoken emotion.

Of her work, Dianna says, "I love everything about painting...the weight and feel of the brush in my hand, that initial squeeze from a new tube of paint, the first stroke on a fresh canvas, the moment when I lock into that timeless place of absorption, or that one perfect elusive stroke. Painting is a delight, a meditation and practice in present moment awareness. It is also an opportunity for me to communicate my love of life with others."



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Nicki Weber and her Daniel Smith workshop instructor Alvaro Castagnet

## CHANGES COMING—MEANWHILE, ENJOY SUMMER ART OFFERINGS

As you may know, our program year ends with our May meeting. Some changes will be coming in the fall when we resume our meetings. We've outgrown our current meeting space so I proposed a change in our location. When we finally found space that met all our criteria, it necessitated changing our meeting day to the third Wednesday of the month instead of Thursday.

In September we will be meeting at our new location on our new day—**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 at the ELKS LODGE 1818 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE. E.** The new room is very large with better lighting. We'll be able to see our art so much better. The parking is ample and there are lights in the parking lot. I do hope this meets with your approval.

I also wanted to share with you my enthusiasm about workshops. April 18-20th, I attended an art course lead by Alvaro Castagnet, watercolorist, at Daniel Smith in Seattle. To say I was electrified is an understatement; I feel it created a paradigm shift in my art. If you are so fortunate to have an experience like this, it is truly thrilling. It created a breakthrough I had been searching for and it happened in only three days. Suffice it to say, I encourage you all to keep seeking, through workshops, Plein Air, and painting groups. The art is fun and the bonus is the friendships that sustain us.

Happy summer and see you in the fall, if not before.

Blue Skies,  
Nicki Weber, OAL President

## BOOKS, PAINT AND BRUSHES—OH MY!



Janus Innes and Jean Van Doren check out the art books on offer

Our annual silent auction at the April meeting was packed full of bargains and many tempting items. This was the perfect time to purchase and try a new brand of paint or to take home that table top easel you've been wishing for. The sale was also motivation to clean our studios of outgrown art supplies

or well-studied art books.

Bidding got competitive at times and was great fun. A certain past OAL president needed close watch by everyone who wanted to win the bid for watercolor books. Paintbrushes, easels, palettes, paints and stretched canvas were also hot items. There were dozens of art books on offer.

The total sales were \$1,050.00. This will be added to our general fund.

It's very true that one person's dust collectors can be another's opportunity for a new experience. It's a win/win for everyone who participates. Let's plan on making next year's event even bigger.



Jane King and Carmen Navarro compare notes



Anne-Marie Brown helped members check out

Jo Anne Sanford and Cal Capener consider a table easel.





## 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, **Tuesday, May 8th** at 2:00 PM at Haggen's on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point. Members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club. TTT will take a break in June and July and resume August 14th.



### 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 May 11th 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 through June 7th, resuming September 6th.

**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 May 16th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

**New Location:** Lacey City Hall, 420 College St. (next door to the library). To find the room, enter through the middle door; the Community Room will be on your immediate left.

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



### Drawing Critique Group

**Focus:** Bring your drawings for a friendly critique. You can leave them in sketchbooks if you like.

**Date and Time:** The first Tuesday of each month, May 1st, 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: [ricketartist@gmail.com](mailto:ricketartist@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 May 28th. This is a totally social Breakfast Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: [ricketartist@gmail.com](mailto:ricketartist@gmail.com)



*Introducing...*  
**Mixed Media  
Challenge and  
Support Group**

**Date & Time:** The fourth Wednesday of each month from 1:30-3:30. First meeting: May 23rd

**Location:** 913 Lilly Rd NE, Olympia (Huntington Apartment Clubhouse across from Kaiser Permanente)

**Contact:** Sherié Balko-Nation  
Email: Gipseefire@Hotmail.com  
or #360-628-0968

Please email if interested or if you have questions!



**ACRYLIC  
SUPPORT  
GROUP**

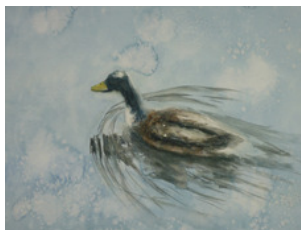
**Date & Time:** The fourth Friday of the month, May 25th from 1—3 PM

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

**Program:** We'll be taking a look at different kinds of palettes, especially the stay-wet type. Bring a painting to share with the group – something on which you would like friendly feedback. This could be a completed work or a work in progress.

**Contact:** 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!

*Upcoming art change out at...*  
**OAL SPONSORED ART VENUE**



We will be changing out the art at the **Cooper Point Public House** on Wednesday, June 6th at 9:30am. The theme will be animals/wildlife.

Cooper Point Public House is located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside. If you have a painting hanging there now but are not going to be hanging something this time, please come and pick your paintings up. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Drescher:  
Email - [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)  
Phone - 360-786-1958

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**August 24th**

Please send your articles, photos, announcements & ideas for the **September** newsletter to Linda Selsor at [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com).  
**Questions?** Call (360) 491-0377



**GETTING ACQUAINTED**  
*Introducing...*



**JANUS  
INNES**

Janus moved from Southern Oregon where she was involved with art leagues in Ashland, Jacksonville, and Medford. "I was a working artist at Ashland which meant I volunteered at the front desk once a week for a reduced commission on sales of my art. Both Dan and I were on the Exhibition Committee at the Rogue Gallery and Art Center. That involved jurying all applicants for the Rogue's three galleries and hanging the new show. I was a Board Member at the Rogue Gallery. In fact I was the only artist member on the Board." Janus and Dan moved to the Olympia area to be closer to family. Since joining OAL, Janus has participated in the Abstract Critique Group and helped organize the Arts Walk Juried Show.

## Workshops, classes, and more...



### CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

**Last class 'til Fall**

*Newcomers, beginners  
and advanced  
students welcome!*

**Time:** Saturday, May 19th, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

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

**Focus:** We'll be painting seascapes and clouds plus a surprise! We will explore various brush and knife techniques, compositions, and color mixing.

**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)



### LAST WATER COLOR CLASS UNTIL FALL WITH ANN BRECKON

**Focus:** In June, we'll celebrate the patriotic month by painting a garden flying an American flag and have fun painting flowers and shrubs.

**Dates& Time:** June 11th, both 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 or would like to be included on her e-mail list.—[annbreckon@gmail.com](mailto:annbreckon@gmail.com)



## 2018 Spring Fling

The 2018 Spring Fling at the Barn Nursery is Sunday, May 20th from 9am to 4pm. They are looking for 12-18 local artists to set up small displays of their art to sell. You are welcome to do some plein-air painting as well. You must supply your own table and chairs. There is no fee to set up and sell your art. Set-up starts at 8:30am.

If your want to participate write your name on the sign-up sheet or contact Rick Drescher at:

Email - [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)

Phone - 360-786-1958

No later than May 3rd



## IMAGES OF PEACE ART SHOW & SALE

### *St. Placid Priory's 2nd Annual Art Show & Sale*

There are examples of peace in our world right now. Be inspired by images of Peace by area artists and renew your hope for the future.

- **May 4 Gala, 7-9:30pm - \$15**
- **May 5 Art Show & Sale, 10am-4pm - Free.**

Proceeds will be shared with Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center. Tickets at St. Placid reception or at the door--500 College St NE, Lacey. Call (360) 438-2595 for more information.



## OAL ARTS WALK AWARD WINNERS

*Congratulations to all  
our winning entries!*



**Best in Show \$500**—Karen Marie Petrillose, "Shades of Blue"

**Second Place \$300**—Roxana Caples, "Sneaker Wave"

**Third Place \$200**—LaDonna Kruger, "City Nights"

**Peoples' Choice Award**—Kim Schult, "Spring Find"

**Runner Up Peoples's Choice**—Ron Snowden, "Maurice"

**Runner Up Peoples's Choice**—Alice Liou, "Migration"

### Honorable Mention Awards:

Windsor & Newton \$150 gift coupon—Cynthia Walker, "Nearing the Jetty"

Ampersand \$125 gift certificate—JoAnne Sanford, "Low Tide Tenacity"

Daniel Smith \$100 gift card—Laraine Wade, "Rolling Stone"

Thomas Architecture Studio Gallery Show for one month—Celene Ryan, "Beet Roots"

Art House Designs \$100 gift certificate—Judy Howard, "Peonies"

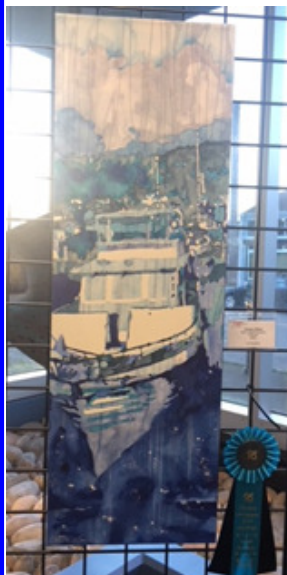
Olyphant Art & Media \$50 gift certificate—Cindy Baji, "Joey on the Bench"

Advance Glass \$50 gift certificate—Mark Schult, "Rain Delay"

Tacoma Art Museum Four admission tickets—April Works, "Sunspots"

Two Blick Art Materials \$25 coupons—Shari Buelt, "Bounding Through the Waves"

Olympia Frame Makers 25% off—Sherie Balko-Nation, "Lady Pearl Figurehead"



Best in Show Winner by  
Karen Marie Petrillose  
"Shades of Blue"



People's Choice award  
winner by Kim Schult  
"Spring Find"



People's Choice runner  
up "Maurice" by Ron  
Snowden

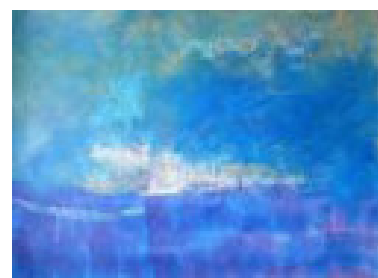


Roxana Caples' second place winner  
"Sneaker Wave"

LaDonna  
Krueger's  
third place  
winner  
"City  
Nights"



People's Choice runner up  
"Migration" by Alice Liou



Cynthia Walker's Honorable  
Mention "Nearing the Jetty"

**Thanks to the many OAL volunteers who helped make the Arts Walk Juried Show possible—wonderfully, too many to name here. But, special thanks need to go to Roxana Caples, show organizer, and her partners—Janus Innes and Sherié Balko-Nation. This was our second year at the Olympia Community Center and our first extended show. OAL is grateful for the support of the Olympia Community Center and our many sponsors. Final thanks to our show judge Amanda Houston.**

# More Arts Walk Honorable Mention Winners



Third place winner La Donna Kruger with our show judge Amanda Houston.



JoAnne Sanford's "Low Tide Tenacity"



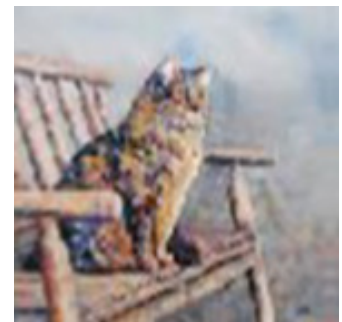
Laraine Wade's "Rolling Stone"



"Beet Roots" by Celene Ryan



Judy Howard's "Peonies"



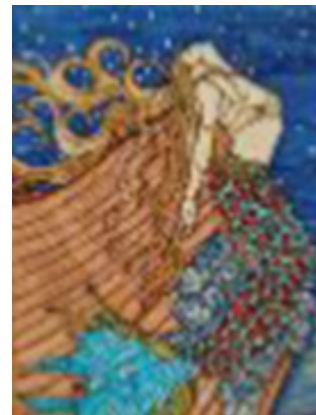
"Joey on the Bench" by Cindy Baji



Mark Schult's "Rain Delay"



"Sunspots" by April Works



Sherié Balko-Nation's "Lady Pearl Figurehead"

"Bounding Through the Waves" by Shari Beult



Thanks to Anne-Marie Brown for photos of our auction and Arts Walk.



*Pack up your easel, paints, pastels...*

## THURSDAY MORNING PAINT OUTS

**START MAY 24TH**

**THURSDAYS –9AM to NOON** These fun art adventures are free, non-instructive and open to all artists working in any medium. Bring your own supplies, snacks and camera. Sessions will be cancelled if it's raining or if it's very cold out. **SHOW & TELL** at Noon. Afterward, it would be fun to gather for lunch someplace close and socialize. Questions? Contact Rick Drescher-360-786-1958

### **May 24 - Marathon Park**

**Deschutes Parkway**

**Olympia**

From downtown, take State Ave (one-way westbound). Stay in LEFT lane. After a curve it is a two-way road, 4th Avenue W. Turn LEFT at stoplight (Simmons St), corner of Bayview Market. Go one block and turn RIGHT onto 5th Avenue W, continuing around lake. Roadway becomes Deschutes Parkway. Marathon Park is at the railroad tracks. Plenty of different views to choose from.

### **May 31 - Barn Nursery**

**9510 Old Highway 99 SE**

**Tumwater**

From Olympia, go SOUTH on Capitol Blvd SE (turns into Old Highway 99 SE). The Barn Nursery is 3 miles past the intersection of Capitol Blvd SE & Tumwater Blvd SE, on the LEFT. View red barn building, water features, statuary, plants, etc. Rain or shine, as they have a large covered area. Be mindful that this is a business – please do not block merchandise. Park in front of the building to the left of the Nursery.

### **June 7 - Home of Marty Albee**

**928 Overhulse Rd. NW**

**Olympia**

Drive WEST on Harrison Ave. Turn RIGHT onto Overhulse Rd NW (just before the Highway 101 overpass). Turn RIGHT on 20th Lane NW and take RIGHT into pasture parking. View trees, gardens, arbors, animals, etc.

### **June 14 - Lattin's Cider Mill**

**9402 Rich Rd. SE**

**Olympia**

I-5 SOUTH to Tumwater Blvd. Go LEFT over freeway to Capitol Blvd. Turn RIGHT and go 3 miles past Olympia Airport to Rich Road SE. Turn LEFT at Rich Road, drive ½ mile to Lattin's, on right.

### **June 21 - Mud Bay**

**4935 Mud Bay Rd. NW**

**Olympia**

From Highway 101 WEST, take 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW Exit. Sharp RIGHT onto Mud Bay Rd NW. View Mud Bay, shoreline, Black Hills, path that leads to the Bay (which is sort of scruffy, but some good views of the water). Good views both sides of street. Parking available in Buzz's Bar & Grill lot.

### **June 28 - West Bay Marina**

**2100 West Bay Dr. NW**

**Olympia**

From downtown Olympia, take State Avenue NE (one way) going WEST (at waterfront, short LEFT [Water St] then RIGHT over 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W bridge. Stay in RIGHT LANE up hill. At second roundabout, take first exist onto West Bay Drive NW. Drive along inlet to the end. Watch for signs West Bay Marina and Tugboat Annie's Restaurant with parking on the RIGHT. View of inlet, marina and lots of boats.

### **July 5 - Evergreen Lavender Farm**

**9733 Evergreen Valley Rd SE**

**Olympia**

Fee: \$5. Per Person. Yelm Highway to Meridian Rd SE. Turn RIGHT onto Meridian Rd SE (which does a bit of meandering) to Evergreen Valley Rd SE. Turn LEFT onto Evergreen Valley Rd SE. Short distance (1/3 mi?) down road – look for signage. Drive around to back of Farm. Gate will be open for us.

### **July 12 - Spurgeon Creek Estates**

**9407 Crete St SE**

**Olympia**

I-5 SOUTH to 93rd Ave Exit. Go LEFT over freeway and stay 93rd ave. to Old 99. Turn RIGHT and go 2.1 miles to Rich Road SE. Turn LEFT at Rich Road SE. Turn RIGHT onto Crete St SE. In 600ft turn right onto Crete St SE. In about 500ft is the location. The owner will be there to help direct you to parking. This is a new location. They have weddings there and it has many fun things to paint.

*Schedule continues next page....*





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*Members Only Art Show:* Heather Simons, Lindsey Ford  
*Artswalk Juried Show:* Roxana Caples, Janus Innes, Sherié Balko-Nation  
*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  
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*Paint Out:* Rick Drescher  
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*Paint In Night:* Karen Bush  
**Critique & Support Groups:**  
*Abstract Critique Group:* Lindsey Ford  
*Acrylic Support Group:* Karla Fowler  
*Drawing Support Group:* Rick Drescher  
*Mixed Media:* Sherié Balko-Nation  
*Watercolor Critique Group:* JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller  
**Art Salon:** Lynne Ferguson



## Gems from Roxana...

“Find stolen moments and put in the miles. You can only become a great artist by putting miles on your brush. Don’t waste your time. Pick a theme or goal and stick to it for a while until it comes naturally without conscious effort.”

Amanda Houston

## ART Lecture -- Free! & Open to the Public

**SAT, MAY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**  
**GOLDEN PAINT LECTURE: MIXED MEDIA**  
**CENTRALIA, WA**

Exit #82 off I-5, **Borst Park**, Kitchen #2,  
 follow the **ARTrails** signs within the park.

[http://www.cityofcentralia.com/Files/BorstMapFinal\\_Ver\\_6\\_15\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cityofcentralia.com/Files/BorstMapFinal_Ver_6_15_2011.pdf)

**For a Space & Packet of Samples REGISTER at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/golden-lecture-mixed-media-centralia-tickets-43039396995>



### DESCRIPTION

A lecture for all levels and backgrounds; from painters, mixed media, fiber to sculptural artists.....ideas for all! This presentation covers a wide variety of techniques for use in a wide range of media. Learn about GOLDEN Acrylic Paints, Mediums, Gels, Pastes and Grounds plus QoR Watercolors. Gain an understanding of each product and their different attributes. Learn how to make the right choices in grounds and paints for the best intended application. Learn what to put under paint, and how to create washes, stains, and collage. We also cover the use of stencils, paint markers, pastels, and pencils, as well as the creation of encaustic-like effects. This is a great place for beginners and experienced artists alike to learn new techniques and be inspired by innovative applications. Attendees will receive information packets & free samples.

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