

Olympia Art League Newsletter

January 2019

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***We're back to
THURSDAYS!!!***

MEETINGS—3rd **THURSDAYS** of the month

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Location:

ELKS LODGE
1818 4TH AVE. E.
Olympia

Time:

6:30 PM Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting and Announcements

7:30 PM Speaker Demonstration

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January's speaker...

WATER MEDIA ARTIST ROSALIE THUN

Rosalie Thun started out in watercolor, but also uses acrylic for large pieces on canvas. "I love the thinness and maneuverability of watercolor. On the other hand, acrylic covers large areas and is opaque in quality, but is harder to push around." The focus of her presentation in January will be how she approaches her subject matter and the things she looks for in photos as sources of her inspiration.



Rosalie taught art, but her techniques "are self-taught through lots of experimentation and mistakes that I tried to correct." She's won several first place awards at the Equine Show at Emerald Downs. She also won the Director's Purchase Award at the Western Washington Fair, as well as numerous 2nd and 3rd place awards at both places.



Of her work, Rosalie says, "Creating art is personal. What I create I have to have a special bond or connection with...sometimes making it difficult to part with. Art is exciting and therapeutic so I do it often. I have also discovered the joy it brings to others when they receive a piece; that is important to me as well. It's a win-win process for both creator and receiver."



"Because the arts can define a culture, I believe it is so important to have it in public schools. Sometimes, it is the only place young people discover that they do have artistic talent. And it can be a lifelong passion and hobby!"





ART RESOLUTIONS

Happy New Year 2019! I am making some resolutions that I hope will enrich my art experiences this year. First of all, I've resolved to slow down. Then I plan on studying, thinking through my work, and attempting to be more sensitive in my watercolor paintings. Slam bam, thank you mam just isn't my way anymore. I'm recognizing that making art is a process.

There will be a couple of opportunities coming up in 2019 to test my resolve. First, our **Members Only Show** will be held once more at Olympics West Retirement Center, 929 Trospen Rd. S.W., Tumwater. Note the important deadlines coming up:

- Drop off art Sunday Jan. 27, 2019 12—3 PM
- Exhibition Days and Hours : February 1st through March 1st, 12—7 PM
- OAL reception Friday, March 1st 6—8 PM
- Pick up of art March 2nd 12-3 PM

And, an early warning—the OAL Open Juried Show will be during Spring Arts Walk in April.

In addition, at our November Annual Meeting, we voted to move our monthly meetings back to the **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH Jan. 17, 2019**, starting at our regular time—6:30 PM. Fortunately our regular meeting time opened up on the Elk's busy schedule. In other action at the meeting, we approved revised OAL bylaws* and elected new at large board members—Karla Fowler, Ruth Fuller and Jan Hansen. I am so grateful they agreed to take on these new duties for the league. Their talents are most welcome.

On another note, why not bring an artist friend to our meetings? At our November meeting, we had a new artist from Puerto Vallarta. Her oil painting of an owl was so beautifully portrayed; it inspired all of us.

Blue Skies—Nicki

* If you would like a copy of the OAL bylaws, contact Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com.

November speaker...

Pastel Artist Susan Glendenning

Susan Glendenning treated us with a happy tree painting for her demo at our November meeting. Her pastel paintings are alive with color and motion.



To prepare mentally for painting, Susan looks through her reference material for something that "tickles my mind." She often uses segments of a photo or notices particular shapes within the photo that capture her happy place. These observations are then turned into a painting. Susan considers herself an intuitive painter and will seek "happy places where her mind hangs out" as motivation for her paintings.



Susan begins painting by using charcoal to roughly sketch her subject. She then may add a little color around the charcoal areas, and then paints alcohol over the charcoal to smear, or soften, the lines. Once the alcohol dries, the

black charcoal is set within the paper and will not bleed as she continues painting with other colors. An important part of the process is stopping periodically to look and edit as she moves along. Sometimes she decides to let the painting sit for several days and start with a fresh eye to move toward completion. The entire process can take a couple of weeks, as she "sees where the painting leads her."

Susan is an accomplished poet, writer, calligrapher, teacher, and grandparent—as well as painter. She has been published and won awards for her art. If you are interested in joining her where "the flowers flow," she can be reached at:

sglendenning@comcast.net or
www.susanglendenning.com

Contributed by Ruth Fuller

Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...



OAL EVENING PAINT-INS

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

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

“All mediums and people are welcome.”
\$5 fee covers utility costs



THINK TANK TUESDAY meets the second Tuesday of each month, **Tuesday, January 8th** at 2:00 PM at Hagen'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.



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. The next meeting is Friday, January 11th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

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 3rd



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

New Meeting Date!!

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.

Time: The **third Monday** of each month. The next meeting is January 21st from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

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 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: Meets the first Tuesday of each month. We're taking a break in January but will be back, February 5th from 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



Artists' Brunch Club... Enjoy brunch with your fellow artists at Cooper Point Public House, 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside, at **11:00 AM** on the fourth Monday each month—next one is January 28th. This is a totally social Brunch Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: ricketartist@gmail.com



Mixed Media Challenge and Support Group

New Date & Time: The Second Thursday of each month from 11 AM -1 PM. Starting January 10th, 2019.

Place: Tumwater Old Town Center, 215 North 2nd Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98512

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

Join the Thurston/ Lewis Sketchers

Date & Time: 2nd Saturday of every month 10:30—12:00



Coming Locations: *January*--meet at the Rectangle Gallery at 10:30. After the throw-down (when we photograph our sketches and us), we'll go across the street to Dawn's Delectables for lunch.

February--New Starbucks remodel of the old Grange on Yelm Highway, lunch at Bonsai Teriyaki

Contact: Cheryl Wilson at cwilson3250@gmail.com

Upcoming art change out at... OAL SPONSORED ART VENUES



We will be changing the art at **Cooper Point Public House** on *Wednesday, February 6 at 9:30 AM*. The theme for this show is "Doors". There are so many fantastic doors out there; it will be great to see how everyone interprets this theme. The restaurant is located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on the

Westside. If you have art currently hanging, please make sure to pick up your art even if you are not going to bring anything to hang. Make sure your art is wired for hanging.

Please do not go into the restaurant before 9:30 when we will start to remove the hanging art after 9:30 AM. Contact Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: rickdartist@gmail.com



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Dates & Time: The fourth Friday of the month—January 25th from 1—3 PM.

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

Program: Includes painting critiques, a monthly painting challenge, plus valuable information sharing about tips, techniques, and materials.

Contact: Anyone interested in acrylics wishing to attend who isn't already on our list should contact Karla Fowler at nwnxart@comcast.net. Anyone interested in acrylics is welcome.



GETTING ACQUAINTED Introducing...

Veronica Kessler



Veronica Kessler, a 20-year Olympia resident, is new to OAL, but loves the group already. In the few months that she has been a member, she has felt warmly welcomed and encouraged to become part of this artist community. She is a self-

taught watercolorist, who has been learning (mostly) from online tutorials for the past two years. She gets her inspiration from nature and enjoys painting the flowers and flora she sees around her. She is still developing her style, but loves loose paintings where pigments blend and run with a magic of their own! Veronica loves to paint for and with her grandchildren!



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

Chances to make art together...

Caricature Group Wanted

OAL member **Martha Trupp** has been to two week-long conferences of the International Society of Caricature Artists in 2017 and 2018. She also attended a three-day workshop on caricatures put on by the world famous caricaturist, Tom Richmond, in Portland. She's met people from all over the country and the world who do caricatures, including from Seattle, Portland, and Wenatchee.



She's looking for other people in this area who might be interested in working with this fun endeavor, which can be done in any medium.



If curious or interested, please call her at 360-584-5913.

Come draw with us!

The Developing Artists of Olympia (DAO) meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 in the old Don's camera building downtown. We have fantastic live models and it only costs \$15 for three hours! Some people draw; some people paint. This is a great opportunity to improve your figure and portrait skills.

Contact Mary Campbell for details at sailmaryc@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Thursday, January 24th

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

Workshops...



CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

*Newcomers, beginners and
advanced students
welcome!*

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

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

Focus: The focus will be on portraiture.

Location: Class is held at the Diana Fairbank's Studio, 1230 8th Ave., SE, Olympia.

Contact: Call Cal Capener at 360-491-0704 to register or contact him by email at: ccnac@msn.com

*"Every act of creation is first of all
an act of destruction."*

Pablo Picasso

OAL WEB GALLERY

The Web Gallery features OAL members' art. If you'd like to be included:

1. Take photos of three pieces of your art with a digital camera; this creates a jpg image file which is the right format for the Web Gallery. Unfortunately, photos taken with a phone aren't the right format for the gallery.*
2. If you want your photo to be part of your artist statement, provide a digital photo.*
3. Create an artist statement of no more than 150 words; include your website or Facebook page. You can write your artist statement in the text of the email.
4. Attach the art photos, your photo and artist statement in an email and send them to Rick Drescher rickerdar-tist@gmail.com.

*If you have problems taking photos of your art, OAL member Dan Innes will help you. He will photograph your art & take a photo of you for your artist statement. Contact Dan by phone 512-639-4971 or email at jdinnes@msn.com.

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Website Gallery: Rick Drescher

OAL Sponsored Shows:

Members Only Art Show: Heather Simons, Lindsey Ford

Artswalk Juried Show: 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

Saint Peter's Providence Hospital: Teresa Marie Staal-Cowley

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

Drawing Support Group: Rick Drescher

Mixed Media: Sherié Balko-Nation

Watercolor Critique Group: JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller



NEW VENUE FOR OAL MEMBER ART

Olympia Art League artist Teresa M. Staal-Cowley has made a connection to exhibit our art at Saint Peter's Providence Hospital in Olympia. We will display art quarterly, every three months, with themed art displays. The first theme will be about birds

Please bring one to two pieces of art, with the plan of hanging at least one of each artist's work. Art should be not less than 11 inches and not larger than 36 inches. Art should be properly framed for an art gallery with no saw tooth hangers and can include two inch gallery wrap canvas. Members can submit art on **February, 5th, 2019 from 3 PM to 4 PM** on the second floor in the main cafeteria/restaurant.

Contact Teresa at teresamarie4art@gmail.com or 360-866-1512 home, 360-480-9955 cell.



WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2019 10am-1pm

WHERE: Panorama Stiles-Beach Barn
1554 Boulevard Park SE, Lacey, WA

WHAT: Quality name brand art supplies including pastels, w/c & acrylic paint, brushes, paper, easels, etc.

PRICING: 30-50% of retail value

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