

Olympia Art League Newsletter

April 2019

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

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 18, 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

OAL Website address:

<https://olympiaartleague.com/>

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Introducing April Artist...

MOLLY MURRAH—PORTRAITS IN WATERCOLOR



Molly Murrah's favorite subject to teach is portraits, but she teaches classes in various other subjects as well. She will be joining us on April 18th to share her love of portraits and pass on great tips for creating amazing portraits with all mediums.



Of her work Molly says, "I began painting in watercolor in 1997 when I took a painting trip to Greece with a local watercolor artist. The trip was incredibly fun and inspiring, but the medium intimidated me, and I put my paints and brushes away for four years. In 2001, I realized that the art pieces that stopped me dead in my tracks in any gallery I visited were always watercolors, so – needing a creative outlet other than what I was experiencing in my graphic design business – I took out my tubes of paint and picked up my brushes... and I have never looked back."

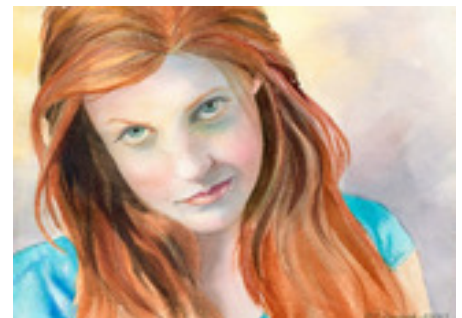
"The transparency of the medium is what makes it so exciting. It is also what makes it somewhat difficult to master – 'mistakes' and problem areas can often be easily detected. However, contrary to common belief, a high degree of control can be maintained and, in my opinion, no other medium can create the unique images you are able to achieve. Water media techniques produce works that are luminous, fluid and mysterious, and 'accidents' – if you capitalize on them to support your theme and emotional intent – often end up being the most brilliant aspects of your paintings."



"The luminosity and light reflectance of the paint and paper, the myriad of textures you can create, the infinite gradations of color, the ability to paint realistically, abstractly or every style in between – watercolors can keep an artist fascinated for many years of joyful painting."

"It is my hope that in seeing samples of my work, you are inspired to try this wonderful medium yourself. Stick with it... you won't be sorry!"

Check out Molly's website at:
www.mollymurrah.com





GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA!

Here I am in the desert with wildflowers blooming and warm sunshine on my face. I hear Olympia's experiencing a sudden spring as well. What a blessing—the season is full of artistic inspiration.



On this RV journey, I took pictures I hope I can paint successfully—Big Sur, live oaks that are so grand and contorted (they may be a challenge to paint), and desert flowers and

the super bloom that we all have been reading about.



Do you notice that you are more observant, enjoying your world with your artist eyes this time of year? That is a gift I cherish. Here are a few pictures of California I've taken that may inspire a future painting. We'll see.

On the home front, the submissions for the juried art show have been received. Now we wait and hope we are in the show. More than anything I am anticipating a show with creativity and participation of our OAL members and guest artists. April is full of activities such as Val Dann's workshop, the ArtsWalk Show, and our regular OAL meeting. Thanks to all you volunteers that make all of this possible. You are the heart and soul of our organization.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to seeing my fellow artists this month.

Blue Skies, Nicki

February speaker's advice...

EMBRACE YOUR WABI-SABI



Karen Dedrickson, Sumi artist and speaker at our March meeting shared this excellent advice.

What is Wabi-Sabi? It's the Buddhist concept of finding beauty in imperfection.

Karen does this by painting quickly and spontaneously, by practicing the same painting subject many times, and withholding self-criticism while she paints. Her practice of putting each painting aside to study on another day gives her a fresh and more accepting look at the piece. Her examples were the dozens of times she painted the same bowl. Each was fresh and unique. She has painted "Mojo Bird", a sand crane, over and over. Mojo has developed a broad range of personality traits in the paintings (Karen calls them "stories"), and he will be the star of Karen's upcoming book.

Karen began her art journey as an oil painter. She then learned framing art and how to present each piece of work properly. After a time, Karen discovered the joy of plein-aire and found that painting quickly was a necessity in capturing nature while on site. She learned how to concentrate on one mood or idea and simplify her paintings.



Sumi painting was the next step on Karen's path. Black ink is thinned to create all values. There are no shadows and rarely color in Sumi painting. Mood or "life force" became the subject. Single stroke painting is her tool. Learning to "be a better student by always being a student, every day" is a valuable life lesson for us all.

Karen's Contact information:

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Contributed by Ruth Fuller

Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...

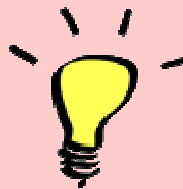


OAL EVENING PAINT-INS

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

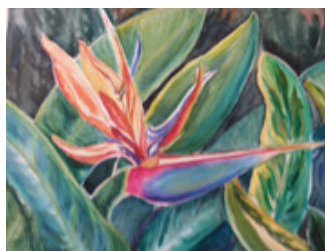
For more information contact Karen Bush at 360-455-8176 or via email kbush35@comcast.net

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



THINK TANK TUESDAY meets the second Tuesday of each month, **Tuesday, April 9th** 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.



Watercolor

Support Group

Time: The second Friday of each month. The next meeting is Friday, April 12th 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



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 April 15th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

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

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. The next meeting is April 2nd 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 April 22nd. This is a totally social Brunch Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: ricketartist@gmail.com



Join us ...

**Olympia ArtsWalk
Juried Show Reception
and Awards**

**Thursday, April 25th
6PM – 8 PM**

**Olympia Community Center
222 Columbia St NW**

Awards announcement at 7 PM. Awards include: Grand Prize \$500, Second Prize \$300, Third Prize \$200. Peoples Choice and Three Honorable Mention Awards.



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

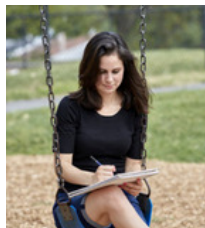
Dates & Time: The fourth Friday of the month—April 26th from 1—3 PM.

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. April's challenge – “painting with patterns.”

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.

Join the Thurston/ Lewis Sketchers



Date & Time: 2nd Saturday of every month
10:30 AM —12:30 PM. Join us for lunch afterwards.

Coming Locations: *April:* Barn Nursery, 9510 Old Hwy 99 SE. Lots of spring flowers and plants!
May: The Lewis County Historical Museum in Chehalis

Come draw with us!

The Developing Artists of Olympia (DAO) meets every Tuesday 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.



MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Friday April 22nd

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

GETTING ACQUAINTED

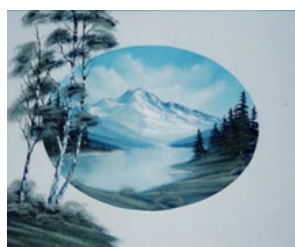


Introducing... Divina Clark



Divina's been an OAL member since the fall of 2017. She works mostly in oils, mosaics, and photography. Since she's also a graduate student and practicum teacher, she's been working a lot more in watercolors because water-based paints are the preferred medium used in most public schools.

Of her work Divina says, “I mostly prefer landscape, nature scenes, and abstracts. I love the beauty of nature, whether it is the rugged mountains, the wild spirits of the ocean, or the boundless colors of a garden in bloom. These experiences have inspired my paintings.”

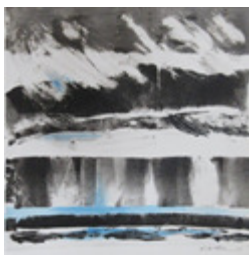


“I have embraced the abstract style for the past few years. I find abstract art to be much more freeing, especially with the creative experience. It's released me from the confinement of realism. I also have come to enjoy making creative, fluid art paintings - it's been such a fun experi-

ence.” You can visit Divina's website at: <https://divinaclark.myportfolio.com/work>

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

Kudos and shows...



Cynthia Walker's monotype "Yes..Melting" was accepted into the juried show "REFLECTIVITY—Artists on Climate Change" from April 20-June 2, 2019 at the Healdsburg Center for the Arts in Napa Valley.

Olympia Art League members **Lorraine Wade** and **Teresa Staal-Cowley** are in Museum Contempo's kinesthetic installation. Each artist created art involving the senses of sight, scent, sound, touch and taste. The exhibit is open to the public from April 5th to May 19th, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM. The opening reception is Saturday, April 6th from 4 PM to 7 PM. The gallery is located at 68 Lynch Road SE in Shelton just off of highway 101, behind Taylor Town businesses. Art show is a portion of Teresa's piece honoring the Pacific Salmon. Contact Teresa for carpools, directions or more information, 360-480-9955 cell.



Alice Liou received the Judge's Choice Award on March 23rd for one of her paintings at the Pacific Gallery Artists Member Show. This exhibit is open to the public through May 9 at the Premier Gallery in the Puyallup Activity Center, 210 West Pioneer, Puyallup. Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, M-F.

Mia Schulte's painting "Breaking the Ice" was accepted into the Coos Art Museum's juried show entitled "2019 Expressions West". The museum is located at 235 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay, OR. The show runs from April 19th to June 29th. The opening reception is April 19th from 5 – 7 PM.



Join OAL members participating in **The Artists' Gallery Reception** April 5th, 4 PM to 7 PM and treat yourself to wine and live music--2505 4th Ave. Suite 105, Capital Mall, Olympia.

Workshops...



CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES
Newcomers, beginners and advanced students welcome!

Time: Saturday, April 13th, 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 of the class will include color mixing, brush and knife work, and composition. Cal will do a landscape demonstration.

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

WATER COLOR CLASSES

WITH ANN BRECKON



Dates & Time: Mondays, April 8th and 22nd, 12 PM—3:00 PM

Focus: We'll be painting Fox Gloves—lovely stalks of flowers in pink, white and lavender.

Location: Hobby Lobby on Martin Way in Lacey.

Cost: \$40 per session (please note the price change)

Contact: Space is limited to 11 students at this location; register early to save a seat. E-mail Ann if you plan on attending or would like to be included on her e-mail list:
annbreckon@gmail.com



2019 29TH ANNUAL SPRING FINE ART SHOW

SHOW DATES APRIL 8, 2019 TO APRIL 12, 2019
OPEN 9-5 EACH DAY

Shelton Civic Center 525 West Cota St, Shelton
Art Entry Dates Friday April 5 10 – 4, Saturday April 6 10 - 3
Entry fee Current members \$10 Non- Members \$15
Questions? Call Jora Lee (360)462-0306 or email to: peninsulaartassociation@gmail.com

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Abstract Critique Group: Lindsey Ford
Acrylic Support Group: Karla Fowler
Drawing Support Group: Rick Drescher
Watercolor Support Group: JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller



MEMBERS ONLY SHOW

Special thanks to Olympics West for their generous sponsorship of our Members Only Show. They provided festive decorations, great entertainment and yummy appetizers. Thanks to our show chair Heather Simons and her able assistants, Sherié Balko-Nation, Terea Marie Staal-Cowley and Rick Drescher, the show was a great success. It's a great opportunity to showcase OAL member art and is much appreciated by staff and residents.



Jessi Cheney, Community Resource Director for Olympics West, coordinated the show reception and purchased our third place People's Choice Award winner by Rick Drescher.



First place People's Choice award winner by Anne-Marie Brown



Second place winner Heather Simons with the happy new owner of her painting.

There's still room...

Special Juried Show Bonus for OAL Members... Judge's Workshop

Our show judge, Val Dann, will be offering a 2-hour workshop focusing on the **"Versatility of Acrylic Paint"** on Wednesday April 24th at the Olympia Senior Center, 222 Columbia ST NW, Room #100*, from 6-8pm. The workshop cost is \$15.00 for Olympia Art League Members. There is something for every artist at this workshop:

- Time Saving and Money Saving Tips
- Demonstrating Acrylic Paint Techniques
- Exploring the Possibilities of New Products

To register for the workshop, contact JoAnne Sanford at san3jo@comcast.net or call (360) 878-8225. There will also be signup sheets at the OAL general meeting in March. Space is limited. Register early. Prepayment required. No registration at the door.

*Please note the room change to accommodate a larger number of participants.

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