

Olympia Art League Newsletter

“Special Summer Edition 2019”

Still time to check out...

OAL's Sponsored Art Show at the Fair



The Olympia Art League sponsors the Open Class Fine Arts exhibit at the Thurston County Fair running from July 31st to August 5th. Diana Fairbanks, OAL member, has served as Superintendent of the show for at least five years. Mounting the show takes considerable volunteer effort—over 30 OAL members pitch in to check in art, hang the show, judge the show, provide security, offer art demonstrations, connect artists and buyers, and take down and check out art.

The show includes classes in a variety of media—drawing, graphics, painting, mixed media, miniatures, pastel, three dimensional, digital and up-cycled art. This year OAL is sponsoring a “Mongathon” competition for kids. Monga is Japanese style anime cartooning. Supplies are provided and kids can learn the technique and receive awards. In addition, “Plein Aire at the Fair”, offered every day but Sunday; gives artists an opportunity to make art at the fair and win a prize. The artist demonstration booth gives fair goers a chance to see an artist at work and pickup some tips. Overall prizes provided by the fair include a Best in Show award and first place awards in each category. Congratulations to the OAL members that received prizes in various classes in the show—just a few highlights below.



Adult pro/semi pro water-based entries—First place JoAnne Sanford, Tidelands



Combined graphics, printmaking, mixed media & digital art
First Place, Carolyn Bailey Reed, Circle



Special thanks to Diana Fairbanks, show superintendant, who “lives” at the show for its five-day run. She makes the show a fun experience for artists who participate and fair goers who vote for their favorite art each day and participate in art at the fair events. Thanks as well to Anne-Marie Brown for working late snapping pictures for this special edition of the OAL newsletter.



Adult pro/semi pro oil or acrylic painting
Second-place, Anne-Marie Brown, Sammy in the Sunlight



Adult amateur in oil's or acrylic, Second-place Jane Taylor, Jellyfish in the Pacific Ocean

OAL MONTHLY MEETINGS BACK IN SEPTEMBER

Next Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month, September 19th

Location: ELKS LODGE, 1818 4TH AVE. E., Olympia

6:30—Socializing and sharing art

7:00—Meeting and announcements

7:30—Speaker Demonstration



Fire up your brushes...

Upcoming Art Show Opportunities

Late Breaking News from our President, Nicki Weber

Announcing..

OAL's Spring 2020 ArtsWalk

Juror and Workshop Instructor

Dale Laitinen

The juror for OAL's spring ArtsWalk juried show is Dale Laitinen, a well-known California artist who is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society. Dale conducts workshops all over the country and is widely sought after. He is known particularly for his wet into wet watercolor painting. Dale will judge our show and conduct a workshop.

OAL's Spring ArtsWalk show is scheduled for April 20 – 26, 2020. The subject of the three day workshop will be landscapes in watercolor with a focus on aspects of abstract, as well as new ways to compose your subjects. Here are the particulars:

Proposed dates:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 21st – 23rd, 10:00 AM to 4 PM or longer .



Location: First Christian Church, Olympia.

Cost: \$300, deposit of \$150 is non-refundable. The deposit is your reservation for the class.

Contact: Nicki Weber—ednikweber@aol.com

OAL members will get the first chance at registration. The class will be opened to outlying areas in late November.



Schmidt House Olympia Art League Show Presents: The Brewery District

A special show of OAL artists' works featuring the brewery district—the brewery, the falls, historic houses, the old steam plant, Schmidt house and the surrounding area.

May Show Dates:

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9
14	15	16
28	29	30

Plans include:

- Reception for OAL members and dignitaries,
- Invitations to former employees and families of the brewery, and
- Special events with additional show dates as needed.

This is a great opportunity to present your work in a beautiful setting. We will not jury this show, but ask that you present your best efforts, framed and ready to be purchased. Submit up to two pieces—all media accepted. There is room for 30 – 50 pieces, up to 24" by 36".

There will be more specifics as we get closer to the show, but this gives you a heads up so you can get started exploring the area and painting!

Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...



AUGUST EVENING PAINT-OUTS

**Thursdays, 6:30 PM to
Lights Out**

The Evening Paint Out Group decided to focus on historical Tumwater locations in August in order to paint subjects or do studies for the upcoming show at the Schmidt House next year. Please look for the OAL update from April Works for more details on the schedule below.

August 1st—Capitol Building Campus/Grounds
August 8th—Schmidt House
August 15th—Black Lake Private Neighborhood Park
Aug. 22nd—Tumwater, Crosby House or Brewmaster's House
August 29th—Percival Landing

Contact Karen Bush at 360-455-8176 or via email
kbush35@comcast.net

Morning Paint-Ins... Back September 5th



For more information: call or e-mail
Karen Crate
wkcrate@comcast.net (360) 943-1827



Abstract Support 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.

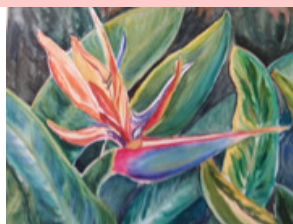
Time: The **third Monday** of each month. The next meeting is August 19th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

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, monthly location and information contact Lindsey Ford at lindsey4d@comcast.net or (360) 789-7860.



THINK TANK TUESDAY will meet a week early this month—**August 6th** and a bit earlier—**noon**. Nicki Weber is hosting this special summer meeting. OAL members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club. Directions and particulars will be sent in an e-mail to the membership.



Watercolor Support 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, August 9th 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 JoAnne Sanford, 360-878-8225
san3jo@comcast.net



Drawing Support 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 August 5th from 3—4:30 PM.

Location: Lacey Fire Station #33, 6500 Mullen Road SE (Entrance is side door to right of front door.)

Contact: Rick Drescher at Phone 360-786-1958 or via E-mail:
rickdartist@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Monday, August 26th

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

South Sound Sketchers



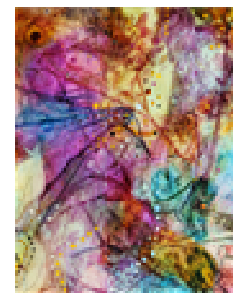
The Thurston/Lewis Sketchers group has changed it's name and is now an official Urban Sketchers group.

Date & Time: 2nd Saturday of every month 10:30 AM —1:30 PM. Join us for lunch afterwards.

Location: The next outing is here in Olympia at the Farmer's Market 10:30 - 1:30 pm on August 10.

Contact: Cheryl Wilson at cwilson3250@gmail.com

Mixed Media Challenge and Support Group Resumes in September



New Date & Time: The third Friday of each month from 1PM – 2:30 PM. Please join us for the next meeting September 20th

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



ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Dates & Time: The fourth Friday of the month, Augsut 23rd from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Note New Location: Lacey City Hall, 420 College St. SE, Lacey (located next door to the Lacey Library)

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.



Interested in showing your work at an upcoming run of one of **Olympia Little Theatre's** plays during the 2019-2010 Season? Contact Cathie Shuaghnessy, Office Manager, at (360)786-9484. Her e-mail address is: oltadmin@olympialittletheatre.org.

PHOTOSHOP LESSONS



OAL member Jill Jacoby is looking for someone who uses Adobe Photoshop that would be interested in giving her some lessons or who might offer a class on use of Photoshop by artists. She has talked to other artists who might be interested. Let Jill know if you are interested in offering lessons. She is willing to help organize a class. Contact Jill at [360-477-3675](tel:360-477-3675) or email her at avrio1@hotmail.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 August 26th. This is a totally social Brunch Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: rickartist@gmail.com

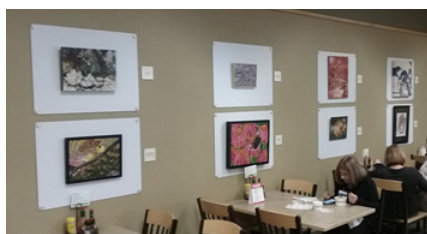
Kudos and shows...



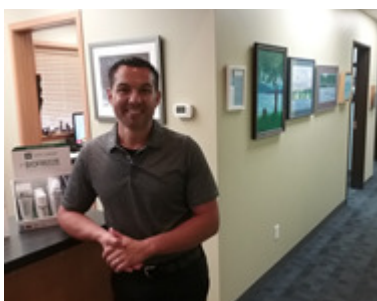
Three paintings by OAL member **Karla Fowler** have been selected for the Peninsula Art League's 2019 Open Juried Show at the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor. The exhibit will run September 5 through November 1. An opening reception will be held on Friday, September 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Saint Peter's Providence Hospital of Olympia will be changing out our art on Wednesday, August 21st between 3pm to 6pm. The hospital has



room for 8 paintings in the second floor cafeteria to fit on security panels that are 22" high by 32" wide and room for 6 larger paintings in the Spiritual Direction office that can be no larger than 36" square. The theme is animals. Contact Teresa M. Staal-Cowley for more information at teresamarie4art@gmail.com or 360-866-1512 home or 360-480-9955 cell.



New opportunity...

Sutton Chiropractic and Massage

Dr. Rodriguez, pictured at left, has opened up opportunities to feature Olympia Art League artists at his practice.

There is room for approximately 10 to 12 medium paintings depending on the size. One big wall is appropriate for very large paintings. Please include a framed artist biography with submission of art. Our thanks to Dr. Rodriguez!

Sutton Chiropractic and Massage is located at 1518 Bishop Road SW #11, Tumwater, 98512. Art rotations will be once a month on the fourth Tuesdays between 1 PM and 2 PM, beginning August 27th. Contact Teresa M. Staal-Cowley for more information at:

teresamarie4art@gmail.com or 360-866-1512 home or 360-480-9955 cell.

Workshops...

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Aug 23, 2019 – Aug 28, 2019
with Abbot Damian



Priest and monk, teacher and spiritual guide with thirty years experience as an iconographer, Father Abbot Damian has given retreats and taught workshops throughout the United States, Canada, and Ukraine. Primarily working in egg tempera, his iconography is found in numerous churches, institutions, and private collections.

No art experience necessary! Both beginners and advanced students are welcome. The workshop/retreat begins with Orthros (Morning Prayer) at 6:30 AM; the first work session is on Friday at 9:00 AM. The \$500 fee includes all necessary icon materials and daily meals. Nightly accommodation during the workshop/retreat is extra.

Registration must be made before August 10 with a non-refundable deposit of \$100; the balance is due upon arrival. In order to maintain a quality experience, participation is limited to twelve.

The workshop will be held at The Holy Theophany Monastery, 10220 66th Ave. SE, Olympia. Contact the monastery for more information and a registration form: (360) 491-8233 or htheophany@earthlink.net



Gay Hoffman... Soft Pastel Techniques

Gay is offering two back-to-back 6 week classes at the South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey Campus. The first session, **Sep 6 – Oct 11** will focus on wild open spaces; the second session will focus on an Old Barn with Three Silos and runs from Oct 18 – Dec 6 with no class on **Oct 25 and Nov 29**. All classes are from **9:00 – 11:00 AM on Fridays**.

We'll discuss how perspective affects the appearance of distance in the landscape along with decreasing level of detail and decreasing color intensity. Drawing buildings using perspective will be discussed, but we will be working from a single photo so we have a common point of reference for each picture we paint using various pastel techniques on sanded pastel paper.

To register contact: South Puget Sound Community College Lacey Campus www.spscc.edu

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OAL Sponsored Shows:

Members Only Art Show: Heather Simons

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County Fair Art Show: Diana Fairbanks, Kay Tolles

Local OAL Art Show Venues:

Bonsai: Anne-Marie Brown

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

Sutton Chiropractic & Massage: 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

Support Groups:

Abstract: Lindsey Ford

Acrylic: Karla Fowler

Drawing: Rick Drescher

Watercolor: JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller

May's Presenter...

CAROLYN BURT

Carolyn Burt, a new OAL member, gave an informative presentation on scratch board engraving at our May meeting. Scratchboard begins with a board that has been coated with a layer of white china clay that is covered with a layer of India ink.



Carolyn uses many types of engraving tools to scratch away the layer of black to expose the white. It takes skill in values, drawing and patience to master this art form. Corrections are nearly impossible. On some pieces, water based ink is carefully painted onto the white areas to add color. The moisture from the ink dissolves the India ink, so she must paint very carefully. Each board is sealed with a protective clear acrylic varnish for protection when carving and painting are complete. Her results are stunning. The engraving is extremely detailed, with vivid contrast and texture. Carolyn spends between a couple of days to weeks on each piece, depending on size and the amount of detail.

Carolyn is also an award winning artist in watercolor, pastels, acrylics, ink, and photography, as well as scratch board. She has owned two art galleries. She taught art at different levels in Puyallup schools for many years, and has sold paintings worldwide. Her work can be seen at Proctor Art Gallery in Tacoma. She has recently moved to Lacey and has a studio in her new home and is planning to offer workshops in both scratch board and basic drawing. Carolyn may also offer classes in other media in the future. By visiting her website you can see examples of her work, learn more about her life as an artist, and contact her with questions and requests.

<http://www.carolynburtstudio.co>

Contributed by Ruth Fuller



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