

## Olympia Art League Monthly In Person and Zoom Meetings!

Olympia Art League will be hosting our 2022 Thursday, October 20th monthly meeting beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Lacey Community Center. It is located at Woodland Creek Community Park. 6729 Pacific Ave. S.E. Lacey, WA.

The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom, which will allow people to come to the Lacey Center or stay at home and attend via Zoom if preferred. We are hoping this will allow all to feel included and be a part of the meeting.

Bring your paintings to share at the Community Center and/or send photos of your art work to Cynthia Walker at [cwalker@comcast.net](mailto:cwalker@comcast.net) by October 15th to have your work included in the PowerPoint presentation. It would be great to have paintings you are bringing to share at the Community Center included as a part of the Zoom presentation as well.

Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you and your art there..

### October Guest Speakers: Diana Fairbanks & Rieley Iverson

The October Zoom program is “*A Taste of Digital Artmaking*”



This presentation is intended to give OAL viewers encouragement to consider using digital equipment and techniques as part of their art practices. It will present advantages and disadvantages of digital and traditional methods. It will suggest software and hardware that may be easily available to studio artists. It will compare examples of work in both traditions.

This presentation can be viewed via Zoom through email invite at your home or at the Lacey Community Center.

**Diana Fairbanks** has been a member of OAL since 2009 and is hopefully, the retiring Superintendent of the Fine Arts Pavilion at the Thurston County Fair. She has had a career as an art teacher and working artist and principal of OlyImages Studio. Before that, she was a professor of Communication Technology, a corporate communications officer, a medical Illustrator, and a commercial artist/designer. She engages apprentices in her studio practice, one being Rieley Iverson who is assisting Diana with this presentation. This has required continuous learning because young artists are destined to use digital techniques for much of their work in the future. Diana is best known for her authorship of “Backroads of Washington” and her paintings for “The Rivers of Washington Project.”



**Rieley Iverson** is an artist of many trades. She is mostly known for her digital works, prints and playing cards. She is incredibly enthusiastic about art. If it were up to Rieley, all she would do is create! She loves trying new things and really branching out. Her goal is to eventually become an animator/character design artist in an animation studio, like Pixar or Dreamworks!

Rieley just started her first year of college, but thanks to the pandemic she has found plenty of time to master new skills when it comes to technology. Rieley likes to say “I’m ambitious when it comes to art, trying new things, always experimenting, different poses, colors, line-art, shading...It’s always something different, trying to find a style of my own while also allowing my art skills to be flexible.”

Rieley said “If I had to give a dream goal though...if I could do absolutely anything with my life, I would want to have my own webcomic or graphic novel. I want to create a story from the ground up, design characters of many types, and leave readers awestruck at what they are witnessing. It would be amazing if my story could become an animation, but of course, one pen stroke at a time.”



Hello everyone,  
I want to introduce myself to you as your new Olympia Art League Acting President. I am happy to be a part of a wonderful team that is helping the art league move forward to again become the active league we have been in the past.

I would like to recognize the board and officers:

Sherie Balko-Nation	* Acting Vice President
Anne-Marie Brown	* Secretary
April Works	* Treasurer
Karla Fowler	* Member at Large
Jan Hansen	* Member at Large
Martha Trupp	* Member at Large

They have all been, and continue to be, an invaluable resource to the League.

I also would like to thank our recent volunteers:

Roxana Caples	* Juried Show Mentor
Jan Hansen	* Graphic Designer
Jean Stewart	* Paint Outs
& Jane King	
Cynthia Walker	* PowerPoint
Nicki Weber	* Greeter

So many long standing volunteers are much appreciated:

Ruth Bravetti	* Communications
Terri Johnson	* Newsletter
Linda Selsor	* Zoom Coordinator
Diana Fairbanks	* County Fair Art Show

I hope I haven't missed anyone because we value each and every volunteer.

With such an active group, we have need of volunteers. Many jobs are small and often can be shared by two members. Please, consider volunteering.

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OAL Acting President  
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## GETTING ACQUAINTED

Introducing-  
Susan Cornelis

My husband and I moved to Olympia from northern CA about a year ago. During this past year I've been getting settled into a home studio and exploring my new home town and the glorious PNW nature with sketchbook in hand. I've been a water media painter, illustrator, urban and nature



sketcher and teacher for many years. Since 2006 I've been sharing my life in art in my blog, titled "Conversations with the Muse", with sketchbooks, paintings, portraits, contemplative writings/poetry, workshop demos, and invitations to join me in art play and discovery. As the weather gets colder, I would like to get back to mixed media expressive painting in a group. I'm looking forward to finding new art friends in OAL! Please visit me on my blog:



<https://susancornelis.wordpress.com/> and introduce yourself.





# September's OAL Zoom Meeting And Guest Speaker

Thursday, September 15th was Olympia Art League's first in-person meeting at the Lacey Community Center since the beginning of the pandemic. It was a hybrid type meeting with a Zoom connection.

It began at the Community Center with members displaying their latest artwork for a friendly critique while eating some delicious snacks. Those staying at home were able to view a PowerPoint presentation of the members' art work through a Zoom meeting being projected from the Community Center. Those at home and at the building could view the presentation.

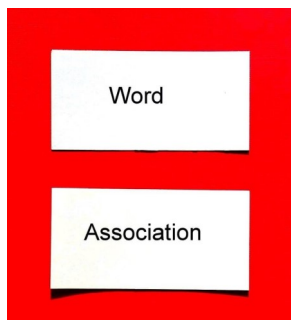


Our new acting president Heather McDougall welcomed everyone through Zoom and in the building.

Martha Trupp introduced our night's speaker Nancy Romanovsky. She is a great oil painter who studied in Arizona, but now lives in the Olympia area. Nancy presented via Zoom and talked about the value in creating color charts; using a double primary limited palette for stronger color harmony; and strategies for creating paintings imbued with light and atmosphere. Nancy spoke about color and warm and cool temperatures. After the presentation, people enjoyed visiting with each other. Pictures of the evening are displayed below:



## Word Association Art Challenge For OAL Members From Sherie Balko-Nation



WoRdArT Association  
October 2022

WoRdArT ASSOCIATION, is something I came up with to help spark a chain of creativity. You all know how horrible those blocks can be or 'Brain Freezes' as I like to call them. So occasionally I shall throw in a

WoRdArT Challenge.

The idea is, I will give you a list of words, approximately 10-30 to choose from. You pick three or more to incorporate in your artwork for that month. It can be obvious or incognito. Just make sure you post the words with your artwork when you display it in the October PowerPoint for our monthly OAL meeting.

October Word list:

armillary sphere/spirit/vial/pumpkin/acorn/plaid/piano keys/red/whiskey/Salmon/river/candy/purple/goggles/tradition/mask/corn/mouse/puzzle/leaves/moss/costume/web/trio/marks/

Word Challenge September

Words used: stars/lantern/  
floral

Shown: "Be a Light" Acrylic by  
Terri Johnson



**Pastel Group Leader:** We are in need of a lead for the Pastel Monthly Group. Contact Lorna Sheveland at [lsheve@comcast.net](mailto:lsheve@comcast.net) if you are interested in doing this. She can tell you what the job entails.



**Website Liaison:** Receive artwork from members wishing to post on OAL website. Convert photos to acceptable requirements. Send photos on to our website manager.

**Zoom master:** Create and send out invites along with zoom links to members for our various monthly meetings.

**Thurston County Fair Art Show:** Coordinate and manage the art show for the week of the fair.

**Arts Walk Juried Show:** Two OAL members are needed to work closely with Roxana Caples and help chair our annual Spring ArtsWalk Juried Show. No experience required. This show has been presented for many years and is well organized and loved by our public viewers.

**Members Only Show:** A quick and easy show to chair. We are looking for two OAL members to work with Olympics West Retirement Inn to share our members' work with the community. This is a non-juried show with the Inn providing the hanging and the reception.

**New venue search:**

Search out new venues for our members to hang their work.

Please, consider volunteering,  
Heather McDougall OAL Acting President  
Contact: 360-742-4667  
[2stannheather@gmail.com](mailto:2stannheather@gmail.com)

### DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022.

Please send your kudos, photos, announcements and ideas for the **NEXT** newsletter to Terri Johnson via email—[mtjpublishers@msn.com](mailto:mtjpublishers@msn.com). If you have questions give Terri a call or text at (360) 280-4617

## OAL Membership Renewal

The League will be accepting renewals for the calendar year 2023 starting in November. Send a check for \$30.00/person and/or \$60.00/couple to: OAL, 700 Sleater-Kinney Road

**Suite B331**, Lacey, WA 98503. Please indicate any change in address, phone or e-mail.

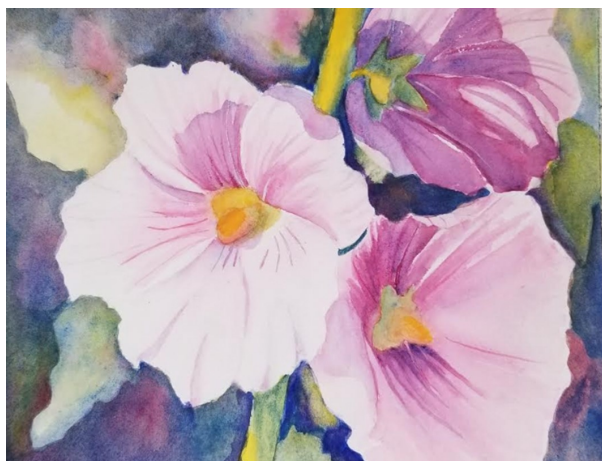
If you have questions about membership renewal, please contact April Works at [aprilworks@gmail.com](mailto:aprilworks@gmail.com).



## Summer Time Art



Lois Beck's collage "Terrance"-10" by 16"



Annabel Kirschner's watercolor  
"Pink Hollyhocks"-8" by 10"



Cheryl Wilson's  
colored pencil  
and watercolor  
Pansies  
15" by 13"

## Olympia Art League Website Renovation

The Olympia Art League Website is undergoing renovation starting with the Artist Gallery. The new gallery will feature OAL members artwork. Please start sending photos of your art with the title, medium, size and your name to [2stannheather@gmail.com](mailto:2stannheather@gmail.com). There is not a limit on the number of pieces each artist can submit at this time. Creating our art is what we are all about. Let's share it and bring joy to others.

## New Venue Opportunity

# Olympia little theatre

Do you want a great opportunity to get your art on display? Olympia Little Theater is looking for several artists to fill spots during their 2022-2023 season. They feature one artist per show.

Sherié Balko-Nation has displayed twice now, and both times she has sold an original piece to patrons coming to see a show.

If you would like more information, or to sign up, the person to contact is listed below.

Cathie Shaughnessy  
Olympia Little Theater  
[oltadmin@olympialittletheater.org](mailto:oltadmin@olympialittletheater.org)  
360.786.9484



Ruth Bravetti's acrylic "Tranquility"-14" by 36"

# OAL Artist Support Groups

Join one of OAL's support groups via Zoom. Bring a work for gentle, constructive feedback and try your hand at the month's challenge. We'll teach you how to share a photo of your work on Zoom or you can simply hold it up in front of the camera. We also talk about classes, books, artists or teachers that have inspired us. All experience levels are welcome. All mediums are welcome in the Abstract Group. Regular meeting times are listed below. Check in with the contact person to get added to the group's e-mail list and the Zoom invitation to the meetings.

## Abstract Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *third Monday* of each month. The next meeting is October 17th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM via Zoom.

**Contact:** Linda Selsor via email at [selsor@msn.com](mailto:selsor@msn.com) if you would like to be added to the group's invitation list.

The challenge for October is painting using "warm on cold colors".



All mediums, beginners and curiosity seekers are welcome. Join us and bring your challenge and another painting to share. We will likely be meeting via Zoom through the end of the year.

**Shown:** September "Paynes Gray" challenge by Debora Baker

## Watercolor Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *second Friday* of each month. The next meeting is October 14th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM via Zoom

**Contact:** Heather McDougall at [2stannheather@gmail.com](mailto:2stannheather@gmail.com)

The challenge for October is "breakfast".

**Shown:** September "broom" challenge by Rick Drescher



## Acrylic Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *fourth Friday* of each month. The next meeting is October 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Karla plans to ask group members by vote if they would like to meet in-person or via Zoom. She will be in contact with you.

**Contact:** Karla Fowler at [nwnxart@comcast.net](mailto:nwnxart@comcast.net) for questions or to be added to the invitation reminder list.

The challenge for October is "Four Tonal Values Limiting Mid-Tones".



**Shown:** September "Emphasis on Clothing" challenge by Anne-Marie Brown

## Pastel Group

The Pastel Group has been placed on hold until we have a volunteer for group lead.



## Think Tank Thursday

Think Tank is the second Thursday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Put your thinking caps on and join us to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club.



## OAL Board & Activity Leads

**Acting President:** Heather McDougall

**Acting Vice President:** Sherie Balko-Nation

**Secretary:** Anne-Marie Brown

**Treasurer:** April Works

**Members at Large:** Karla Fowler,  
Jan Hansen & Martha Trupp

**Communications Chair:** Ruth Bravetti

**Graphic Designer:** Jan Hansen

**Membership Chair:** Lindsey Ford

**Newsletter Editor:** Terri Johnson

**Nominating Committee:** Dennis Gough,  
Veronica Kessler & Annabel Kirschner

**PowerPoint:** Cynthia Walker &  
Terri Johnson

**Program Chair:** Martha Trupp

**Zoom Manager:** Linda Selsor

**Web Master:** Christi McGinley

**Website Gallery Chair:**

**Juried Show Mentor:** Roxana Caples

### OAL Sponsored Shows:

Members Only Art Show:

Arts Walk Juried Show:

County Fair Art Show:

### OAL Local Art Show Venues:

Bonsai Wok: Anne-Marie Brown

TRA Medical Imaging: Jan Hansen

### Painting Get Togethers:

Paint-Out Day: Jean Stewart &  
Jane King

Paint-Out Night For Summer:  
Karen Bush

Paint-In Night: Karen Bush

### Support Groups:

Abstract: Linda Selsor

Acrylic: Karla Fowler

Pastel :

Watercolor: Heather McDougall

## What's Happening



The Artists' Gallery was voted "**Best of South Sound**" from a survey taken by The Olympian Newspaper. 85,000 votes were cast .

Guest Artist for the month of October is Sherry Kirk. Displays of her beautiful pottery work is available to view.

## Olympia Art League Newsletter

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