

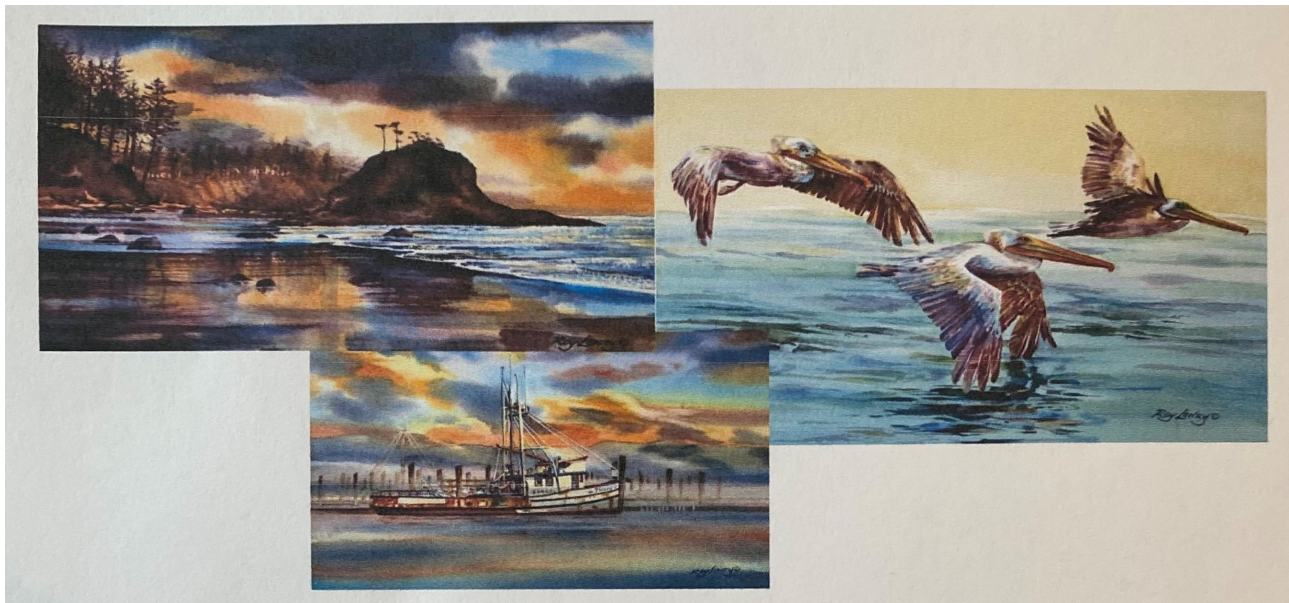


March OAL Monthly Meeting Presenter is Roy Lowry Demonstrating Wet on Wet.

Olympia Art League is excited to announce that artist Roy Lowry will be presenting a watercolor demonstration on March 16th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center.

Roy will demonstrate how to use the wet on wet technique in watercolor painting and show how using the technique defines the true nature of watercolor. He will also demonstrate how to control applying color to a wet surface and how to take the advantage of liquid masking.

Roy Lowry is currently living in Ocean Shores, Washington. Roy's watercolors reflect the mood of the Olympic Peninsula. As a professional designer and colorist, Roy's artwork captures the essence in portraits, wildlife, landscapes, and abstracts. As a graduate in commercial art from Spokane, Washington, Roy worked in Chicago as an illustrator for a sign company winning national awards. As a textile designer, he served as a creative designer for licensed products at a well-known tropical shirt manufacturer, including products for automotive, major league baseball, professional football, collegiate and celebrities helping the tropical shirt transcend all geographic regions.



The Lacey Community Center is located at Woodland Creek Community Park (6729 Pacific Ave. S.E. Lacey, WA). The monthly 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.

Bring your paintings to share at the Community Center and/or send photos of your art work to Cynthia Walker at clwalker@comcast.net by March 11th to have your work included in the PowerPoint presentation.

President's Message

The Olympia Art League is moving forward with a positive flurry of activities. Hopefully you all are able to join in on them.

In February OAL had a successful Members' Only Show at Fieldstone Senior Care Center.

Our People's Choice winners were:

Terri Johnson - first place

Mary Ann Mathis - second place

Karla Fowler - third place

Helen Harris - honorable mention

Congratulations to all of these wonderful artists.

Terri Johnson sold her winning piece to a woman whose mother is a Fieldstone resident. Read more about that in the newsletter article on page four under Kudos.

Special thanks to everyone who helped make this show successful:

Sherie' Balko-Nation - chairperson

Karen Bush - drop off/pickup and assisting with hanging

Birdie O'Neil - hanging

Judith Smith gave us an informative and fun presentation at our February monthly meeting. She led us through her growth with pastels. Judith generously has donated her presentation money to the OAL Juried Show. We will present a \$200.00 prize in her name. What a gracious and giving woman. Thank you Judith.

Speaking of the Juried Show, remember to get your entries, along with your \$35 check, in by March 17th, 2023.

The Olympia Art League Arts Walk Juried Show is April 24th - 29th, 2023. Contact Roxana Caples at roxanacaples@comcast.net with any questions you may have on the Juried Show.

We have been fortunate to have a number of needed volunteers join in to help, due to Lindsey Ford's recruiting efforts. Thank you, Lindsey!

Jennifer Livingston - New Venue Chair

Sally Davis and Collette Mason - Website Co-chairs

The art league wants to thank them for volunteering their time. Please consider volunteering. Heather McDougall



GETTING ACQUAINTED

Introducing- Valency Genis



An interview with one of Olympia Art League's newest members - Valency Genis.

I joined the Olympia Art League in January of 2023, but it had been on my "To Do" list since we moved to the area at the end of 2019. I grew up in Seattle and I have a BFA in painting and drawing from the University of New Mexico.

I make OOAK (one of a kind) faux taxidermy creatures that I sculpt with epoxy clay and then are painted with acrylic and oil paints. The creatures first emerged for my Senior Thesis project/exhibition at the University of New Mexico in 2011.



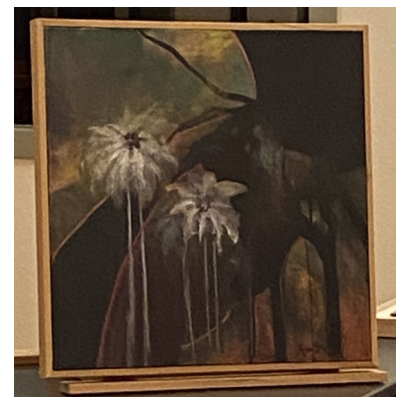
I am inspired by Jim Henson, Tim Burton and Dr. Seuss, whom I call my "Masters of Art." I like to say my art style is "Modern Escapism," but it is usually categorized as Pop Surrealism.



I currently show with Distinction Gallery in Escondido, CA and Haven Gallery in New York. I use Instagram (@Valency) as my main web presence.



February's OAL Meeting and Guest Speaker's Review With Judith Gebhard Smith



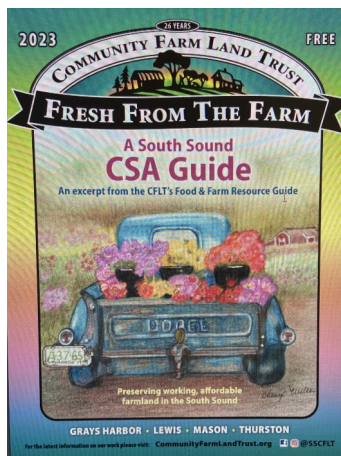
Judith Smith was our February OAL presenter. Judith's educational background includes an undergraduate degree in Art History from the University of Pittsburgh, and a graduate degree in Art as Applied to Medicine from the University of Toronto. She began her professional life as an artist in 1965, as the medical artist for the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. This first career included black and white illustrations for books, journals, and various teaching materials for medical residents. It also encompassed antique analog animation techniques for the creation of medical teaching films, as well as design and construction of traveling medical exhibits. She now works in pastel and encaustics. She showed us her beautiful examples.



Kudos



A big "Thank You" to Alexis from Fieldstone for allowing the Olympia Art League to have our 2023 Members' Only Show there. The show was a great success with 31 participants.



Cheryl Wilson's artwork is going to be on the cover of the new South Sound Community Farm Land Trust catalogue. This colored pencil painting is of the "Blue Goose". It is an old family truck owned by the Lynch Creek Dahlia Farm.

First place winner
"Times of Your Life"
Artist: Terri Johnson
Medium: watercolor



Terri Johnson, standing by her painting with Fieldstone resident, Maxine, turning 100 years old in May. Maxine's daughter purchased the painting because each pose in the picture reminded her of her mother.

New Group Forming

Birdie O'Neil is putting together and hosting a group at her home called "Fourth Avenue Women", a nod to the fantastic book "Ninth Street Women" by Mary Gabriel.

Points of Interest are:

- Theme is Mixed Media Abstract Expression.
- Meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Starting April 17th).
- Each meeting the discussion will be briefly about a work or an artist represented in the book "Women of Abstract Expressionism" by Irving Sandler.
- Bring any work that's in progress or finished, discoveries that you'd like to share, or just bring yourself! No formalities; this is cozy, curious conversation.

Please reach out to Birdie directly if you are interested in attending:

olybirdie@gmail.com
504-419-9286

Second place winner
"Hidden Fountains"
Artist: Mary Ann Mathis
Medium: oil



Third place winner
"Light on the Fog"
Artist: Karla Fowler
Medium: acrylic



Shows

Are your brushes busy?
Plan ahead for March 17th, the deadline for entering
our Arts Walk Juried Show.

2023 Spring Arts Walk

75th Juried Art Show
April 24 - 29, 2023



Call for Artists' Entries

Deadline for Submission: March 17, 2023

Olympia Community Center
222 Columbia St. NW,
Olympia, WA

Prospectus at: www.olympiaartleague.com



Pastel Group Leader: We are in need of a lead for the Pastel Monthly Group. Contact Lorna Sheveland at lsheve@comcast.net if you are interested in doing this. Lorna will inform you what the job entails.

Abstract Group Leader: We are in need of a lead for the Abstract Monthly Group. Contact Linda Selsor at lselsor@msn.com if you are interested in doing this. Linda will inform you what the job entails.

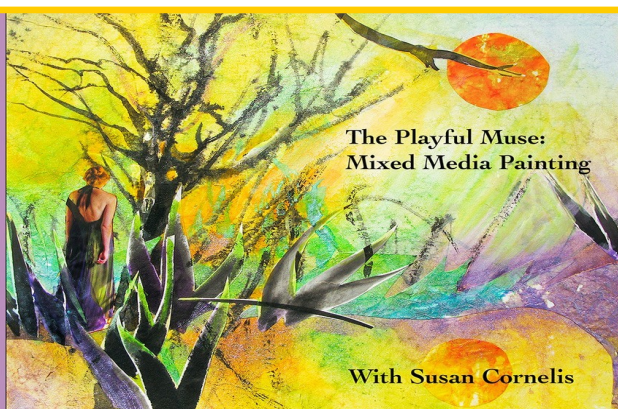
Oil Group Leader: We would like to start up an Oil Medium Monthly Group. If you are interested in doing this, contact Heather McDougall. Her contact information is below.

Drawing Group Leader: Anyone interested in starting up our Drawing Group again and would consider being a group leader, please contact Heather McDougall. Her contact information is below.

Program Chair: Arrange monthly OAL presentations

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

Susan Cornelis



The Playful Muse:
Mixed Media Painting

With Susan Cornelis

Put the PLAY factor back into your artmaking. Learn to recognize your intuitive voice as it takes you in new directions. Each session adds a new mixed media painting technique to your repertoire, pushing the boundaries of inks and acrylics, adding textures, collage, image transfers and more. Meditation and writing are added to the mix to evoke that powerful Muse energy!

All experience levels welcome.

Monday Morning Muses (meets weekly for 6 weeks)
Dates: April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15 - 2023
Time: 10am-1pm
Cost: \$210
Location: 1230 8th Ave SE, Olympia

For more information visit www.susancornelis.com
To register contact Susan at 707-486-3354 or susancornelis7@gmail.com



Think Tank Tuesday

Think Tank is the second Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Hagen's Grocery on the westside. 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.

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 2023
NEWSLETTER IS SATURDAY
MARCH 25, 2023.**

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

OAL Membership Renewal is Due Now for 2023!

The League is accepting renewals for the calendar year 2023. 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 email. If you have questions about membership renewal, please contact Lindsey Ford at lindsey4d@comcast.net.

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 more information about the group you are interested in. If you are an Olympia Art League member, watch for emails for group reminders that will include the Zoom link for each of these groups.

Abstract Group

Date & Time: Meets the *third Monday* of each month. The next meeting is March 20th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Contact: Linda Selsor via email at selsor@msn.com for questions.

The challenge for March is "turquoise".

All mediums, beginners and curiosity seekers are welcome. Join us and bring your challenge and another painting to share. We will be meeting via Zoom until otherwise noted.

Shown: February "orange" challenge by Eileen Bochsler



Watercolor Group

Date & Time: Meets the *second Friday* of each month. The next meeting is March 10th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Lacey Fire Station, 6500 Mullen Road SE. Those confined to Zoom only may use our Forever Zoom Room at the same day and time we meet at the Fire Station.

Contact: Heather McDougall at 2stannheather@gmail.com for questions.

The challenge for March is "repetition".

Shown: February "texture" challenge by Terri Johnson



Acrylic Group

Date & Time: Meets the *fourth Friday* of each month. The next meeting is March 24th from 1:00 to 2:30. The group has voted to continue with Zoom meetings for now.

Contact: Karla Fowler at nwnxart@comcast.net for questions.

The challenge for March is "snow".

Shown: February "contemplation" challenge by Margaret Lord



Thursday's Paint Group

Paint-In with Karen Crate
Come paint with others every Thursday 9:00 -12:00 at Thunderbird Village
706/716 Dennis St. SE, space 10, Tumwater WA
It is a brick front building with an American flag and mail boxes.

Any questions call Karen Crate
360-943-1827
wkcrate@comcast.net

En Plein Air is Coming Back

Jane King and Jean Stewart volunteered to organize our fair weather paint-outs. This year we are planning for Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We are asking members to submit YOUR IDEAS FOR LOCATIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAINT. We will make the arrangements, including your suggestions, if possible. Access to a restroom at or close to the place is very helpful. Send your ideas to Jane King and Jean Stewart to jeanmstewart@comcast.net no later than March 15th.

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

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Membership Chair: Lindsey Ford

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PowerPoint: Cynthia Walker & Terri Johnson

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Zoom Masters: Melissa Ward, Terri Johnson

Web Master Co-chairs: Sally Davis & Collette Mason

Juried Show Mentor: Roxana Caples

OAL Sponsored Shows:

Members Only Art Show: Sherie Balko-Nation, Karen Bush, Birdie O'Neil

Arts Walk Juried Show: Collette Mason, Kathleen Guest, Roxana Caples

County Fair Art Show: Dann Morris, Dennis Gough, Terri Johnson

New Venues Chair: Jennifer Livingston

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

Paint-In Day: Karen Crate

Support Groups:

Abstract: Linda Selsor

Acrylic: Karla Fowler

Pastel :

Watercolor: Heather McDougall

Daytime/Eve South Bay NE Olympia– Studio Space

Perfect for an artist/(quiet) musician (sorry - no rock drummers) /writer/meditator/ craftsman or yoga-holic - who lacks the space/and or the quiet solitude to uninterruptedly delve into their art, or use the space as a private escape to relax and recharge those internal batteries, or as an office for an individual (not bringing in clients/others) to work in without interruption! 9am-9pm daytime only use. 200+ sq. feet, off-street covered parking, ample electricity, wi-fi, compost toilet, napping loft, make-shift sink... no-smoking, no-sleeper... for more info and viewing: robert – 360-357-5409 lovitthere@comcast.net



\$500/month - includes utilities - no other cost - please inquire for more info...

City of Tenino Launches Tenino Metal Banner Art Design Contest

The City of Tenino Creative District and the Art, Recreation, Culture and History (ARCH) Commission announced that they are creating a new public metal banner art project and holding a design contest.

All current residents of Washington State are eligible to submit artwork. Former residents of Tenino to are invited to participate as well. Three Age categories: Students ages 5 to 11 years, Students ages 12 to 18 years Adults ages 18 and up. Each artist may submit up to 10 designs. Artwork created as a group is also acceptable. The winning designs will be displayed on City of Tenino 23 Streetlight poles along Sussex Avenue in the downtown area. Winning artists will be recognized for their work on the City of Tenino's webpage.

"The goal is to provide imagery that represents the history, culture, recreation and/or natural beauty of Tenino. Celebrating what makes a place special both in the past and in the present makes a strong community and a great place to visit. We think 23 pieces of public art will help us do that" said Mayor Wayne Fournier.

Submissions must be received on or before March 15th, 2023 at 5pm PST.

This public art project is being funded in part by the Washington State Arts Commission Certified Creative Districts Capital Projects Program.

For more information and guidelines for the contest contact Jessica Reeves-Rush, P.A.R.C Specialist at jreevesrush@cityoftenino.org or George Sharp, Tenino Creative District Manager gsharp@thurstonedc.com

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