

**January Guest Speaker Tom Lynch**



Tom Lynch will be our speaker for the January 20, 2022 meeting. Tom attended the American Academy of Art and the University of Illinois. He lives near Chicago and has been referred to as one of the nation's premier watercolorists. Tom is the author of numerous books on watercolor techniques and has hosted an award winning PBS Art Series. He has been cited in national and international publications. His paintings are



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in private and corporate collections throughout the world and he has taught workshops internationally. "Who's Who in American Art" has listed him and he has been the invited guest artist and judge in numerous exhibitions. His accomplishments include a one-person exhibition in Paris, France, honorary membership in the Canadian Watercolor Society, and the featured artist for U.S. Open Golf Championships and PGA events and tournaments.

That's just a short list, but in other words, Tom is GOOD. I can vouch that he is a top-notch instructor as I've taken an in-person workshop with him and several on-line workshops. Whenever I pick up a brush, I instinctively hear him and consider his comments. Whatever medium you work in, you will learn from him. You can search for him at [artacadamy.com](http://artacadamy.com). The details have not been fully worked out yet, but he plans to record his part of the meeting so members have a month to view it again. To keep him awake, however, we might want to begin his presentation at our time of 6:30 p.m. (his time 8:30 p.m.), then later have our regular meeting. Look for emails in January, since we won't have another newsletter before the meeting.

Tom will demonstrate rescuing "failed" paintings. In addition, as an extra bonus, at no extra charge, he will review members' original work and critique them in writing. If you would like him to critique a water-color painting, he's asked that I collect the original watercolor and send them to him all at once. Please contact me to arrange getting them to me by December 31st. A couple of dollars (or more, depending on weight) might help with mailing costs. He will pay for return shipment. Other paintings in acrylic or other mediums, he will take a look at by email. I will send all of those at the same time to him by email. Please get those photos to me by December 31st. I hope you take advantage of this offer. He will be a big help.

Upcoming Programs include:

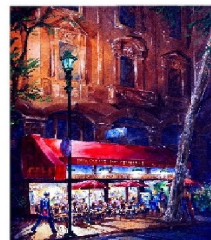
February: Robert Burrige, abstract artist from California

March: Alice Liou, speaking on Asian Sumi Art

April: Tom Richmond, humorous illustrator, cartoonist and caricaturist, workshop Leader, Caricature Artist of CNN

If you have ideas for future speakers or topics, or would like to present a topic yourself, please get in touch.

Martha Trupp 360-438-5913 or [marthdt@comcast.net](mailto:marthdt@comcast.net).





# Holiday Paintings by OAL Members



Christmas Joy by Rick Drescher



Poinsettia by Rick Drescher



St. Apollonia by Flemming Behrend



Christmas Twiggy by Terri Johnson



I Hope Ewe Have A Great Christmas by Rick Drescher



A Schnauzer Christmas by Heather McDougall Simons



On left The Snow Queen and on right First Snow by Sherie' Balko-Nation



Christmas Chickadee by Heather McDougall Simons



# Holiday Paintings by OAL Members



Christmas Kitty by Roxana Caples



Holly by Roxana Caples



Red Poinsettia by Roxana Caples



White Poinsettia by Roxana Caples



2021 Summer Sketch Sharing at Christmas, Jane King's Watercolor



Christmas Snow Birds by Roxana Caples



Poinsettia by Jan Nicholson



Santa by Terri Johnson



Christmas Tree by Jan Nicholson





Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is upon us. A time for family gatherings and hopefully great joy. It's been a rough couple of years and we've still managed to stay connected. We are still creating wonderful art and are able to share our creations. The upcoming Members Only Art Show at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts is hopefully the start of better times ahead. Please make note of the dates posted on page seven of this newsletter about the Prospectus of the 2022 Members Only Show, because this is coming soon. We are hoping this will become an annual event for us. It's been a long time since we've had an art show of any kind, so we are very excited.

With the recent election of officer's and need for volunteers, there have been many changes. Martha Trupp has volunteered to be the new Program Chairman. If anyone would like to help her with this, either contact Martha or myself. Thank you Martha for stepping up and taking this on and also thanks for volunteering to be a member-at-large of the board.

Thanks to April Works for serving for several years as the communications person. Ruth Bravetti has graciously volunteered to be our new communications person. We are grateful for this.

Tony Lirette has served for many years and has stepped down as Treasurer. We thank him for his many years of service. April Works has been elected by the membership as our new Treasurer. Thank you April.



Heather McDougall Simons continues to serve as Vice President and I as President for the coming year.

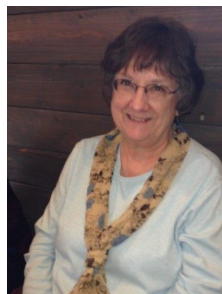
I look forward to seeing you all again in January, even if it's only via Zoom. Here's to a much better 2022. Happy Holidays to each of you.

Rick



## GETTING ACQUAINTED

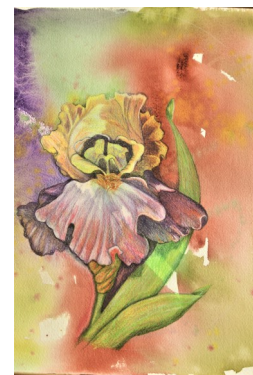
*Introducing...  
Cheryl Wilson*



After retiring from a business accounting and benefits career in Portland a few years ago, Cheryl Wilson moved to the Olympia area with her husband, Tony. They wanted to be closer to two grandsons and Cheryl's 97 year old mother, who is now living with Cheryl and her husband. Cheryl found and joined the Olympia Art League early in 2018 shortly after moving here.

Cheryl is a member of the National Colored Pencil Society and the Seattle Chapter. Cheryl says, "Colored pencil is my medium of choice and also pen and ink. I enjoy the ease and flexibility of the medium and the easy clean up. You can just walk away and return when you can. My work is representational rather than the realism of many colored pencil artists. I love old vehicles, barns, and flowers. I enjoy sketch outings with friends. Nature inspires me and I love walking with my dog, Skip, and photographing the surprises I find along the way to use for reference."

Cheryl doesn't have a website, although she does have a gallery on the District Chapter 207 Colored Pencil website. There is going to be an exhibition on that website Nov-Jan. Do check it out at: <https://cpsa207.org/galleries/nggallery/member-gallery/cheryl-wilson>



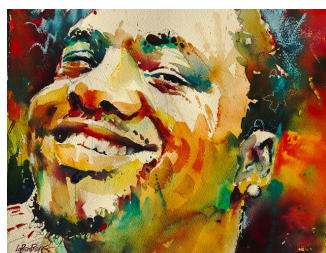
## November's OAL Zoom Meeting Review with David Lobenberg



Olympia Art League had its monthly Zoom meeting. The special speaker and presenter was David Lobenberg, watercolor artist of Sacramento, California. He demonstrated his colorful "California Vibe" style of watercolor portraits. At this time he is teaching an on-line portrait class and a drawing class. For those interested in these online courses go to [LobenbergArt.com](http://LobenbergArt.com).

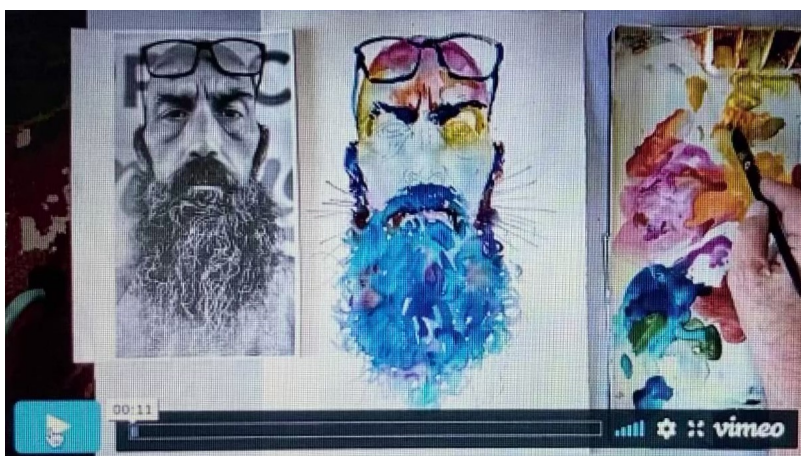


David demonstrated the woman on the left at the OAL Zoom meeting. It was a fun new learning style for many of us. Thank you David for sharing your evening with us.



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### What People are Saying:

*After taking Courses One, Two, and Three, I was able to get out of my comfort zone and start working with bold expressive colors. After working through David's video lessons I applied his technique to a painting of my daughter—it won a First Place award in the Northern Arizona Watercolor Society's spring exhibit in Sedona, Arizona! Thank you David for your fabulous courses and our fun and approachable teaching style!*



## Word Association Art Challenge For OAL Members

WoRdArT ASSOCIATION, is something 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. The idea is, I will give you a list of words, approximately 20-30 to choose from. You pick three or more to incorporate in an artwork for that month. It can be obvious or incognito. (Just make sure you post the words with your artwork). I'm excited to see what you all come up with.

Happy Arting and Happy Holidays. -Sherié

### December Word List:

secret/red/dart/heart/guppy/chain/ice/cruciform/door/  
wreath/sunset/horse/evergreen/smoke/dahlia/pottery/  
lights/spike/books/glass/saffron/stone/native/celtic/knot/  
cat/recycle/nest/lamppost

Pictures shown from November's WoRdArT ASSOCIATION.

The words were:

scarab/teacup/stargazing/iron/quilt/fairy/egg/horseshoe/  
birch/violets/russet/clouds/pinecone/compass/stump/  
squirrel/turquoise/box/fishing/crow/gate/clothesline/  
shadow/unicycle/  
chameleon/turkey/  
hipster

Painting shown by  
Terri Johnson.  
Word association  
used was horse-  
shoe, squirrel,  
turquoise, shadow



## Art History Group

The Art History Group meets every first Thursday of the month by Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for December is Surrealism. The Surrealism movement focused on ideas of chaos and unconscious desires in an effort to dig deep into the unconscious mind to find inspiration for political and artistic creativity.

The next themes, continuing in the order include:

- January: Spanish Art
- February: Color
- March: Indigenous Art.

For a more interesting meeting try to have some photos on the theme to accompany anything you want to talk about on the subject .

If you want to be on the list for emails to receive the Zoom invitation to the Art History Group, contact Martha Trupp at: marthdt@comcast.net or 360-438-5913.

### Kudos to Sherié Balko-Nation

Sherié's art will be on display at Olympia Little Theatre next month during their production of The Wickhams.



### DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022.

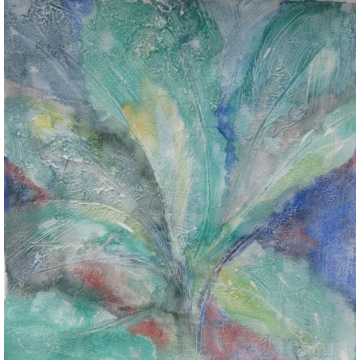
Please send your kudos, photos, announcements and ideas for the **NEXT** newsletter to Terri Johnson via email—mtjpublishers@msn.com. If you have questions give Terri a call or text at (360) 280-4617

### OAL Help Wanted

**Program Committee:** If you are interested in helping out on the Program Committee working with Martha Trupp finding speakers and facilitating demonstrations or discussions that would interest our membership contact Rick Drescher at rickdartist@gmail.com.

# Kudos and shows

Cynthia Walker's watercolor and acrylic painting "My Joyous Kale No. 3" has been accepted into the Las Laguna Gallery online exhibit of Botanical Art and Illustration from December 2-31, 2021.




## Leonor R. Fuller Gallery at SPSCC

2022 Fine Art Postcard Exhibition

### "Devil's in the Details"

**Entries Due:**  
December 10th, 2021 by 5 p.m.  
The 2022 Fine Art Postcard Exhibition Art Auction will once again be online and installed in the gallery. All bidding will take place online. Prospectus available at [spscc.edu/gallery](https://spscc.edu/gallery)



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# Olympia Art League Members' Only Show 2022

**Prospectus For Members Only Art Show:**  
At the Washington Center for the Performing Arts.  
Located at: 512 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501

**Show schedule:**  
**Monday, December 13** - Deadline for Entries via emails. Please include a photo of your entry,  
**Friday, December 17**- Acceptance Notifications via emails.  
**Wednesday, January 5** - Art delivered to Washington Center For The Performing Arts. 10am - Noon.  
**Monday, January 10** - Show opens. Viewing by appointment only.  
**Monday, February 28** - Show closes.  
**Thursday, March 3** - Pick up artwork from Washington Center for the Performing Arts. 10am - Noon

- Entries**
- All OAL current members are eligible to submit one entry. Only the first 40 entries will be accepted. They will be chosen by the first date and time of entries.
  - Send all entries to Rick Drescher @ rickdartist@gmail.com. Two-dimensional work in all fine art media will be accepted.
  - No three-dimensional art
  - Framed size of two-dimensional work must be at least 10" and not more than 32" in either direction.
  - All art must have been created within the past two years.
  - Art must have a hanging wire.
  - Artists are responsible for delivery and pick up of their art at Washington Center for the Performing Arts.
  - OAL reserves the right to refuse art if deemed unacceptable.

- Display and Sales**
- Art must remain hanging until the end of show.
  - Washington Center for the Performing Arts will handle the sale of any artwork.
  - The Center commission shall be 30% of the retail price listed.
  - Information: Heather Simons 360-742-4667 or Rick Drescher 360-786-1958



# 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 December 20th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. The January meeting is January 17th at the same time.

**Contact:** Linda Selsor at [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com) to get the Zoom link and find out January's challenge.

The design challenge for December is "bridging".

**Shown:** November diagonal challenge on left by Martha Trupp and on right by Cynthia Walker.



## Watercolor Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *second Friday* of each month. The next meeting is December 10th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

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

The challenge for December is mug.

**Shown:** November bread challenge by Heather McDougall Simons



## Acrylic Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *fourth Friday* of each month. The December meeting, due to the holidays, will meet on the 3rd Friday of the month. The meeting for December is the 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM via Zoom.

**Contact:** Karla Fowler at [nwnxart@comcast.net](mailto:nwnxart@comcast.net)

The challenge for December is moonlight.

**Shown:** November cat challenge by Anne-Marie Brown



## Pastel Group

**Date & Time:** Meets the *third Wednesday* of each month. The next meeting is December 15th at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

**Contact:** Lorna Sheveland at [lsheve@comcast.net](mailto:lsheve@comcast.net) if you would like to join this informative group on the Zoom call.



The challenge for December is blending with a rag and a paint-brush.

**Shown:** November bird challenge by Martha Trupp





## OAL Board & Activity Leads

**President:** Rick Drescher  
**Vice President:** Heather Simons  
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**Local OAL Art Show Venues:**  
*Bonsai Wok:* Anne-Marie Brown  
*Capitol Chiropractic:* Lone Moody  
*Thurston County Family & Juvenile Court and Sutton Chiropractic and Massage:* Teresa Marie Staal-Cowley  
*TRA Medical Imaging:* Jan Hansen  
**Painting Get Togethers:**  
*Paint-Out Day:* Rick Drescher  
*Paint-Out Night For Summer:* Karen Bush  
*Paint-In Night:* Karen Bush  
**Support Groups:**  
*Abstract:* Linda Selsor  
*Acrylic:* Karla Fowler  
*Pastel:* Lorna Sheveland  
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**Zoom Manager:** Linda Selsor

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE ON ART BY PAMELA MCKINNIE!

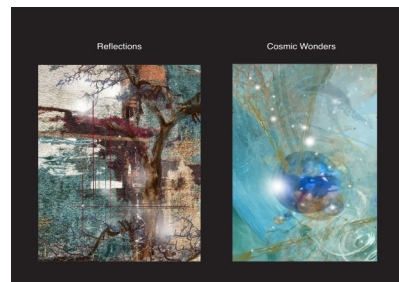
With shipping delays, it's time to order holiday gifts. And why not order from a "real live artist"? My two new pieces of art— "REFLECTIONS" (Yes, I named it) and COSMIC WONDERS (Thank you Janet Karsh Canavero for the name) have received more attention than anything I've created before. Amazingly, REFLECTIONS has more than 1000 comments on the "Older Artists" Facebook page. People enjoyed naming the piece and searching for all the hidden images!

So, before I post this art on my website at a much higher price, I've decided to offer museum quality, archival Giclees of both pieces at greatly reduced prices to the first 25 people who send me a [RETURN EMAIL](#). We can talk about details when you Email me and say you're interested.

REFLECTIONS is a 30x40 inch wrapped canvas that is also available as a 24x32 inch canvas, or at 18x24 inches for people with less wall space.

COSMIC WONDERS is a 20x30 inch Giclee print on an acrylic panel. Or, if you let me know by [DECEMBER 8](#), you can get a 20x30 inch wrapped canvas Giclee at an unbelievable price because my supplier is having a holiday sale.

I am so grateful for the support from all my friends and family that I'd like to give back by offering my new art at very special prices. (Hope I don't sound like a late-night, TV sales person.) Seriously, I truly appreciate your support of my art!



Let me know if you want to find out more about either piece of art.

Happy Holidays. Pam

## OAL Membership Renewal

The art league is accepting renewals for the 2022 membership year. Send a check for \$30.00 to OAL, PO Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507. Please indicate any change in address, phone or e-mail.

If you have questions about membership renewal, please contact Tony Lirette at [tntlirette@comcast.net](mailto:tntlirette@comcast.net) until the end of the year. Beginning January 2022, contact April Works at [aprilworks@gmail.com](mailto:aprilworks@gmail.com).

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