

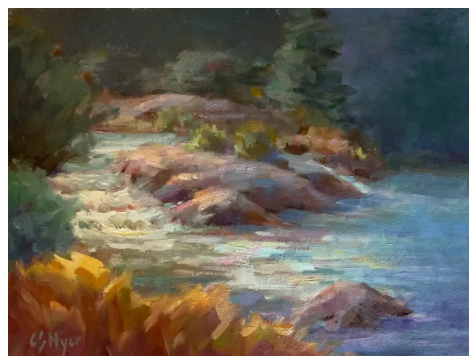


January OAL Monthly Meeting Presenter is Carol Smith Myer

We are delighted to have Carol Smith Myer with us in person at our OAL monthly meeting on January 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center. You will enjoy her oil painting presentation.

Carol is a new member of OAL and the Olympia area. Her oil paintings are lit with light and moods. She has traveled extensively to study with master painters for the last 21 years. The Henry Hensche Colorist School and Camille Przewodek have most deeply influenced her understanding of light and color. Study with Jove Wang, Milt Kobayashi, Carolyn Anderson, and Dan McCaw have provided guidance in the search for her "True North."

Carol uses luscious oil paints, with deep, saturated color to interpret on canvas the nuances of color and light that she has trained her eye to 'see' in the world around her. Color changes according to the source of light, the surfaces and surroundings that reflect it, the atmosphere, the time of day and the season. She finds it challenging, fascinating, and rewarding to engage in this study every day, and will never tire of it. In fact, even when not painting, Carol sees colors blossom all around her with exaggerated hues. She can't wait to take her brush and/or palette knife and watch the painting as it comes to life. Carol enjoys teaching this impressionist way of seeing and conveying light with color, to new and experienced artists. You can view Carol's art work at <https://carolmyer.com/about-us/>.



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 for those unable to attend at the Center.

President's Message

I wanted to take the time and thank each of you members for your support and help through my service as the OAL president. So many of you have stepped in and helped when we were in need. Your help has been greatly appreciated. Our new officers have been voted in to begin their tenure of service. Please support them in their efforts to continue to make this a great art league. I know they will each work hard and be successful along with our help and support. It takes a village to make things happen.

We proudly turn the keys over to our new presidency (right to left).

Anne-Marie Brown—President

Susan Bosse—Vice President

Deborah Cornett—Secretary

Lone Moody and Karen Bush—Treasurers



I also would like to wish you each happy holidays.

Sincerely,
Heather McDougall



GETTING ACQUAINTED

Introducing- Carleta Rawlings



I have lived in Olympia for many years raising my children in this area. I've been studying acrylics for the past five years taking classes from time to time. I'm inspired by color - I love color! I like to take photos and paint using them as a guide.



November's OAL Meeting Speaker Review— LaDonna Kruger

The speaker for our meeting was LaDonna Kruger, a pastel artist. She used pastels and demonstrated her techniques and skills. Despite losing some vision in one eye, she has Master Pastel and Signature Pastel status, and her work is shown nationwide and internationally.

Her preferred paper is dark background because the colors show up more brilliantly and really “pop.” The usual size is 10”x20”. She finds that erasing pastel can be done by using rubbing alcohol to flatten the colors. Then she adds another color in place of the previous color. Water can be used in place of rubbing alcohol. Prior to painting, LaDonna selects the colors for her palette from an array of pastels. She uses many different brands. In her studio, she uses an air purifier, and a small rag at the bottom of the painting to manage the dust.

When starting a pastel work, LaDonna rarely has a plan, and instead just goes for it and sees where it takes her. She makes decisions about the next steps as the picture develops, based on what she likes and what needs changing. Initially she described her painting style as “tight.” Over time, she changed to having a more abstract and impressionistic style. Using her garden for inspiration, LaDonna enjoys painting florals, in addition to other subject matter.

For our demonstration, LaDonna created a bouquet based on flowers in her garden. First, she established a blue background as a swath across the bottom of the paper, centering a yellow shape that would become the vase. She chose primarily yellow, pink, and lavender, with accents of orange. Each flower was individually shaped, using contrast in color and form to shape each element. As she developed her painting, she moved around the paper adding various colors and shapes and smudged the color where needed to give depth and variation of form. When the painting is completed, she does not use any fixative because it flattens the colors. Framing is done using conservation glass and spacers to keep the painting separated from the glass.

LaDonna emphasized finding your own style by observing the work of others and experimenting using your own various markings. She said, “don’t give up, and practice, practice, practice!”



Kudos

Kudos to **Diana Fairbanks** at Schwartz's December 2023, with Rivers of Washington. Meet the artist Friday December 15th, 1-4 pm.

**Diana Fairbanks at Schwartz's
December 2023**

Rivers of Washington

River paintings and prints from our state. celebrating our abundance of tumbling waters and our promise to the future. (And one dog.)



124 4th Avenue E., Olympia, WA 98501

Meet the Artist Friday, December 15, 1 - 4 pm.

South Sound Community Farmland Trust Art Opportunity

South Sound Community Farmland Trust is looking for farm related art work to be featured on the cover of their magazine next year. This is a comprehensive catalogue of all the farms in the area who provide CSA's and other farm related goods. The work is a donated effort. If you know of anyone who would like to show their work on the cover, Cheryl Wilson can send you the details and contact information. Contact:

cwilson3250@gmail.com or call (503) 310-9874. This old truck picture done by Cheryl Wilson with colored pencil was on the cover of the magazine this past year.



Kudos to **Deborah Henderson** who is taking part in a new show at Childhood's End Gallery that celebrates trees and wood. "Against the Grain" starts Friday November 17th and runs through December 31st. For more information, see the gallery's website www.childhoods-end-gallery.com.



Against the Grain

November 17th - December 31st

Randy Acker • John Corzine • Richard Dlugo
Kristen Etmund • Jennifer Foran • Lucy Gentry
John, Robin & Cecil Gumaelius
Deborah Henderson • Bill Koss
Janel Pahl • Dave Schweitzer

Featured art depicting Ted Degrazia's Chapel in Tucson AZ by Susan Andrews



Carol Smith Myer

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Learn to see and paint the colors of light and shadow using the Henschel method.

Personal attention and demos given. Beginner to advanced artists. Easels and tables provided.

Email for reservation and supply list.

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Celebrate the Holidays party!

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New creations - great gifts!

Friday, December 8th
5:00 - 7:00pm

Featured Guest Artists:
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CALL FOR ART

"The Creature Within" Fine Art Postcard Show Entries Due December 8 by 6pm at the Leo

Thinking of donating but just not sure how?

Consider this:

- 1) Have a postcard party! Make cards with your friends and loved ones over the holiday break.
- 2) Donate 3 or 6 or only 1, all your creative efforts go toward supporting the arts at SPSCC and The Leo Gallery!
- 3) Are you a teacher? Have a postcard making day for your students to explore materials and theme exploration.
- 4) Have a box of scrap materials? Sit down for an hour and play! You never know what may come from time spent making.



2024 Fine Art Postcard Exhibition Fundraiser

"The Creature Within"

January 2, - February 2, 2024

**Submission Deadline: Friday,
December 8, 2023**

[HOW TO ENTER](#)

Join our most popular community exhibition!

Image: Fran Potasnik, Viewer's Choice Award
Winner 2023

DEADLINE FOR THE February 2024 NEWSLETTER

Send your kudos, photos, announcements and ideas for the **FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER** by Saturday January 20th to Terri Johnson via email—mtjpublishers@msn.com. If you have questions give Terri a call or text at (360) 280-4617.

Oil painting art class February 10th

Come and paint with Cal Capener.

This class will be on Saturday, February 10th at the Diane Fairbanks Studio 1230 8th Ave., S,E, Olympia. The class will run from 10:00 until 3:30. The focus will be still life and flowers, and composition and color mixing. The fee is \$65.00. Supplies will be furnished to those without for an extra \$5.00. Please contact Cal Capener at cccnac@msn.com, or call at (360) 491-0704. Below are examples of Cal's work.



OAL Membership Renewal is Due Now for 2024!

The League is accepting renewals for the calendar year 2024. 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.

Winter Art by Heather McDougall



On Winter's Wing



Down Hill Run

Winter Wolves

Holiday Art by Mark Schult



By Diana Fairbanks



Holiday Art by Roxana Caples



Holiday Art by Pat Keith



Geese and Pig Exchange Christmas Presents



Peace on Earth



These are watercolor holiday Christmas cards designed each year by Pat Keith and given to friends and family.



Jul Dogs

Holiday Art by Rick Drescher

Christmas Time



Frosted Beak



Poinsettia

Holiday Art by Carol Smith Myer

Christmas Chocolates



Santa



Gold Ribbon Wreath

Holiday Art by Susan Cornelis



Holiday Art by Peggy Wilson



By Linda Selsor



By Deborah Baker

OAL Artist Support Groups

Join one of OAL's support groups. Bring a work for gentle, constructive feedback and try your hand at the month's challenge. 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.

Abstract Group

The Abstract Support Group meets the third Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00.

There is not a meeting for the month of December. The next meeting is January 15th from 1:30 – 3:00. The meeting place and art challenge will be announced through email at a later date.

The challenge for the month of November was "large floral." Eileen Bochsler's is shown on the left and Deborah Baker's is on the right.



Acrylic Group

Date & Time: Meets the *fourth Friday* of each month. The next meeting is December 22nd from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Lacey Fire Station #3, 6500 Mullen Road SE. Our Acrylic Meetings will be held at the Lacey Fire Station for the rest of this year.

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

The December challenge is "still life."

The challenge for the month of November was "bird." Sherie Balko-Nation's is on the left and Deborah Baker's is on the right.



Watercolor Group

Date & Time: Meets the *second Friday* of each month. The next meeting is December 8th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Lacey Fire Station #3, 6500 Mullen Road SE.

Contact: Heather McDougall at 2stan-heather@gmail.com for questions. The December challenge is "snow."

The November challenge "shadow" by Heather McDougall is shown here.



Think Tank Tuesday

Think Tank is the second Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Haggen'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.

OAL Board & Activity Leads

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Joby Shimomura is a contemporary glass artist who grew up in Seattle. She is currently based in Woodinville, Washington, where she lives and works. She has been creating and selling her original stained and fused glass art since 2005. Joby's work ranges from functional objects to display art.

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