

January 2015

Tuesday February 10th @1PM will be the next Creative Artists Guild's meeting.

At the First United Friendship Hall in Dunedin. Corner of Wood and Douglas

Bring your art for "Artist of the Month" competition!

Scott Suits revealed the winners of the Artist of the month for January: it was a tie, between Scott himself and John Baldetti. For future meetings, Scott asked the members to please come with their art work by 12:30 so that their work can be registered in time for voting. If not they will not be able to enter for that meeting.

February Demonstrator- Jim Thorne

Jim Thorne will be drawing a portrait from a photograph and emphasizing common mistakes to avoid. He wants to encourage people to bring along their sketchpads & pencils.

January's Demonstration for was by Carole Locianao.: She showed her technique of painting the background in Acrylic first, which allows you the gift of it quickly drying and then finishing in oil. Carole engaged members with a treasure trove of ideas, and techniques of painting with Oil.

New Members

Starting off the year with Eleven new members. They were introduced and welcomed at the January meeting: Joy Swanson, Stoney Lawrentz, Christopher Augustus, Grace Dady, Nancy Baker, Nancy Lauby, Gloria Preston, Paula Dieboldt, Bud Smith, Jackie Stewart and Penny Page. Liz Little was welcomed as a guest.

Creative Artist Guild Dues

CAG Dues are now due January till December so make sure you have paid and that all your information is correct. Payments can be mailed to Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698. If your dues are not up-to date your name will not be included in our next directory. Our hope is to have the next one as correct as possible. So make sure when you are at a meeting to inform the membership Chair or email Pam to lets us know if there are any changes in addresses, phone numbers and definitely emails addresses.

Bylaw Changes

Everyone needs to come to the February meeting to get the Bylaws changes and ballots. This year the possible changes are being typed and given to all members to take home and study them to make your decisions with no arguments disrupting the meeting. The sheet will have a place to mark accept or decline for each item. You will be given the Bylaw change /Ballot as you are leaving the February meeting. These are to be brought back to the March meeting. They will then be tallied and the changes will sent to all members. All changes need a majority of attending attendees.

Florida Expressions- CAG at Stirling Galleries Winners



Best of Show won by Lois Dixon

1st Place- Hellen Savage



2nd Place Candy Schultheis



3rd Place Hellen Plunkett



Honorable mention winners: Anita Wood, Kathy Lerche, Polly Berlin,



Mary Lou Rawlins, Mary Beth McDowell, Vivian Ruegger



Popular Vote Winners : Kristen Santucci and je



Trashy Treasure Sale for February Meeting

Bring items that you no longer need and let them be a new treasure to other CAG members. Gently used Books, Canvas, Frames, Paint, Art Supplies, etc. All profits will go to the members. Bring items early, priced and an envelope with your name with change!
Tables for the sale will be set up at the back of the room

“Art in the Park”

- ❖ Next “Art in the Park” is February 8th 10pm-4pm
- ❖ In January we had a wonderful day with 29 artists showing and selling the works of art
- ❖ The Pioneer Park shows are held on the second Sunday of the month and the cost of registration is \$20 for one show, or \$50 for three shows. Sign up early and prepay by the 1st of the month.
- ❖ The fee should be mailed to CAG by the 1st of that month to Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698
- ❖ “Art in the Park” now has a wonderful brochure, showing the dates, location and descriptions. Hopefully members will take some to hang for patrons of the arts to see!

Plein Air:

Carol Crumrine announced that the Tuesday morning Plein Air group is meeting the rest of January at George Mcgough Nature Center and Park in Largo. The group is currently drawing live birds. Staff will bring a bird to a room where it will stay on a perch(\$2 donation) and photos of the birds are allowed. There are also lots of turtles to draw and paint.

For February and March the group will move to the Safety Harbor Pier.

You might be able to see the Manatees! Come at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings and pack a lunch.

Venues:

- Two Palm Soaps: the owner is downsizing and CAG is currently not displaying there.
- Marguerite’s restaurant: there were two sales recently. Sign up sheet in the back
- Country Harvest: Arlen sold two paintings there. Sign up sheet in the back.
- MJ Fashions: schedule filled currently.
- Polly asked for all members to be on the look-out for additional venues where we can display our work.

We all always love to hear about workshops, Plein Air Groups, Shows and competitions in our neighborhood. So please let us know about any art related events in the area.



Art in the Area

Art Trysts Studio 1490 N Belcher Rd. Suite K, Clearwater, 33765

First Friday February 7th 4pm-8pm

Open Art Classes with Lorie Ulen Every Wednesday, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

This is an open format art class where -YOU decide what you want to work on -YOU decide what medium (oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.)

Join 7 Arches Art Gallery & Boutique

Valentine's Day, Art from the Heart Saturday, February 14th-12 Noon till 3pm

Local artists Art Work for sale, food, music, door prizes. Meet the Artists.

Event is FREE: 1248 CR One Dunedin in the Winn-Dixie Plaza (727) 724-4278

Studio 1212 Art Gallery

1405 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755-(727) 446-4566

Artist Critique-February 17, 2014 10:30 am

Free and open to the public. Bring one or two unfinished, unframed artworks for friendly advice and comment.

Color & the Artist- Michael Wilcox

*For artists, craft-workers, designers, interior decorators and all who use color in their work or leisure. The aim of the event will be to impart a full understanding of all aspects of color mixing. The basics of color harmony & contrast will also be covered as will the selection of suitable materials and their use. Visual and mixing complementaries will be examined and their use by the Impressionist fully explored. Topics will include the mixing of greens, the colors of shadows, mixing greys, employing the colors of nature, paints, pigments, additives and making full use of the complementaries in all forms of work. Michael Wilcox, author of the book 'Blue & Yellow Don't Make Green', inventor of the *Split Primary System, Color Bias Wheel* and *Head of the School of Color* is visiting from England to present a seminar on color mixing and use.*

Saturday February 21st 2015 10:00am-4:00pm

Dunedin Fine Art Center

1143 Michigan Blvd. Dunedin FL 3698

\$100.00 To register for the seminars contact Barbara at 727 539 8901

barbara.schoolofcolor@gmail.com

Crystal Beach Artist Group(CBAGS)

February 24th, 2015 10am "Show and Tell"

Bring your art and join other artists explore the joy in painting!

Crystal Beach Community Center-Crystal Beach Avenue(West off of Alternate 19)

Curso Rapido

Saturday, March 14th, Palm Harbor Plein-Aire Artists - Mark your Calendar

The Palm Harbor Lions Club is sponsoring a one-day plein aire paint-out Saturday, March 14th

- All media are welcome - pastels, watercolors, oils, acrylics, pen-ink, pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, even mixed media
- Registration will be "downtown" PH, 8-10 AM
- As usual, all supports will be stamped in
- All paintings (in frames) must be available for judging at 4 PM
- Registration is \$20 before March 1st. \$25 after or as a walk-up
- Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded
- Proceeds from the event will go to support the club's vision assistance programs in Pinellas County
- PA artists should contact Lion Jim Throne at throne1797@gmail.com for registration forms and details about registration location, painting locations, display/review/judging location, and all other details
- Please provide your name, phone number, and email address

Monday, March 16, 6:30-8 pm

Sharon Swallowood is exhibiting her photography at the Safety Harbor Library the months of March and April. The opening reception is Monday, March 16, 6:30-8 pm. On display will be at least thirty pictures ranging from scenic travel to wildlife.



Thank you to Mary for the informing minutes Creative Artists Guild General Meeting Minutes January 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by CAG President Polly Berlin. Eleven new members were introduced and welcomed: Joy Swanson, Stoney Lawrentz, Christopher Augustus, Grace Dady, Nancy Baker, Nancy Lauby, Gloria Preston, Paula Dieboldt, Bud Smith, Jackie Stewart and Penny Page. Liz Little was welcomed as a guest.

Polly thanked Mary Ann Tucci for organizing today's refreshments and announced that a sign up sheet is in the back, near the kitchen, for members to bring snacks to future meetings.

Secretary: There were no minutes taken in December as we held our luncheon in place of a meeting. Minutes from today's meeting will be published in the next issue of the Brushfire. (For corrections or additions, please email Mary Beth at: mbmcdonell@yahoo.com)

Treasurer: Carole Carroll reported that our beginning balance this year was \$3566.88, with additional income of \$1905.00, for a new balance of \$5471.88. There were expenses of \$2327, leaving a current balance of \$3144.88. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jim.

OLD BUSINESS -Polly announced that our Christmas luncheon at the Dunedin Fine Art Center was a success, and that Toys for Toys received 100 toy donations at the lunch. The winners of the art show competition were asked to stand and received applause from the members.

NEW BUSINESS-Scott Suits revealed the winners of the Artist of the month for January: it was a tie, between Scott himself and John Baldetti. Each spoke about his painting. For future meetings, Scott asked the members to please come with their art work by 12:30 so that their work can be registered in time for voting.

Polly announced that our current CAG show is on display at Stirling Gallery in Dunedin, until the end of January. The winners of awards at that show were asked to stand and received applause.

Committees:

Pioneer Park: Sue Whalen said that 29 artists were selling their work in the January show, and the next show is on February 8th. Members were advised to sign up in advance, at the table in the back of the room. The Pioneer Park shows are held on the second Sunday of the month and the cost of registration is \$20 for one show, or \$50 for three shows. The fee should be mailed to CAG by the 1st of that month to **Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698**

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Brushfire: Pam McFarland asked that all members, and especially the new ones, be sure to give her the correct email address for online editions of The Brushfire.

Other New Business

At our February meeting, we will once again have a "Gently Used" Art sale, where tables will be set up and our members can bring art supplies and books for re-sale. Come early (12 noon) with your supplies, envelopes with your name on them, and lots of extra change.

Polly announced that the By-Laws Committee will be forming to review and revise our By-Laws. Pam will be chair of this committee. A list of changes to our By-Laws will be given to members who attend the February meeting, so that they can take it home and review the proposed changes. We will then vote on these changes at the March meeting. A nominating committee will also be formed for the intention of searching for candidates who are willing to serve on the CAG board. Polly said that if members receive a phone call asking them if they would be willing to run for the board, to please consider it.

Various workshops and classes were offered to CAG members, from Studio 1212, from Art Tryst, and from Gallery 1556. Information and brochures are on tables at the back of the room.

The meeting was adjourned by Polly at 1:35 pm, to break for refreshments and to prepare for the demo by Carole Loiacono. **Submitted by Mary Beth McDonell-January 13,**