
March 2015

Wednesday April 15th will be the next Creative Artists Guild's meeting in conjunction with our Spring Luncheon and Judged Art Show.

At the Dunedin Fine Art Center

Artist of the Month

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For April there will not be an Artist of the Month contest. We will have our annual Spring Luncheon Judged Art Show. The judge will be **Suzanne Murphy**. Suzanne is a DFAC and Tarpon Springs Park and Recreation Dept. Teacher and also teaches oil painting classes in her studio/gallery. Suzanne began her career as a fashion illustrator in Kansas City where she studied at the Kansas City Art Institute. After moving to New York City in 1976, she attended the Art Students League of New York and worked as a graphic artist. Suzanne has been painting exclusively as a fine artist since 1993. From a New York loft to a hand-built straw bale studio and home in southern Colorado, Suzanne is now painting from her storefront studio and gallery on Florida's Gulf Coast. Suzanne considers herself a regional artist wherever she lives and has been newly inspired by the serenity of Florida's waterways and the richness of Greek culture in her town of Tarpon Springs. Visit with her at Open Sky Studio and Gallery, 907 Klosterman Road East, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, (813) 447-9347, or view her online gallery at www.openskystudio.net

Make Sure to bring your art between 9:30 and 10:45 at the latest!

March demonstration was by Sue Hess- "What is Yupo?"

Sue demonstrated how Yupo is a synthetic paper that allows paint to flow freely over the surface creating unique effects, bright colors, and the ability to wipe the color off and reclaim the white of the paper. During this demo she covered applications of paint and various techniques.

New Members

Another meeting with new members and guests.

Katherine Donahue, Virginia Byrne, Laurel Helliwell, and Andrea Jones.

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. We are close to having 85% of members paid. 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 let us know if there are any changes in addresses, phone numbers and definitely email addresses.

Bylaw Changes

The approved By Laws and Rules changes will be announced in April's Brushfire

Nominating committee

Nominating committee has been busy putting together the Board for 2015/2016 season

Directors:

Polly Berlin, Pam McFarland, Scott Suits, Carole Rosefelt, Margret Modjesky and Sue Whalen

Treasurer: Carole Carroll - Assistant Treasure: Stoney Lawrentz

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Donafrio

Recording Secretary: Mary McDowell Corresponding Secretary: Elaine McCormick



Creative Artist Guild "SPRING FLING-Art in Bloom"

Wednesday April 15th at Dunedin Fine Art Center

9:30-10:30am Art Drop off
11:00 Meeting and Happy Hour
12:00 Luncheon-Awards After

Tomato Basil Soup with Cornbread
Entrees served Buffet Style
Turkey Panini & Chicken Salad Croissant
Tomato Basil Caprese on a Sweet Roll
Coleslaw with Cashews Relish tray with Olives and Pickles
Desert Key Lime Pie
Wine, Coffee and Water

Please bring donations of non-perishable food items for Food Pantry

The cost is \$25, and please sign up by April 10.

Please send payment to Creative Artists Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin FL 34698

Plein Air:

Pat Morrison reports that the Plein Air group is meeting every Tuesday morning from about 9:30 AM to noon. For the rest of March they will be at the Safety Harbor pier. In April and May the group will move to the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo.

Carole Loiacano

Plein Air painting Lessons Wednesday 9:30-12 various locations in Pinellas County for \$10 per class. She will also be teaching Plein Air at the Brooker Creek Preserve every other Saturday morning, at 9:30am, cost is \$15



- ❖ This will be the last Art in the Park till October
- ❖ 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. There is to be no sharing of spaces.
- ❖ 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 calendar of the Art in the Parks for the rest of the year, so if you are interested in making copies to give out, please contact Pam McFarland.

Venues:

- Two Palm Soaps: the owner is downsizing and CAG is currently not displaying there.
- Marguerite’s restaurant: there were two sales recently.
- Country Harvest: Has Closed and no longer an available Venue
- 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, Competitions or Venues 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 April 3rd 4pm-8pm

Welcome to the newest member Deirdre Rivera. Meet the artists & see their latest works in progress.

Workshop news - Jane Slivka, April 23rd & 24th. The freedom of Acrylics.

Toni Young - May 8th - Abstracting from life.

www.arttrysts.com

Highland Lakes Art Group will hold its First Arts & Crafts Fair April 4th 4-8pm

Highland Lakes Clubhouse- 3300 MacGregor Drive, Palm Harbor

For further information please contact Liz Little at 727-480-3520

Carol Sackman & Blake White

DFAC for Coffee and Conversation April 9th

“Art is for everybody” Collaborative work with mixed media and Mosaic’s

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 18th All Day All Art All Clearwater

Clearwater is full of beautiful art and artists and on Saturday, April 18th many will open their doors As we celebrate our City Wide Open Studio Arts Day full of Art Demonstrations, Open Houses, Free Food & Beverages, Performances, etc. throughout the day and into the evening.

The Jolley Trolley will have a route around these locations from 4p – 8p to help visitors enjoy the festivities.

Art Tryst, Barbaro–Gould Foundation Art Center, Canvas Zoo, Carole Rosefelts Studio, Clearwater center For the Arts, Clearwater Main Library, Community Learning Center, Dance and Circus Arts of Tampa Bay, Gallery 1356, Menual Fine art, Studio 1212, Vista Galleries

Carole Rosefelt Studio 1403

Open house and demonstrations for Clearwater’s City Wide Open Studio Arts Day

Saturday April 18th **12pm-8pm**

Carole Rosefelt Dunedin Fine Art Center Teacher and her studio mates Judith Curtis and Judith Hicklin Will be demonstrating through the day. Wire Jewelry, Alcohol Ink on Yupo as well as bright and cheerful

Acrylic paintings of tropical and summer time themes.

Each guest will receive a small gift of art while supplies last.

1403 Cleveland Street, Clearwater Florida

727-641-7055

Studio 1212 Art Gallery

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

Open House with Refreshments April 18th

Artist Critique- April 21st 2015 10:30 am

Additional Critique added on Saturdays- April 25th 10:30am

Free and open to the public. Bring up to 3 unfinished, unframed artworks for friendly advice and comment.

7 Arches Art Gallery & Boutique

It Is Spring and Time to Bloom

Friday April 18th and Saturday April 19th 12-4pm

Come and celebrate with us-Refreshments, Music, Door Prizes, sale, food, music, door prizes.

Meet the Artists and view their diverse art collections.

Pam McFarland the newest artist will be demonstrating Wire wrapped trees on Friday

1248 CR One Dunedin in the Winn-Dixie Plaza (727) 724-4278
Creative Artists Guild General Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by CAG President Polly Berlin.

New members were welcomed: Katherine Donahue, Virginia Byrne, Laurel Helliwell, and Andrea Jones.

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: The minutes from last month's meeting on February 10 were published in the February edition of The Brushfire. Minutes from today's meeting will be published in the next issue. Polly asked the new members to make sure that Pam has a correct email address for them. (For corrections or additions to minutes, please email Mary Beth at: **mbmcdonell@yahoo.com**)

Treasurer: Carole Carroll reported that our beginning balance this month was \$3913.79, with additional income of \$1,111.00 and expenses of \$543.87, for a new balance of \$4,480.94. The current membership count of paid members is 111. Mary Beth made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Betty Brunson.

OLD BUSINESS

Ballots for our By Law changes are due back today. Pam has extra ballots available for those paid members who did not receive one at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Artist of the month for March: Scott announced that 18 artists participated this month and the voting resulted in a winning acrylic painting of ships by John Baldetti. Once again, Scott asked the members to please come to our meetings with their art work by 12:30 pm so that their art can be registered in time for voting.

Polly reminded all members to please pay yearly dues ASAP. Our website (listed on page 29 of our member directory) is maintained by Lori Ulen. Members can send her photos of their art work and their biographies for future publication on the CAG website.

The CAG Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday April 15 at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. It will be called "Spring Fling – Art in Bloom". Containers for food donations will be provided there by Polly's husband. Members should come to the art center from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on the 15th with one piece of art work and an easel on which to display it. Judging will take place at 11:00 AM. Our luncheon will start at 12 noon, with a menu of tomato soup with cornbread, turkey Panini, chicken salad, caprese sandwiches, coleslaw and macaroni salads and key lime pie. Wine will also be provided. The cost is \$25. **There is a deadline for sign up: April 10, 2015.** Members may sign up today or send their reservation money by mail to Creative Artists Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin FL 34698.

Ann Warren asked that for our Spring luncheon we need table centerpieces, in keeping with the "Spring Fling Art in Bloom" theme, such as a bouquet of Spring flowers. We will need 12 people to sign up for the centerpieces, which will be given as door prizes. Sign up sheet is at the back of the room.

The Nominating Committee: Pam listed the members who are willing to serve as directors, and on various committees. She is asking new members to participate, especially on the membership committee (for help with computer work) and on the jury committee. We also are in need of a new Program chairperson. A slate of prospective directors and committee members was read by Pam. A sign up sheet is on one of the back tables for members to consider.

Other Committees:

Pioneer Park: Sue Whalen reported that there were lots of sales at the March Art in the Park event. The sign up for our April show is on the back table. If a member cannot sign up at a general meeting, the registration fee should be mailed to CAG by the 1st of that month to: **Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698**

Plein Air: Pat Morrison reports that the Plein Air group is meeting every Tuesday morning from about 9:30 AM to noon. For the rest of March they will be at the Safety Harbor pier. In April and May the group will move to the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo.

Curso Rapido: Jim Throne announced a One Day Plein Air event in Palm Harbor on Saturday March 14, sponsored by the Lions Club of Palm Harbor. Artists should plan to register at Pop Stansell Park in the morning, then find a place (there are many great locales) in the Palm Harbor area to paint or draw, all mediums welcome. The event ends at 4 PM with a judge who will give awards. Jim placed registration forms and other information on a table at the back of the room.

Venues:

The Country Harvest restaurant is now closed for good.

Marguerite's restaurant and MJ Fashions: sign up sheet is on a back table. Polly asked that all members be on the lookout for new venues in which CAG members can show their artwork.

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 and Announcements

Various workshops and classes were offered to CAG members, from Studio 1212 (adding a Critique Day on Saturdays) and from Art Tryst. Information and brochures are on tables at the back of the room.

Seven Arches Gallery in Dunedin: Mary Lou announced a St Patrick's Day event for this coming Saturday and a Spring Event to be planned after that.

Anita Wood will have a Coffee and Conversation Day on Thursday March 10 at DFAC from 12 to 1 PM.

Crystal Beach show: sign up at back of room. Stirling Gallery: two of our members will be featured in a show in April 2015.

Carole Loiacano reminded the members that she is teaching Plein Air painting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to noon in various locations in Pinellas County. The cost is \$10 per class and the schedule of locations is on the front registration table.. She will also be teaching Plein Air at the Brooker Creek Preserve one more Saturday morning in March.

The meeting was adjourned by Polly at 1:45 pm, to break for refreshments and to prepare for the demonstration (on yupo) by Sue Hess

Submitted by Mary Beth McDonell

March 10, 2015