

April 2021

# Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

## Baum Gallery @ UCA

### BA /BFA Art Exhibit – Let's Get Together!

**Conway League of Artists members are encouraged to drop in and view the BA/BFA Art Exhibit at UCA's Baum Gallery on Thursday April 15 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.**

Gallery Director Brian Young will be there to escort our group and answer questions about the artwork.

This will be a chance to view some great artwork and visit with other CLA members while keeping socially distant. (See how many fellow artists you can recognize/remember from a year ago!)

If you can't make the scheduled time, the Gallery is open MTWF 10 am – 5 pm, or TH 10 am – 7 pm.

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## ART SALES at BLUE SAIL

Congratulations to the following CLA members who have sold pieces at Blue Sail Coffee in Conway:

Chelsey Cao – *Foreign Beauty*  
Don Bryam – *Hidden Valley Unicorn*  
Karen Samuhel – *Barn Owl & Moonlighting*

Remember to visit Blue Sail, get a cup of coffee, and view the CLA Art wall.

## CLA Spring Show Update:

The board is in "scramble" mode trying to make arrangements for the spring show. With the loss of our anticipated venue, we are scouting a suitable location.

Please be patient as we work out details for a newly revised "Artist Appreciation" show. But know the following.

1. We WILL have a show (May 8, still tentative date)
2. Number and size of entries may be restricted due to space restrictions.
3. All members in good standing are encouraged to submit an entry.
4. There will be LOTS of fun prizes!
5. There will be a "People's Choice" award.

More information about this show will be released very soon – be watching for it!



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Follow the official Conway League of Artists Facebook page for show information and updates. Share your work!



A memorial service will be held for CLA member, Lois Giorgis at 2 pm April 4 (Easter afternoon) at her home in her lovely

back garden at 890 Heather Circle in Conway.

Lois, who died recently, was a wonderful artist and friend and a longtime member of the Conway League of Artists and the First Presbyterian Church.

Her two daughters will be holding an estate sale the day before on April 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:00 am.

Lois would be happy to know her brushes and supplies are in the hands of her friends.

## Greenbrier Art Jam

*DATE: April 24, 2021*

*TIME: 10 AM – 4 PM*

*LOCATION: Matthews Park in Greenbrier*

**...filled with fun festivities, featuring lively music, exhibits, hands-on activities and demonstrations in beautiful Matthews Park. The theme “Together We Art” embodies the purpose of this event...to SAFELY bring the community together for a fun day of celebrating the arts and expressing ourselves creatively, effectively bringing arts and culture to the forefront in our community.**

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Please email Leslie Collier at [bee1212house@yahoo.com](mailto:bee1212house@yahoo.com) if you have ideas for programs, paint outs, or other activities.

## Dorris Curtis Award Winner

*This year's UCA Dorris Curtis Scholarship was awarded to Sidney McCoy who is a BFA Studio Art and Graphic Design major with an emphasis on animation. Sidney, who is from North Little Rock, will graduate this spring.*

**Conway League of Artists contributed \$500** to the Dorris Curtis Scholarship fund this year.

The fund was originally established in 1995 by Dorris Curtis who was kindergarten teacher, artist, song writer, UCA graduate and one of the founders of the Conway League of Artists. The scholarship is awarded each year to one UCA art student who has displayed excellence within his or her college career.

Typically, CLA would invite the scholarship recipient to present a program during the April CLA meeting, but since our meetings are on pause at this time, we wanted to introduce Sidney to the League by newsletter.



Sidney McCoy with his untitled artwork of his brother. Picture was created digitally through a program called Clip Studio Paint. Created in 2020.

Sidney explained he enjoys several mediums, which include graphite pencil, chalk pastel, pencil, and digital art.

He has a special place for the fine arts because "it is your art and you can have more fun with it and not worry about what other people think about it. It allows you to express yourself."

Sidney McCoy is a talented artist with a wide range of skills, from typography and design to digital art and fine arts. He has enjoyed art since he was a young child, but when he was in high school he began to think of pursuing art as a career. After his upcoming graduation, he hopes to start working in his field and do some freelance work. He is considering the possibility of graduate school although he definitely wants to continue to advance his drawing skills.

When asked what he has enjoyed most about taking classes at UCA, he replied that he has enjoyed the freedom offered in his upper-level classes. He said in those classes he “learned to mess up and to be ok with it, it's going to happen as long as you have fun with the process.”



Sidney's concept design of a man in red shirt for a project called "Southbound" Created digitally using Clip Studio Paint program. 2020



Closer view of untitled work showing Sidney's brother playing the guitar.

The Conway League of Artists congratulates Sidney McCoy on his upcoming graduation and his achievement of receiving the Dorris Curtis Scholarship.

We are honored to be a part of supporting students who are pursuing their dreams of becoming practicing and working artists.

**Article was written by Leslie Collier after interviewing Sidney McCoy.**