

Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

July 2022

We're Baaaack . . .

. . . *with a few important changes.*

CLA has changed our meeting dates to the **second Tuesday** night of the month.

Our next meeting will be **6:00 pm Tuesday, July 12, 2022**, at the **Faulkner County Library, 1900 Tyler St., Conway.**

This will be a **"Getting to Know You"** meeting with a pot-luck dinner. We ask that you -

1. Bring artwork that you created. This could be one actual art item, such as a painting, or a photo of your work, or your sketch book, or show us your web page . . . whatever. (Short and sweet - you will be given 2-3 minutes, depending on how many members attend.)
2. Please bring a "finger food" item to share – sweet or savory (healthy - *or not*). We will provide ice and water, so if you prefer a different drink, bring one.

We will also be saying goodbye to last year's board and introducing our newest board members. We hope that this meeting will allow us to "re-connect" with each other and our work.

ART of the Month

Yea! We WILL be having Art of the Month at the July 12 meeting, so please bring something! (This could work for the "introduction" activity, or bring a second item.)

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Hicks who has agreed to be responsible for AOM.

Art currently on display will be exchanged.

Congratulations

. . . to the newly elected and appointed members:

Karen Freeman- President
Sheila Parsons- Vice President

Carol Ebinger- Secretary
Christina Blum- Treasurer/Co-Show Chair
Shirley Bowen- Co-Show Chair

Richard Talley- Membership
Susan Peterson- Newsletter
Pepper Henthorne-Adams- Historian

Tim Donar- Member-at-Large
Suzann Waggoner- Show Liaison

Mary Hicks, Art of the Month

Thank You

Leslie Collier, who served as CLA President from 2020-22, wishes to thank everyone who worked hard, supported, and dedicated their time to keeping CLA alive through two very difficult years. "It was a challenging, to say the least, but your efforts helped us to persevere through this challenging time. Thank you and God bless."

Leslie

Time to RENEW!

CLA membership runs from July 1- June 30.

If you are not on this list, please consider this a reminder to renew in order to participate in upcoming shows and activities.

How to pay? Visit Conwayleagueofartists.com to pay your dues (\$26) online, pay \$25 at any meeting, or send a \$25 check to Richard Talley, 1805 Hillman St., Conway, AR 72034

Membership Current:

Don Byram

Leslie Collier

Tim Donar

Carol Ebinger

Pepper Henthorne-Adams

Mary Hicks

Sheri Locher

Virginia Miller

Becky Oswalt

Nocholas Palmer

Sheila Parsons-Talley

Susan Peterson

Virginia Potter

Karen Samuhel

Steve Singleton

Blueflower Skye

Carol Stroud

Richard Talley

Lynn Thompson

June 15 Meeting



Karen Garner, who currently lives and works in Hot Springs, presented a demonstration and spoke about her art at the June 15th CLA meeting.



"Using Acrylics in a Watercolor Style" was the theme of Karen's presentation.

Member Spotlight – Sheila Parsons

Sheila Parsons has been a professional artist and workshop instructor since 1976. She owns and operates Sheila Parsons' Art-Ventures LLC a travel/study painting company which offers classes all across the USA and in many foreign countries.

The daughter of an artist and musician she was always surrounded by art and artists and decided very young that she would be a painter and teacher of painting. She received her in art from the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York and has studied since then with the greats in the watercolor field. Her Mentor, Milford Zornes (1908 – 2008), NA, AWS, NWS tutored her in both painting and living as a traveling artist teacher. Most of her paintings are done on location or from sketches she has done in the field.

She is a signature member of Mid-Southern Watercolorists and her work has been included in Watercolor USA, Mid-Southern WC annual, Texas and Neighbors annual, Oklahoma National and other regional and national shows. She has had over 25 solo exhibitions of her work. Her paintings are in collections of the White House and corporate and private collections throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe.

In 1996, Sheila received the Arkansas Governor's Award for Outstanding Individual Artist of Arkansas. The fall 2000 issue of Watercolor, an American Artist publication, had an eight page feature article about Sheila and her paintings. Her paintings have been published in several books about watercolor. Sheila received a Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award from Faulkner County (Arkansas) Library in 2011.

She currently lives and works with her husband Richard Talley, who serves as CLA membership chair, in her studio home in Conway. She invites you to visit her there or on the web at www.sparsons.com.

