

Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

February 2023

Please join us . . .

Tuesday, February 14 6:00 pm
Faulkner County Library



“What’s NEW at the Museum of Fine Arts”

CLA’s Member Meeting will be held at the Faulkner County Library in Room 1.

The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts is (re)opening soon! Deputy Director Spencer Jansen will give us a first-hand account of what the museum’s new vision entails.

CLA Sponsored Workshop - Painting Abstracts

On Saturday, February 18, CLA member Linda Denny will be presenting a workshop on **Painting Abstracts Using Acrylics** at Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Conway from 9:30 - 3:00.



The cost is \$10, payable to CLA the day of the workshop. A supply list will be provided to participants. Drinks will be provided, but bring a sack lunch.

Limit: 12 people, so sign up soon by texting Karen Freeman at (601) 519-2883 or emailing her at kmhfreeman52@yahoo.com.

Calendar

February 14

CLA Member Meeting
6:00 pm Faulkner Co. Library
Spencer Jansen –
What’s NEW at the
Museum of Fine Arts.

March 1

Online submission for
Spring Show opens –
be watching for show
registration information

March 14

CLA Member Meeting
Presentation by Dr. B.S.
Rohini Iyengar, Adjunct
Professor University of
Central Arkansas.

"Impressionism and the
Spaces of Femininity"
- Paris in the 19th Century
was the nerve center of
Impressionism. Using
spatial analysis, Professor
Iyengar will discuss the work
of male and female artists
during this period with
respect to changing
lifestyles.

March 31

Show drop-off, 4-7 pm

April 3 – May 5

CLA Spring Art Show
“Poetry Perspectives”
Faulkner County
Library

NCAAL Pastel Workshop by Susan Hurst

North Central Arkansas Artist League is sponsoring a pastel workshop February 20 & 21 at the Lions Club in Fairfield Bay (365 Dave Creek Parkway) from 9 am to 4 pm. The focus of the workshop will be Landscapes

The cost is \$100 for both days for members, \$125 for non-members. Checks should be made out to NCAAL and mailed to: Donna Buercklin, 49 Burk Lane, Greers Ferry, AR 72067.

For more about Susan and to view her portrait and landscape work, visit SusanHurstArt.com. Workshop enrollment is limited, so sign up soon.

CLA Book Club

A group of CLA members are starting a study of the book *The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron. We plan to meet at 10:30 am for 13 weeks starting Monday the 13th of February.

January's Meeting - Hands-on Fun!

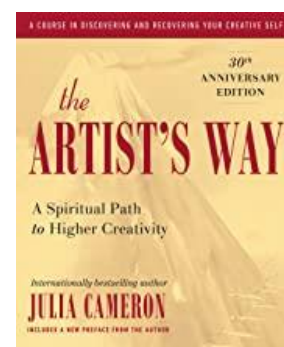


Left: Some of the "quick draw" artwork from ink blots that were completed at last month's meeting.



Left: Facilitators Shirley Bowen and Christina Blum watched as members completed a collage activity.

Other activities included drawing to music and descriptive artwork comparisons.



If you would like to join this group, please contact Christina Blum at ArtinBlum@hotmail.com or Linda Denny at missywildone@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about the book, you can find it at *The Artist's Way: 30th Anniversary Edition* <https://a.co/d/3D68iXW>



Preview of “Poetry Perspectives”

Did you know April is Poetry Month?

“Poetry Perspectives” is the theme for this year’s CLA Spring Show, which will be held April 3-May 5 at the Faulkner County Library. (See page 1 of the newsletter for other important deadlines.)

So get ready to wet those watercolors, unleash those tubes of paints, or mold that lump of clay into something truly inspired by YOUR PERSPECTIVE of poetic verse.

Show chairs Christina Blum and Shirley Bowen have chosen six poems by two local poets - Catherine Buercklin and Julia Kolchinsky Dasbach as inspiration. OR, you may use a poem by a poet of your choice.

Enter one, two, or three pieces in these categories: 1) Buercklin, 2) Dasbach, or 3) Artist’s Choice.

Call for entries will be available soon. Online registration is encouraged.

The **six poems** will be provided with the Call for Entries and also posted on CLA’s Facebook Page. If using ‘another’ poet (Artist’s Choice, category 3), you will need to provide the poem or the lines from the poem that inspired your piece along with the poet’s name.

Julia Kolchinsky Dasbach is Assistant Professor and Murphy Fellow in Creative Writing at Hendrix College. Julia's newest collection, *40 Weeks*, will be out in April and available for preorder through YesYes Books.

Catherine Buercklin is a local poet who shares her reflection on the pandemic in her book *A [Social] Distance, Poetry & Prose in the Time of a Pandemic*.

“To me, art begets art. Painting feeds the eye just as poetry feeds the ear, which is to say that both feed the soul.”
Susan Vreeland

Art of the Month -

Bring a painting to this month’s meeting – it may be hung at one of our locations in town!

Surgery Center

Throughout February – **Sheila Parsons** will be showing her work at the Conway Regional Surgery Center the month of February.

Ideas for CLA?

Let us know if you have ideas for programs or something **you** would like to share – we are always looking for presenters!