

Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

July 2023

Please join us . . .

Monday, July 10 @ 6:00 pm
Faulkner County Library
Presenter: Karen Samuhel

Stepping out in faith and taking risks have yielded great rewards in art!

Examples and experiences will be shared, along with an original watercolor mini lesson with each taking home his/her own completed 4x4 watercolor painting. Supplies provided.

Come and create! Have a fun time with old friends and new ones!

June CLA Meeting



Thank you, Beth Simpson, for presenting last month's program on art therapy. Beth discussed what art therapy is and what it isn't, the path to becoming a therapist, licensure requirements, and the difference in assessments and interventions. We then drew a person picking an apple from a tree and looked at it through the lens of the formal elements art therapy scale (FEATS).

Calendar 2023

July 10 – 6 pm Faulkner County Library
Karen Samuhel

July 20 – Third Thursday Coffee @ Blue Barn Bakery 9-10 am

July 26 – Crystal Bridges trip.
(Details to follow.)

August 14 – CLA Members Meeting 6:00 pm Faulkner County Library

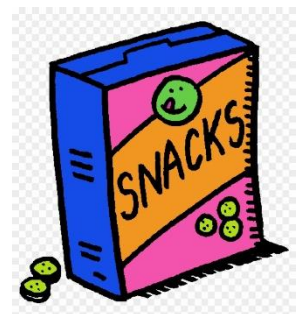
September 11 - CLA Members Meeting 6:00 pm Faulkner County Library

November 4 – Fall Show (drop-off November 3) Details to follow.

Help with Snacks!

Beth Simpson has volunteered to organize snacks for our meetings, but

we need YOUR help! Cut and paste this link and choose your meeting.



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About this Month's Presenter

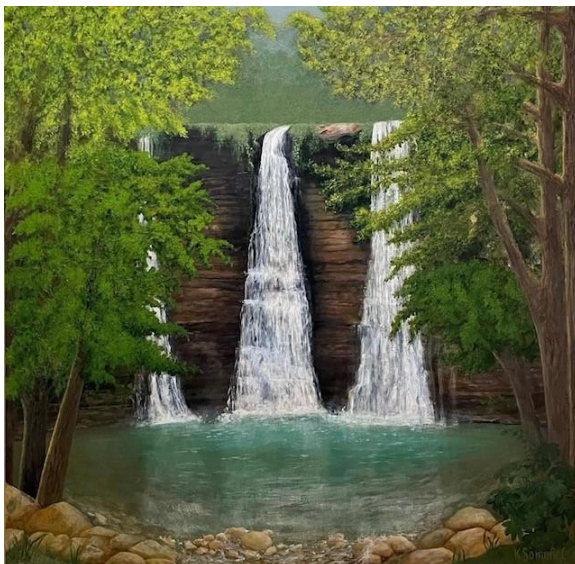


Karen Samuhel, MSE, is a former elementary school teacher who began to pursue her dream of being an artist following her retirement seven years ago.

With the support, encouragement and learning gained from Conway League of Artists and the close friendships that developed, she continues to grow as an artist.

She currently has artwork at Neighborhood Pet Shoppe, Blue Barn Bakery, The Rustic Jewel, The Ranch Antiques, and The Humble Crumb. She opened The Studio Art Gallery inside Mary's Nest Vintage Market and is teaching art lessons for all ages, holding paint parties, and is hosting open studios, and a maker's space where other artists and creatives may teach classes and/or demonstrate skills or special techniques in her studio space.

Contact her if you want to join her at Mary's Nest.
(karensamuhel@gmail.com)



Doris Curtis Donation



An original Virginia Potter painting could be YOURS at the next meeting!

Artist Virginia Potter is donating her original oil painting "The Meadow" to help raise funds for the Dorris Curtis Scholarship Fund at this month's meeting.

Virginia has been painting and teaching art classes since moving to the Conway community in the 70's. Virginia helped organize a group of local artists...which included Dorris Curtis... who met regularly to make art and share their talents to make each other better artists. That tradition continues on with the present Conway League of Artists.

Visit our Dorris Curtis display at the meeting on Monday July 10th. Raffle tickets are just \$1 each. You may be the new owner of "The Meadow".

And for the first time we have an anonymous donor who has offered to match the amount collected at the meeting for the scholarship fund!

CLA Trip to Fine Arts Museum



Above: CLA members enjoyed an outing to visit the new Fine Arts Museum in Little Rock last month.

They were given a tour with a museum docent, who escorted them throughout the spacious new galleries.

The group enjoyed a delicious lunch at the museum restaurant following the tour.



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MANAGEMENT

Friday, October 6th
@The Brick Room
5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

presents:
NEIGHBORS
AN ART SHOW

2023
7th Annual

fabric and
folds

Engage Management to Host Art Show - Fabric and Folds at The Brick Room

Each artist is allowed up to 3 art entries. We ask that entries not be smaller than 18" on one side.

Artwork submission **deadline is September 13th** @1:00 P.M.

If you don't have the exact pieces already created, submit images of past work so we can get an idea of what to expect from you as an artist. Entries must be appropriate for public viewing.

Artwork must remain for the duration of the show on October 6th from 5:00 P.M. – 8:45 P.M.

When dropped off, 2D submissions must be suitably framed, wired (or ready for wire), and ready for hanging.

Engage Management has the right to refuse to display artwork that is not ready to be hung.

3D works must be stable to avoid damage to the viewer.

For more information or to enter, visit:
engagemanagement.com and click on Art Show.

Meet New Member Pam Sims

. . . I began my artistic journey just a few short years ago. But I have always been creative. I was raised in a home with lots of creativity. My father was in the military and was a musician so I began to sing when I was a young teenager. Music was the biggest part of my life growing up and still is. I was born in England and lived there until I was two years old. I spent a lot of my growing up years in Mississippi but our family roots were in Arkansas and I have been here for the past 35 years.

In 2012 I was blessed to have published my first book and though I love writing, like so much of the arts, it was a difficult place for me once I was not traveling and speaking. I have books that I have written that will likely never be published. This did not stop me from finding other ways to be creative. About seven years ago I traveled to Germany with my church and there I was involved with a ministry that fights human trafficking and I was moved by those beautiful ladies and their stories. When I returned I decided to begin another journey of taking my passion for this fight and combining that with my artistic side. I began to make jewelry, selling it and taking the proceeds and giving back to this fight. That wasn't the thing that would ignite a lot of joy so after a few years I gave that up. I was still writing, mainly children's stories, and needed an illustrator and my husband suggested that I do it myself. I didn't draw! But I found an online course and to this day will forever be grateful to my, now friend, Cindy Wider from Australia for setting me on that path. I don't illustrate, that was not me! But I began to love to draw and paint and the rest, as they say, is history.

I have studied with numerous teachers for the past 5 years and continue to do so. I am a perpetual learner and love to try new ways of creating art. I paint primarily with watercolor and acrylic but I am doing some experimenting with mixed media for the purpose of doing workshops with the women at the Harbor Home. This goes along with my passion for seeing women set free from a life of prostitution and addiction. I am also working as a surface pattern designer and have a shop on Spoonflower, a print on demand site and have just recently added over 40+ patterns to that site. So, I just keep moving forward filling my days with art of some kind!! I am learning the art of hand-lettering at the moment! LOL! For me it is a labor of love and a way for me to help fight human trafficking, the reason I work to sell my art!

