

# Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

March 2024

Please join us . . .

*Happy  
Anniversary!*

March 11 2024, @ 6:00 pm  
Windgate Museum of Art, Hendrix College  
"Conway League of Artists  
EPIC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration"

In place of our monthly member meeting, we will be celebrating! Bring friends and family to the party and **bring your black and white artwork** for our **From Light to Night Show** – (see information p. 3). View the multimedia **exhibit "In the Shadow of the Moon."**

**Refreshments** and live **music**. Open to the public.  
Look for the black and white balloons!

The Conway League of Artists has been supporting Artists for over 50 years! What a tale we have to tell!  
An EPIC story for sure. How are we EPIC?  
We **E**ducate, **P**romote, **I**nspire and **C**onnect!



## February Meeting

Karen Freeman explained the origins of Aboriginal Dot Paintings, and the members then created their own artwork.

## For Your Calendar

**March 1**  
**Tour of Arkansas Innovation Hub, North Little Rock 11 am followed by lunch.**

**March 11** - CLA's 50th Anniversary Celebration - bring a friend and enjoy the exhibit at Windgate Museum at Hendrix. Food and drinks provided, 6:00 pm. Participate in the "From Light to Night" show.

### Spring Show Information:

**April is Poetry Month!** Artists may submit up to three works based on the poems provided by local poets Sandy Longhorn and Acie Clark, or a poet of your own choosing.

**April 2** - Drop off

**April 20** – Watercolor Workshop with **Cynthia Shanink**, McGehee Center, Conway

**May 13** – Awards Program and pick up.

More information coming soon!

## Welcome New Members

Sara Shumaker, Shawn Standley, John Lai, and Valerie Segalla.

## A Letter from the President . . .



March makes me think of spring. My mom, who lives where March's average low is 18 degrees, commented wistfully that my jonquils were probably beginning to come up. I had to go look. I have one brave jonquil that is in bloom! I think maybe it opened its face to the sun in expectation of warm rains, soft winds, and many more flowers. I love spring. It is about hope, fresh beginnings, and new growth.

I am excited about our 50th Anniversary! It seems odd to be celebrating the past when you are thinking about new beginnings and yet our past informs our future. Preparing the soil in the fall brings a rich reward in the spring. Virginia Potter told me about the ladies who started this group. They wanted to become artists and so they dedicated a day every week to getting together to paint. From that effort they developed many skills and created great art. They started CLA to teach and inspire others. They planted seeds in expectation of exceptional artists growing all around them, much like my lone jonquil that will soon be surrounded by yellow blooms. We hope that a few artists can give many others the tools they need to bloom and follow their dreams.

There are so many other exciting things happening this spring. We have a great tour planned to the Innovation Hub, a traveling art show "From Light to Night", and our Spring show with an opening ceremony in April and an awards program in May. We also have another workshop coming up. Lots to look forward to!

I would like to take this time to thank Susan Peterson and Tracy McGarrity. These ladies keep us updated on everything that is happening in CLA through the newsletter, website, Facebook and Instagram. They say you have to tell someone something three times before it sticks. I am so grateful for all the times they remind us of events and opportunities so we don't miss out on something exciting!

Christina Blum  
President, Conway League of Artist  
*~Educate, Promote, Inspire, Connect~*

## Art of the Month



Lynn Thompson "Pear"  
Conway Chamber of Commerce



Frank Lewis "Sunset"  
Conway Chamber of Commerce



Christina Blum "Bridge"  
First Security Bank downtown



Frank Lewis "Before and After"  
Arvest Bank Oak Street



### TO THE THAWING WIND BY ROBERT FROST

Come with rain, O loud Southwester!  
Bring the singer, bring the nester;  
Give the buried flower a dream;  
Make the settled snowbank steam;



## **Robert Bean Workshop**

Nine CLA members enjoyed the February 17 figure drawing workshop with Robert Bean.

He spoke to us about gestural and structural drawing and provided a live model for us, allowing ample opportunities to practice these techniques.

## **Art of the Month (Cont.)**



Alene Bynum "Early Morning Stillness"



Virginia Potter "Toucan Party"  
Faulkner County Library A&B



Virginia Potter "Cattails and Geese"

## ***From Light to Night* - Small Works in Black and White- A tribute to the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse**



**ENTRY FEE:** \$0 (Open to current CLA members only - you may pay dues that evening.)

**COLOR TO USE?** Black and white (and shades in between) only

**MEDIUM?** Your choice! From duct tape / oils / ink / pastel / whatever

**SIZE?** No larger than 9" x 12" (or 108" in total diameter) including frame, if you choose to use frame. Piece should be ready to hang.

**INFORMATION?** Include on back: Artist's name, medium, contact information, price (or NFS)

**WHERE?** Bring entry to CLA's 50<sup>th</sup> EPIC Anniversary Celebration at the Windgate Museum on the campus of Hendrix College, 6 pm March 11, 2024. The show will later be transferred to the Faulkner County Library Lobby. Artists may pick up their work at the April 15<sup>th</sup> CLA Member Meeting at the library.

**OTHER QUESTIONS?** Susan Peterson 501 908-4461

## **Membership 2024**

A new year means that it is time to renew your annual CLA membership for 2024! Keeping your dues current means helping CLA maintain the financial resources to provide workshops, programs, and events throughout the coming year. Pay dues (\$25) at March meeting or online.

## Watercolor Workshop with Cynthia Shanink - April 20, 9 am - 4 pm



This watercolor workshop will focus on landscape painting a dream which has its own reality. Landscape scenery with pigment to water ratio for each layer to achieve atmospheric perspective for depth from start to finish in a pure, fresh and effective way. Lifting color with a brush, sponge, plastic card and palette knife.

Materials will be watercolor in wells on a palette, red, yellow, blue any brand will do. I get 37 ml tubes from American Journey from Cheap Joes website: yellow Ochre, Quin Gold, Lemon Yellow, red hot Mama red, Alizarin, Burnt Sienna, Andrew turquoise, ultra marine blue, cobalt blue, neutral tint, indigo, cerulean blue, Janets Violet Rose, titanium white in tube not on the palette.

My paper is 100 % Rag which is cotton, it can be any brand. My brushes are a few mop squirrel and long brush, short angle brush to scrub with, and a verity of others. A waterproof board to put your paper on, tissues or paper towels, hair dryer, water container, table cloth, sea sponge.

Cynthia has conducted workshops with national artists on NBC and CBS, and was a guest instructor on international cruise lines. She has been an Arkansas Arts on Tour artist since 2003 and was 2016 Artist in Residence at Hot Springs National Park. She received several awards at the Steelville, MO Plein Air Event. To register, call or text Karen Freeman (601) 519-2883. (Yes, that really is 601 area code.)

## Dorris Curtis Raffle



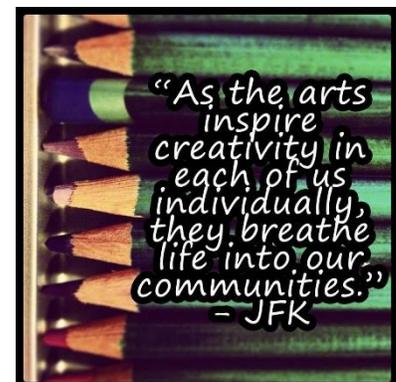
Last month, Linda Deny (seated above) donated two paintings - one in acrylic, one in oil.

A record amount was collected for Dorris Curtis Scholarship.

Lucky winners were Alene Bynum (above) and Karen Samuhel (bottom).

Note: The Dorris Curtis raffle will not occur during the March meeting.

Thank you, Linda!



## Upcoming CLA Events

**March 1 –Tour, Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, 11 am @** 204 E 4th St, North Little Rock (A block behind Argenta Drugs – enter at East 4<sup>th</sup> St. entrance), followed by Dutch-treat lunch in downtown North Little Rock (@Brood & Barley?)

Meet at Hub OR at 10:15 to car pool from Conway.  
Contact: Marilyn Rishkofski (603) 918-9237

*“At our North Little Rock facility, we have created an open environment full of tools, technology, equipment and support for entrepreneurs and artists of all ages.”*

*Visit [ARHUB.org](http://ARHUB.org) for more information*

**March 1** - Oline registration opens for Spring Show, **“METAMORPHOSIS ”**

**March 11 – CLA’s EPIC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Celebration** – bring friends, family. Public invited!

- 6 pm, Windgate Museum, Hendrix College, refreshments will be served
- View Hendrix’s “In the Shadow of the Moon” exhibit
- Participate in CLA’s exhibit: “From Light to Night” - (see information attached)
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**March 29** - Online submission closes for Show

**April 2** – Drop off artwork for Show – **3:30-6:30 @ FCL**

**April 4 – Reception & Poetry Reading – FCL**

**April 8** – ECLIPSE in Arkansas – Prepare for craziness, so no meeting this 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday!

**April 15 – Member Meeting** - @ FCL Bring Art of the Month and pick up of work, “From Light to Night”

**May 13 – Awards Program/Potluck/Member Meeting** and show pick up @ FCL.

Vending opportunity notice:

Shelly Vangsnes is the organizer of The Maker's Market held at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church at Prince & Farris on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (could change to 3rd) Saturday of the month.

The vendor fee is \$25 which gives you two parking spots and Wi-Fi, no electricity available.

Contact Shelly @ 501 733-3359 for more information.