

Conway League of Artists Newsletter

Conway, Arkansas

April 2024

Please join us . . .

April 15th 2024, @ 6:00 pm Member Meeting, Faulkner County Library

Dorris Curtis Presentation –
Natalie Kitchen, this year's Dorris Curtis Scholarship recipient, will present the program. She is a BFA Studio major with a concentration in ceramics.

She will share her work and answer questions.

Note: "From Light to Night" artwork and February's Art of the Month will be returned at this meeting. Please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your work if you are not going to be there.

For Your Calendar

April is Poetry Month!

April 15 – Member meeting, 6:00 pm Faulkner County Library.

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

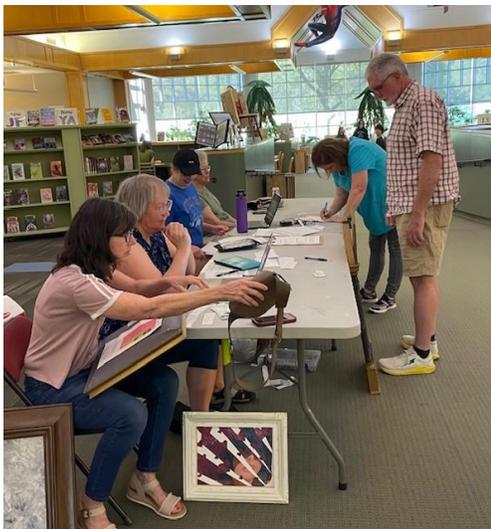
May 13 – Monday May 13th Show pick up 5:00-6:00 pm Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm

June 10 – Member meeting, 6:00 pm, Faulkner County Library

Spring Show



Visit Conway League of Artists' Facebook page to see images of this year's spring show.



Art Show Entries

April 2 – CLA members dropped off artwork for the current show, "Metamorphosis," now showing at the Faulkner County Library through May 13th.

Artists submitted up to three works based on the poems provided by local poets Sandy Longhorn and Acie Clark, or a poet of their own choosing.

A Letter from the President

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April is poetry month. Spring show drop off is tomorrow, and because I occasionally leave things until the last minute, I must put down my paintbrush to write this letter.

CLA has been doing some exciting things. I was in Texas so I missed the visit to the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, but I heard it was awesome. The Light to Night show is up in the library and I am impressed by the variety of ideas people can convey in black and white. I was so excited to see everyone at our 50th Anniversary celebration. We visited, ate, and honored our founders and early members, Virginia Potter, Becky Oswalt, and Sheila Parsons. We also talked about the future and the ways our Board is working to Educate, Promote, Inspire, and Connect artists.

The Reception for the Spring Show "Metamorphosis" is Thursday at 5:00. Please come, and invite your friends! It is wonderful to meet the artists and the poets who inspired them. I have met some great local poets and many more through their works. Poetry offers the opportunity to read about things we all feel but I can seldom find the words to convey. Hope to see you there!

I am also looking forward to the Scholarship award night on Monday April 15th. CLA is proud to honor the legacy of Dorris Curtis by awarding this scholarship to help a UCA art student who shows academic achievement and artistic talent. Dorris graduated from UCA with a Masters Degree in education. She became more focused on her painting when she retired from teaching in 1973, producing a large collection of work inspired by Grandma Moses. She was a generous person and would be happy to know that this scholarship has been helping UCA artists since it was founded in 1995. I can't wait to see who wins this year!

Then we all get to get out our brushes and play with paint at the Watercolor Workshop on April 20th with artist Cynthia Schanink. It is sure to be a time of laughter and learning. As I think about this workshop coming up, I would like to take this time to thank Karen Freeman. She is a wonderful Vice-President and has come up with interesting monthly programs and great workshops. Thanks for presenting new information to inspire us all!

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

Art of the Month

In lieu of Art of the Month, members were asked to create artwork using only black and white.

The exhibit, "**From Light to Night**" is currently front and center in the lobby of the Faulkner County Library. Artwork should be picked up at the April 15th meeting.

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



Innovation Hub Tour



CLA members had a great time visiting the Arkansas Innovation Hub in North Little Rock on March 1st. They viewed the pottery studio, woodworking area, and other creative work spaces. Following the tour, they lunched at Brood and Barley in downtown North Little Rock.

From Light to Night

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

To register, call or text Karen Freeman (601) 519-2883. (Yes, that really is 601 area code.)



A winning watercolor by Cynthia Shanink

CLA's 50th Anniversary Celebration

It was quite a celebration the evening of March 11th at the Wingate Museum at Hendrix College. Food, drinks, and music were provided.

Attendees browsed the exhibit and many brought work for CLA's "From Light to Night" show. Special thanks to Benny Battles for the great photos.



Founding member Virginia Potter (left).



"From Light to Night" entries



Past and present CLA Presidents Becky Oswalt (center) and Christina Blum (right).



In the Shadow of the Moon interactive exhibit.