# Conway League of Artists Newsletter October 2024

Please join us . . .

#### October 14, 2024

Fall Show Reception and Awards
5:30 - Refreshments / Mix & Mingle and
View Artwork
6:00 - Presentation of Awards and Juror's

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Juror **Katherine Strause** is a painter living in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is currently the Artist in Residence at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She is also a 2023-2024 Catalyze Fellow with the Mid-America Art Alliance.

#### **October Outing**



October 10th we will be heading to the Hendrix Windgate Gallery for their latest exhibition.

We will first meet for lunch (all

you can eat for \$13.25) at the Hendrix Dining Room at 12:00. The Dining Room is on the 2nd Floor of the Student Life and Technology Center. Following lunch, our tour of the Windgate Museum of Art will begin at 1:00 at the gallery.

Visitor parking is nearby or you can park across Harkrider and walk across the bridge. There's a "Campus Map" on the <u>Hendrix.edu</u> website.

#### For Your Calendar

October 1 - The Studio in Conway drop off from 2-5 pm for "Autumn Splendor"

October 3 - CLA's Reflections and Recollections Show Drop-Off 3:30 - 6:00

October 4 - Conway ArtWalk, Downtown Conway

October 5 - Pastel Workshop with Beth Ivens

October 14 - Fall Show Reception and Awards

November 11 - Member Meeting

## 2024 FALL SHOW: "REFLECTIONS AND RECOLLECTIONS"

- October 3, Drop art off at Library 3:30pm 6:30pm.
- \$25 entry fee for first art piece and \$5.00 for each additional art piece up to a total of 3 pieces

Use the online submission form or complete the form on October 3<sup>rd</sup> when you bring your entries.

If the QR code or url does not work, you can get to the form this way:

Visit conwayleagueofartists.com, click on Shows on the top menu tab. On the Dropdown Menu, click on Fall Show 2024. As you move your cursor over the Online Registration, it changes color. Click on Online Registration while it is highlighted.

## Letter from the President

First, I would like to thank the wonderful people who have served on the Board this year! We

have had a great year and it is all because of these fantastic people who have stepped up to make it happen. I know the year isn't quite over yet but elections for the new Board are coming up in November. If you have any interest in being on the Board please let me know, we would love to have you!

I'm really excited about our upcoming events. Drop off for the fall show is October third. Many of our members will have artwork at the Studio Downtown during art Art Walk and Engage Management will have their annual art show Friday night at the Brickroom.

I hope many of our members will participate in the pastel workshop on Saturday, if you can't make it to that maybe you can checkout CAFTA's Artsfest at 5th Avenue Park that same day. The CLA awards program and reception is planned for Monday the 14th. October is National Arts and Humanities month. Watch for all the great art opportunities around town this month.

I have been traveling, and in the wilds of the state park gift shops I ran across a t-shirt with the quote from J.R.R. Tolkien, "Not all those who wander are lost". I have been wandering on purpose. I have climbed mountains and collected rocks, reconnected with family and participated in my niece's wedding. There are so many huge things to see as you travel but my art led me to some tiny ones. I decided to sketch some of the plants around one of our campsites and I discovered the Rubber rabbitbrush. It seemed like a simple enough plant but as I started to draw, I saw one plant had straight leaves and the other plants' leaves were curly. Then I realized each of the small flowers in a cluster was not one flower but made up of five tiny flowers. What started as a simple drawing became its own journey. I hope that as you explore your artistic gifts you find your own journey of wonder, passion, knowledge and joy.

I enjoyed the longer quote from Tolkien so I thought I would share it here;

"All that is gold does not glitter, Not all those who wander are lost; The old that is strong does not wither, Deep roots are not reached by the frost."

Happy journeying,

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

#### **About Katherine Strause**

Katherine Strause, juror for this year's Fall Show, will be commenting on the show and on the works chosen for awards.

She is currently resides in Little Rock and is the Artist in Residence at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She is also a 2023-2024 Catalyze Fellow with the Mid-America Art Alliance. From 2007 until 2022 she served as Professor of Painting and Chair of the Art Department at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and a Master of Fine Arts from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

She is currently a Mid American Art Alliance Catalyze Fellow and the Artist in Residence at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. Her paintings have been featured in over seventy juried and curated exhibitions, both at home and abroad. Her work is owned by public, corporate, and private collections, including the University of Arkansas for Medical Science, the University of Mississippi Oxford, the Historic Arkansas Museum, The University Museum at Southern Illinois University, and the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

For more information and to see her work visit katherinestrause.com.

### Third Thursday Coffee & Conversation







#### Categories

There will be two categories with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes awarded in each category along with a Best of Show award. \*prizes may vary based on the number of entries.

- Two-dimensional art. Artworks are generally considered flat, with height and with but very little depth. Paintings fall into this category.
- **Three-dimensional art** is defined as art with all the dimensions of height, width, and depth. Unlike 2D art, it

## The Studio Downtown Call for Art - Fall Theme

Are you in the Autumn spirit?

Bring your fall-themed work to The Studio at 1100 Oak Street, Conway, on Tuesday, October 1st between 2:00 & 5:00 pm.

Pickup will be from 3-5 on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Work should be appropriately framed and ready to hang with a wire. Be sure to include relevant information – your name, medium, title, price, contact information.

#### September Outing

For our September outing, on Thursday, 9/12/24, several CLA members toured the UALR's Windgate Center of Art and Design.

Our Tour Guide was Nathan Larson, Assistant Gallery Director, who graciously led us through several of the museum's galleries, often giving us a "behind the scenes" glimpse of art gallery operations. Then we had the access to any classrooms that weren't occupied at the time. He provided a wealth of information about all the artrelated educational options and the public available facilities they offer. Very informative!

