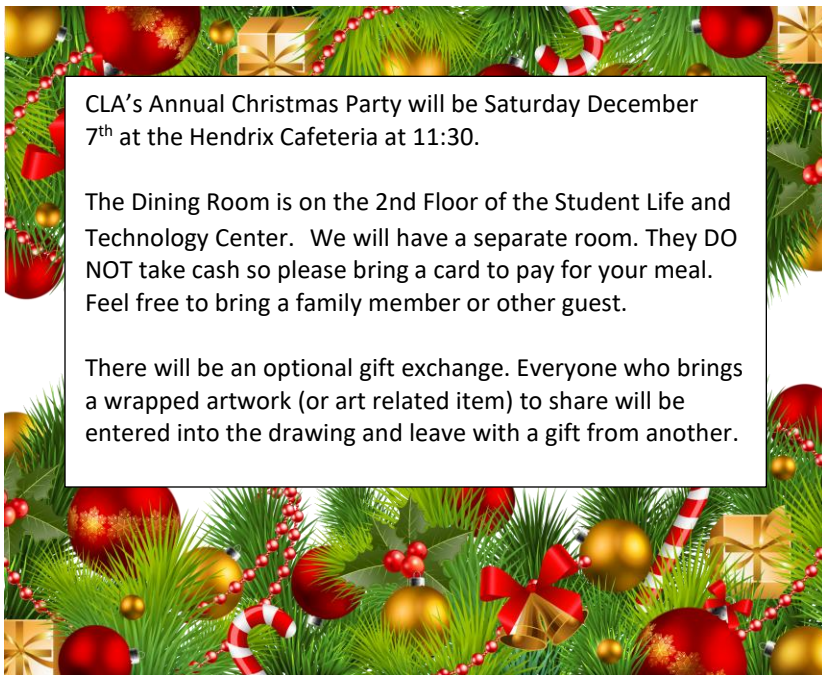


# Conway League of Artists Newsletter

December 2024

*Please join us . . .*

## CLA Christmas Celebration! Saturday, December 7, 2024



CLA's Annual Christmas Party will be Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hendrix Cafeteria at 11:30.

The Dining Room is on the 2nd Floor of the Student Life and Technology Center. We will have a separate room. They DO NOT take cash so please bring a card to pay for your meal. Feel free to bring a family member or other guest.

There will be an optional gift exchange. Everyone who brings a wrapped artwork (or art related item) to share will be entered into the drawing and leave with a gift from another.

## For Your Calendar

**December 7 - (Saturday)** CLA's Christmas Party at Hendrix (in place of monthly member meeting)

**January 13 -** CLA's Member Meeting and program - with Author and Artist Jennifer O'Brien.

**Third Thursday Coffee** in Room 1 of library.

**Create Together** at the Library will be held the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursday of each month from 9-11 in the stage area. People are encouraged to bring whatever project they are working on. This is a great opportunity to learn from each other.



## November Outing

**James Hayes Art Studio**  
2900 Ridgway Rd, Pine Bluff, AR

Nearly a dozen CLA members participated in the field trip to James Hayes Art Studio in Pine Bluff on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Members got to try their hand at creating a glass piece. Pictured is Christina Blum at the forge.





## Letter from the President



### 2025 CLA Officers

President: Christina Blum  
 Vice President: Karen Freeman & Dimitri Papadimitriou  
 Secretary: Sara Shumaker  
 Treasurer: Shirley Bowen  
 Newsletter: Shirley Howard  
**Volunteers are still needed** for other positions:

- Quarterly Field Trips - Mary Hicks
- Membership - \_\_\_\_\_
- Historian - Pepper Henthorne-Adams
- Dorris Curtis - \_\_\_\_\_
- Art of the Month - \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitality - \_\_\_\_\_



Congratulations to those who have had sales at the Holiday Show. Virginia Potter and Joyce Hartman are two who have posted sales on Facebook. Let us know if YOU have sold your work!

The holidays are upon us. As I write this letter my son is on a plane and my sister is in an RV in Kansas. Both of them, their families, and a few more, are headed this way to celebrate Thanksgiving. The house is clean, the pantry is stocked and we sit in expectation of a great time together. We will share games, stories, laughter, and wonderful food.

In addition to time with family, the holidays make me think of handprint Turkeys and ornaments made from acorns and glitter. I also think of the ornaments we saw at the James Hayes Glass blowing studio and the beautiful paintings hanging in our show at the library. Whether it is simple and full of joy or the detailed product of long years of practice, I hope you are able to share the joy of art with someone during this holiday season.

It is also a season of gratitude. I am so thankful for my art family. You inspire me to keep working, teach me new things, and help in so many ways. I am truly grateful for you all!

Christina Blum  
 President, Conway League of Artist  
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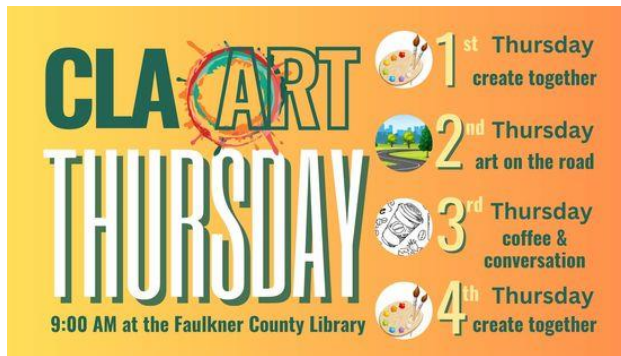
### ART OPPORTUNITY

There is a new opportunity for artists in the Conway area!

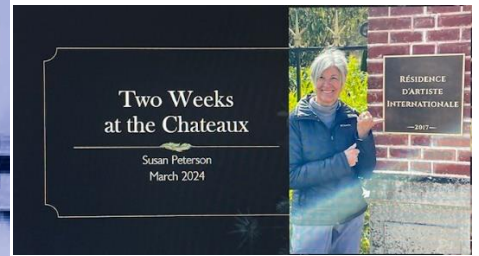
Pickles Gap Village still has renovations that need to be done, but they are hoping to be up and running by the end of February.

The cost will be \$25 a linear foot per month when you work 8 hours a month. You need to email images of your work to be accepted into the group.

Please contact Kelvin Cunningham if you want to participate.  
 kellycunningham101@gmail.com.



## November CLA Meeting



At the November 11th meeting, CLA member Susan Peterson presented "Two Weeks at the Chateaux," which highlighted her time spent at the Chateau d'Orquevaux Artists and Writers retreat in Orquevaux France in March 2024.

She mentioned several sites where artists could discover more information about artist residencies. [Resartis.org](https://www.resartis.org) is one that shows international placements and other opportunities. Other information can be found by googling for federal and state art residencies.

You can read more about Susan's residency in this month's 501 LIFE Magazine, where she is December's featured artist.



## Looking for Something to Do Over the Holidays? @ Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts



The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art

September 27, 2024 – January 12, 2025

Drawing inspiration from the elegance of nature, a new artistic movement emerged in Europe during the late-nineteenth century delivering a sinuous blend of beauty and functionality. When the Art Nouveau style arrived, interiors were transformed to include opulent ensembles of furniture, glass, posters, decorative arts, and other furnishings, all depicting luxurious elements found in nature.

*The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art* brings together approximately 120 of the finest Art Nouveau treasures, introducing the luminous innovations and artistic triumphs of this movement. Spanning the years 1890-1915, Art Nouveau made its impact in interiors across the globe.