



September 2026

NEWSLETTER

EDUCATE * PROMOTE * INSPIRE * CONNECT

At our CLA August meeting, Candice Henderson spoke about Art Therapy and how active art-making and the creative process can help people express emotions, reduce stress, and resolve psychological conflicts.



Candice Henderson
Owner and Founder of
Intentional Connections
Counseling & Consulting
LLC



On September 14th, Page Davis will present information about her art website and the art store Village View Art.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4th

Conway Downtown Art Walk

September 7th

Fall Show Online Submissions
Begin

September 14th

Monthly Board Meeting
5:00 PM FCL
Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
Faulkner County Library
Program Room One

September 21st

Fall Show Drop Off
Faulkner County Library
4:00 – 6:00 PM

October 5th

Fall Show Reception and
Awards

EVERY MONTH

3rd Thursday

Coffee & Conversation
Faulkner County Library
Program Room One



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CLA 2026 FALL SHOW



Conway League of Artists 2026 Fall Show

September 22nd - October 11th

Faulkner County Library 1900 Tyler Street, Conway

Dates

Sept 7th Submission opens for online entries

Sept 21st 4:00PM to 6:00PM Drop off artwork

October 5th 5:30PM to 7:30PM Artist reception and Awards

October 19th Show pick up

Entry Fees

Members \$25 for 1 entry, \$30 for 2, \$35 for 3

Non-Members \$60 for 1/ \$65 for 2/ \$70 for 3 payable online or at time of drop off

Prizes

First, second, and honorable mention in each of four categories

How to Enter

Copy and paste this link to fill out the google form <https://forms.gle/2NyEm73wdyNleSsY6>



Artwork by Doug Bassler,
Spring Show Winner

The four categories for the Fall Show will be:

1. Still Life
2. Landscape or Nature
3. Figure or Portrait
4. Abstract or Conceptual

Any photos or 3-D work will be entered under one of the four categories and compete against 2-D paintings.

There will be \$100.00 first place and \$75.00 second place prizes in each category and an honorable mention.

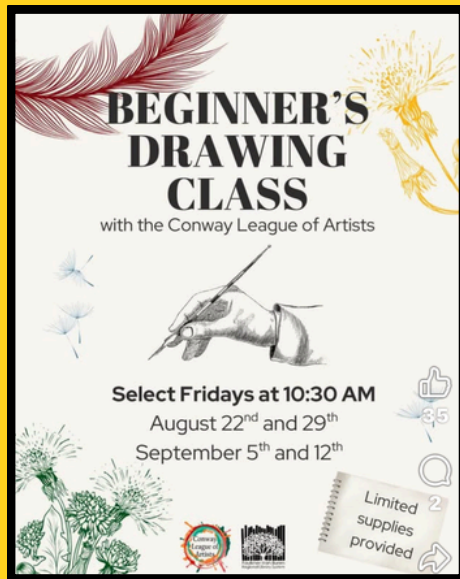
Meet our Judge for the Fall Show

Katherine Strause

She is a Little Rock, Arkansas-based painter whose work explores women, memory, identity, and personal agency through expressive figurative painting. She began making art as a child in Arkansas and went on to earn a B.A. in Visual Art from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and an M.F.A. in Painting from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Her paintings often begin with found, vintage, or historical photographs, which she transforms through bold color, energetic brushwork, and dynamic compositions. Her figures - frequently women caught in moments of movement, confidence, or transformation - challenge conventional ideas about how women are represented. Influenced by artists including Alice Neal, Pierre Bonnard, and Arkansas painter Carroll Cloar, Strause combines expressive figuration with color and pattern. Her work has been exhibited widely and is held in public and private collections, while her long career as an artist and educator has made her an important voice in Arkansas contemporary painting.



Artists Opportunities



CLA President Pam Hensley displaying her art work at the 1st Friday ArtWalk in downtown Conway on July 3rd. We welcome any CLA member that would like to work the ArtWalk and display their art.



This is an approval based festival for fine artists. You can email them at info@redautumn.art

The registration deadline for Red Autumn Art Festival is Saturday, October 24th.



Village View Art is opening soon in Pickles Gap Village at US - 65 N. The gallery is looking for artists interested in displaying their art work. Photography and 3-D work are welcome. Gallery hours will be Monday - Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Opening date has been changed to October 1st. Page Davis will be sharing more information at this months meeting. If you are interested in displaying your work at Village View contact:

Page Davis 501-628-7320

Cheryl Smith 870-833-2482

Heather Caldwell 501-548-9794

Karen Freeman 601-519-2883

ART OF THE MONTH



Karen Freeman
Chamber of Commerce



Christina Blum
First Security by Lowes



Kristin Murphy
First Security on Front St.



Doug Bassler
Chamber of Commerce



Karen Freeman
Arvest Bank on Front St.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Have you ever wanted to do something, but thought it would never be possible? Recently, I was able to accomplish that dream. My husband and I went to Paris, France to go on a Viking River Cruise to Normandy and back. The things we saw were absolutely amazing. We toured the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, Monet Foundation (Giverny), Rouen, Normandy, Palace of Versailles, Muse'e d'Orsay, and the Rodin Museum. Seeing architecture, sculptures, and paintings that I have studied was so incredible. I never dreamed that I would be able to actually stand in front of works by Monet, Van Gogh, Michelangelo, Renoir, Degas and many other masters, and marvel at what they had accomplished. I have been asked what my favorite thing was and I can't name just one. The cathedrals, chateaus, Normandy Beach Museum and Omaha Beach, along with all the paintings and sculptures by the incredible artists, were all amazing. We also enjoyed several French restaurants and cafes during our stay in Paris. Traveling abroad is such an amazing experience. I wish everyone could experience it.

Thank you to everyone that helped cover my obligations to the Conway League of Artists during my absence. I wish you all could have been with me. If you ever have the chance to travel, I highly recommend it. So much can be expressed through art. Keep doing all your beautiful work and making the world a better place.



Pam Hensley
President, Conway League of Artists
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*If you have joined CLA and don't have your Bio and art work on our web page, send a request for the link to:
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