



Westerville Art League

Newsletter
April, 2015

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 28th, 2015**
6:30 PM
Westerville Library

Westerville Art League 57th Annual Spring Show – 2015

The spring show will be held in the Westerville Library during May, 2015.

For those of you that have entered the spring show: bring artwork (max 2 pieces) **this Wednesday April 29th between 5-7PM**, meeting rooms A/B.

\$20 Entry fee, paid at the time you bring your artwork. Hang art 5/1.

Make sure you have the two labels attached to the back of each piece.

Take Down: **Tuesday May 26th** at the WAL meeting 6:30-8:45PM Westerville Library.

If you cannot bring your work in at this time, please arrange for someone else to bring it for you.

The reception will be **Sunday, May 3rd 2-4PM**. WAL members are encouraged to bring finger food. WAL will provide the refreshments.

Steven Walker will be this year's judge. Show will be judged and cash prizes and/or ribbons awarded for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and six Honorable Mentions.



"Olivia's Strawberry" by Dixie Shoemaker
Voted People's Choice 2014.



Mom's Lilacs
Kathryn Smithson

Presenter for the meeting

Steven Walker

We're very pleased to have Steven Walker as our presenter this month. Steven is an oil painter. You can view his website at <http://stevenwalkerstudios.com/>

Born in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and raised in Richmond, Virginia, Steven has been captivated by art for most of his life. He earned his bachelor's degree at Virginia Commonwealth University with a concentration in illustration. After only a few years as a freelance illustrator, Steven earned his master's degree at Marywood University, in Scranton, PA, and began focusing his efforts towards fine art.



Light Among Shadows

24" x 24" oil

After a string of small shows at coffee shops and libraries his focus turned to gallery exhibition. Since his venture into gallery life, his landscapes have been well received by collectors. His paintings are part of several private collections such as Hilton Hotels, the Boy Scouts of America, Dominion Resources, Virginia State Department, the National Parks Service and the United States Air Force.

Steven has been included in several local and national juried competitions including the Richeson 75 Landscape Competition, Plein Air Salon, the International Salon Competition and most recently, the Oil Painters of America Salon. Steven also had the privilege of being a part of a statewide traveling exhibition with the Virginia Museum of Fine Art. He has participated in several artist in residency programs in Michigan, Indiana and Iowa through the National Parks Service. In 2014 he was selected to create the Ohio Governor's Art Awards.

Steven lives in Lewis Center, OH and with the assistance of his lovely wife Evelyn, continues to work hard in the advancement of his career. Currently, his work is represented by the B. Deemer Gallery in Louisville, KY, The Sharon Weiss Gallery in Columbus, OH, the Vision Gallery in Atlantic Beach, NC, and the Glave Kocen Gallery in Richmond, VA.

Artist of the Month

Barbara Rores is April's WAL Artist of the Month.



Gold Iris *Barbara Rores*

We're delighted to have Barbara as this month's Artist of the Month. Here is an excerpt from Barbara's portfolio site:

As an aspiring artist, I received my formal art training at the Philadelphia Museum School and at the University of Buffalo. I work in oil paints and colored pencils. As a resident of Western New York, I was very active in many art societies. I was an organizer of the River Walk Arts Festival of Tonawanda, New York.

I was juried into the National Women's Art exhibit and received many awards while a member of Fine Arts League of Buffalo and the Williamsville Art Society. Since moving to Columbus, Ohio I have placed third in the fall 2008 art show and won the People's Choice Award at the Worthington Area Art League of Worthington, Ohio. I have also placed 2nd at WAAL in the fall of 2010. In 2009 Fall I had an Honorable Mention award.

Thanks to WAL members who have signed up for Arts Alley

- There is no fee to pay (all other sites have to pay to display at Fourth Friday)- the Arts Council of Westerville paid the \$500 entry fee for WAL, which covers the entire six months

- There will be 5-6 display tables provided to us, free of charge (about 6' X 2.5' in size)- these are great for displaying smaller art items, e.g., custom made jewelry, small prints, and cards, etc.

- There will be new, custom made hanging display panels provided to us, free of charge, designed to safely and professionally display framed, hanging art (this should accommodate about 6 artists with 3-4 pictures each)- the Arts Council of Westerville paid the \$500 cost of building materials, and all of the construction was voluntarily provided by Phil Koenig (Phil's wife, Lynn, is a member of the Arts Council

of Westerville- see how all of this ties back nicely to the Arts Council's support of WAL?)

- a very well-decorated archway (located over the sidewalk right by State Street) announcing the entryway of Arts Alley is provided, as well as several colored pennants on poles, all designed to help draw attention to Arts Alley for the thousands of people (no exaggeration here) attending Fourth Fridays

- a chance to get your art in front of many residents of the Westerville community, which of course means a chance to sell your art!

- a chance to help the Westerville Art League be more visible and viable in our community.

Java Central Showing Continues through March and April

Most of you are aware that WAL currently has a great exhibit at Java Central, in Uptown Westerville. The show has been there for January and February. Ralph Denick, the owner of Java, has graciously given WAL the opportunity to extend our current show through March and April. FYI, right now there are nine WAL members who are exhibiting at Java:

1. Karen Shank
 2. Judi Heston
 3. Gail Paulus
 4. Elaine Freeman
 5. Lynn Carty
 6. Don Reither
 7. Kathryn Smithson
 8. Kathryn Bubenchik
 9. John Cameron
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WAL Member News

Barbara Rores is currently exhibiting her work at The Galena Vault, the Ohio Art Market as well as her studio in Galena.

Kathryn Bubenchik (Prayer & Meditation Mandalas - Watercolor & mixed media): Her artwork is being displayed at the Carl Gustav Jung Haus, Jung Central Ohio, 59 West 3rd Avenue, Columbus, OH, until May 3rd. Website to check hours of operation is www.gungcentralohio.org

Kathy Smithson: If people want to get together to do art on a Saturday afternoon at my house, I can accommodate about 4 (including me, so maybe say 3) inside, and since the weather is getting nicer, I have a nice back yard that could hold maybe 5 or 6. I have an easy up and a big porch Umbrella. I don't have any set dates, so if someone wants to do it, they can get with me and we can add people!

Gail Paulus: I will be teaching a beginning watercolor workshop at the Martin Janis Center the 5 Tuesdays in June. You must be a member to attend. (Membership is \$15) It will be held in the cafeteria from 10-11:30 AM. All materials will be provided.

Cost is \$10. Limit 10 people.

Also- I have an art student, Zack Pierce, who will be having an art show at the Westerville Community Center during May. Zack has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. This will be his first art show and he is very excited! There will be an artists' reception on Saturday, May 2, from 1-3 PM .

Other News.....

Meredith Martin sent us this:

Here's what's up at Sunbear Studios and Gallery:

Our spring classes are still going on! You can sign up for Animal Portraiture, Photography, Watercolor and more! **John Cameron** is our esteemed watercolor instructor - join him for ongoing classes.

Watch for our "Summer Shorts", a series of art workshops and classes for summer, to be posted on our website in May. We have new things coming, like Assemblage with Barb Swysgood, fun workshops featuring Vicki Spiegel, and even how to buy/sell antiques with our own Susan Hobbins. See www.sunbearstudio.com in May or friend us on Facebook: SunbearStudioAndGallery.

Upcoming - Jammin' at the Bear, music and art events, begin June 26 - don't miss the great art, music and delicious food!

WAL Meeting Minutes 3/24/15

President John Cameron opened the meeting at 6:30 PM at the Westerville Library.

Guests for the evening were Larry Cepak and Jaeiah Van Dyke. Larry is a returning past member from the 1980's who brought some of his works, and Jaeiah makes custom jewelry and has a company called Christy Rose Creations.

Attendance Sign In sheet was passed out and at the end of the meeting it was noted that we had over 30 members at the meeting.

No additions or corrections to last month's Minutes.

Treasurer's Report from Lynn Carty:

There was a previous balance of \$1272.75 in the treasury. We had \$25 in deposits from dues.

The new balance in the treasury is \$1297.75.

Committee Reports:

Art in Public Places - Chairperson Judi Heston reported that she is still working on gathering new places to display art. She is looking for venues that are heavily trafficked such as Doctor's and Dentist's offices. Please let her know if you have any recommendations.

Spring Show Chair, Kathy Smithson, was absent. Lynn Carty reported that she has nine entrants so far. April 4th is the deadline for her to receive the entry forms and check in the amount of \$20 (postmarked by 4/4.) Kathy will be printing flyers about the show for members to pass out for publicity. Sign-up sheet for refreshments for the show was passed around.

Newsletter Editor/Publisher, Terri Ruh, asked for any information to share about your art, teaching classes, shows that you are in, to publish in the newsletter.

Artist of the Month Coordinator Kathryn Bubenchik was absent. No report.

Community Entities:

Lynn and John reported that there are six spots available for the 4th Friday Arts Alley events that WAL is encouraged to participate in. A sign-up sheet was passed around; the first event is on April 24, time 6:00 to 9:00 pm. You can sign up for one or all of the 4th Fridays, which goes through September. Tables are set up by Parks and Recreation, hanging system will be available. It is a good opportunity to display and sell art with no commission being charged.

Old Business:

Painting/Arts Parties - Kathy Smithson hosted an event on March 31st at her home.

The "Christmas Star of Westerville" project had no new information. We are waiting to hear from Andy Boatwright from Westerville Electric.

John reminded members about the Java Central Open House and Show on March 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Java Central. We have 3 new artists displaying there through April.

Nominations will be taken at the April meeting for next year's WAL officers. The current officers have served for two years so please bring your ideas and nominations to the April meeting.

Artist of the Month:

Terri Ruh was introduced as the Artist of the Month. Terri works exclusively in watercolors now, but her career goes back to teen years when she was commissioned to do portraits in charcoal and oil. She is inspired by works that have a free flow and play on light and shadows, which is evidenced in the examples that she brought with her.

Program:

The evening's program was presented by Bob Bruce, a former architect and current adjunct professor at OSU. His focus was on drawing and painting with perspective, which he provided many examples.

Submitted by Karen Chambers

WAL Calendar

April	4/28/15	WAL meeting Presenter: Steven Walker Artist of the Month: Barbara Rores Refreshments: Snack: Carolee Brown Beverage: Vi Hendershot
	4/24/15	Fourth Friday – Artists Alley – Uptown Westerville
May	5/3/15	Spring Show – Reception – Spring Show – Westerville Library
	5/22/15	Fourth Friday – Artists Alley – Uptown Westerville
	5/26/15	WAL meeting Presenter: TBD Artist of the Month: TBD Refreshments: TBD

Art Auction

Do you have any art supplies you want to sell? Send the info to Terri Ruh terrijh_2000@yahoo.com to include here in the next newsletter.

Art Instruction, etc.

John Cameron- “Watercolor Class for Beginners” at Sunbear Studio and Gallery, Alexandria. Classes on Sundays, 2:00-4:30. Contact John at: je7779cameron@gmail.com or cell: 614-282-1184.

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