



WESTERVILLE ART LEAGUE

The purpose of the Westerville Art League is to bring together those interested in art, to stimulate interest in art and to promote art in the community.

Newsletter: May, 2016

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30pm, Westerville Public Library, Meeting Rooms A/B

Presentation: Todd Camp, Finishing and Selling Your Art

The biography of Todd Camp



A 1989 graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design, Todd began his 30 year career with Columbus Recreation & Parks Department as an Arts Instructor in Community Recreation. Then, Camp became the first Cultural Arts Director for the YMCA of Central Ohio in 2001. In 2004, Todd Camp Studios was launched where he continues to produce award winning paintings for corporate, public and private collections worldwide. New Era Publishing in Austin and Editions Limited in California extensively distribute prints and reproductions of his work. Camp's art has been featured on HGTV *"That's Clever"* and WOSU *"Broad & High"*. The New Albany Symphony selected Todd as Artist in Residence for 2011. Todd won the *New Albany*

Arts Council Award at the 2014 Ohio State Fine Arts Competition and was featured as an emerging artist at 2015 Columbus Arts Festival and Winterfair, Cincinnati, OH. His paintings were included in *"The Origins of Abstraction"* at the Carnegie Gallery, permanent collections of Columbus Bar Association, Ohio Dominican University, Hilton Hotel, Killian Group St. Louis, MO, Columbus Convention Center, and Marriott Hotels, Mexico City. Currently, Camp serves as the Assistant Arts Administrator for the Columbus Cultural Arts Center and is represented by Muse Gallery Hilton Head, SC and gallery affiliation with Art Access Bexley, OH. Camp has served as juror for Upper Arlington Labor Day Festival and American Independent Colleges and Universities Awards and Curator for numerous exhibits locally and nationally.

Artist of the Month:

Is on hiatus for the month of May

Spring Show Results:

Thank you to WAL members and the Spring Show committee for all the efforts that lead to a successful 2016 Spring Show and reception. We have a great show, still up at the library through May 28. Thanks to everyone who contributed to and attended the reception on May 8. Congratulations to the following for their winning entries:

Best of show: "Low Tide," by Judi Heston

First place: "Grand Canyon Snow," by Barbara Doll

Second place: "Vitamine Sunshine," by Rob Mandel

Third place: "Adena," by Terri Ruh

Honorable mentions:

1. "Kitty," by Gail Paulus

2. "Garden Hydrangeas," by Norma Fiala

3. "Suzhou China Retreat," by John Cameron

4. "Swan Nebula," by Cathy Stoessner

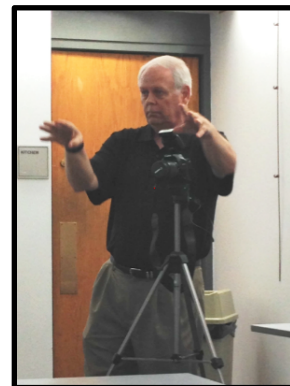
5. "Fish Out of Water," by Carolee Brown
6. "It Is a Beauty," by David Friedlander

Spring Show Takedown:

Takedown will occur on May 29, from 1-6pm. If you are unavailable on this date, please make arrangements to have your art picked up.

Past Meeting:

The April presenter was Rick Heston, who gave an informative presentation on digital photography with a focus on photographing your art work. Rick discussed aspects such as focus, lighting, framing, exposure, indoor versus outdoor shooting, post processing, and tricks he has learned with experience. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and a group discussion of preferred camera models and features.



Past Meeting Minutes:

Westerville Art League - Meeting Minutes

Westerville Public Library - Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Meeting called to order / Attendees welcomed by Terri Ruh, President

- New Member – Cliff Mitchell
- Attendee sign-in form circulated – 21 members present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Barbara Rores – Currently has a show in Worthington; also shows her work in two galleries – The Vault in Galena and Ohio Art Market in Uptown Westerville
- Kathryn Bubenchik – Currently has a show at Quest Business Center/Columbus
- 8 people went on the trip to the Columbus Museum of Art on Saturday, April 23rd – Fun was had by all!
- Per the Westerville Arts Council – Westival will be held at Alum Creek Park North on Saturday, June 4, Noon – 9 pm. Artists are needed. The cost is \$10 to enter. If you want your own booth the cost is \$30. Sign up by May 3rd.
- Mary Pat Turner had further discussions with staff at Blendon Woods, and they have reserved Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 – 5 pm, as the date for WAL to participate in a Plein Air Session there at the Park.

BUSINESS MEETING

Last month's meeting minutes approved by Ted Chaney and seconded by Kathy Smithson.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Smithson

- Current account balance is \$1,383.70
- The balance will be reduced after paying out prizes for the spring show.

Committee Reports

- Art in Public Places – Judi Heston
 - Java Central show ends this Sunday. Please pick up artwork at 4 pm.
 - Quest Business Center show begins in June. Take in is June 1st. More details will follow. Let Judi know if you are interested in participating.
- Programs – Lynn Carty and Karen Chambers
 - Neither in attendance
- Spring Show – Ted Chaney, Committee Chair
 - Take in is Sunday, May 1st, 1 – 4 pm
 - The brochure will include WAL's email address for anyone interested in purchasing a piece of art.
 - 44 entries this year
 - The reception will be on Sunday, May 8 – refreshments will be served. If you signed up to bring something, please don't forget! ☺
- Refreshments – Karen Shank
 - Not in attendance
 - No refreshments tonight
- Artist of the Month – Kathryn Bubenchik
 - This has been put on hold for the remainder of the year while under review by the Board.
- Newsletter – Nancy Hoffman
 - Awesome job!
- Website – Renee Kropat
 - Committee members are needed
 - Send any information for the website to Renee. The email address: westervilleartleague@gmail.com may be used. Terri monitors this mailbox.

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR 4th FRIDAYS – ARTS ALLEY

Terri asked Kathy Smithson, Lynn Carty and Gail Paulus to share pointers for making this a success.

Gail shared that she has a checklist of things to take with her including table cover, receipt book, business cards, order forms, etc. She has sold some small things like cards and jewelry and has also gotten some commissions while participating.

Kathy shared that she has things ready to go in totes. She said that inexpensive items typically sell the best. She has purchased clear sleeves for her cards, etc. from clearbags.com and typically uses Overnight Prints, and Vista Prints to get prints made.

OFFICER VOTING NEXT MONTH

Terri noted that the officer vote will take place at the May meeting. Terri will continue as President next year and Kathy Smithson will continue as Treasurer. Terri has recruited Rick Heston to serve as Vice President. The Secretary position is open. Duties for the position include taking minutes at the monthly meetings as well as the board meetings.

Several Chair positions are open next year:

- Program Chair – Will line up speakers for next year's meetings.
- Art in Public Places – Judi Heston will continue to chair this program next year.
- Publicity Chair - Will be responsible for social media and will help publicize shows, etc.
- Paint Out Chair – Will schedule one event next year at a location where a group can paint for half-day. Mary Pat indicated that the Blendon Woods opportunity in September could suffice as that "Paint-out".
- Trip Chair – Kathy Smithson has volunteered with Helen Cho to assist. They will plan a trip to another art museum, possibly Toledo, Cleveland, Zanesville, etc.

VOTING TONIGHT

After another discussion, a vote was held to determine if the Westerville Art League should enter into a relationship with Hanby Elementary School. The school approached WAL for assistance and representatives of WAL have met with the school to discuss the relationship. This proposal was brought to WAL by member, John Cameron. If approved, League members will work with children at the school representing WAL doing things like leading a demo, talking about their artwork, etc. Liability concerns were again expressed by Rick Heston even though members would always be with adult supervisors while working with students. Please note that without the endorsement of WAL, members may volunteer to help at any of the Westerville Schools. Paper ballots were issued to vote on whether to formalize a relationship with the school and the results were:

YES – 7

NO – 16

The issue was voted down.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION - Rick Heston, Photographing Your Art

Rick began his presentation by providing information on photography classes that he has taken and recommends. Classes are available through the Westerville Parks and Rec and also through the Westerville Senior Center. He provided great tips on taking quality photos of your artwork in the presentation. A PowerPoint of tips is available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Save the Date for a “Paint-Out!”

We have a “Paint-Out” scheduled at Blendon Woods on Sunday, September 18, from 2-5pm. We have the opportunity to do Plein Air as a group at the park. Details will be forthcoming.

Westerville Art Opportunities

Contributed by John Cameron

Arts Alley at 4th Fridays:

WHAT: "Arts Alley" is a unique opportunity for the Westerville Art League to exhibit our art to the Westerville community. **Arts Alley** is the "visual arts area" of the larger event known as "**4th Friday**". As the name implies, every **4th Friday** through the warm season, April - September (6- **4th Fridays**, thus 6 **Arts Alleys**) **NOTE: this is an outdoor venue**

WHEN: the first **Arts Alley** of the 2016 season is on **Friday, April 22, 2016, from 6:00-9:00 PM**

WHERE: we are located at the far south end of the 4th Friday event. Our display area is right beside Hanby School (north side of the school), on the east side of State Street, with table and display boards running on both sides of the sidewalk that goes to the north entrance of Hanby School

WHO: *all members of WAL* are encouraged to take advantage of this special opportunity to show our individual artistic creations with the Westerville community; if there are not enough WAL artists to use all available display space, we will invite non-WAL artists to display as well

WHY: *why not?* Displaying your art work at **Arts Alley** is fun, free, and easy! And, you'll be in the company of other very interesting and creative people- your fellow WAL artists (and maybe a few other artists as well)!

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW:

- *there is no fee for individual artists to exhibit at **Arts Alley***; the Arts Council of Westerville has generously paid the fees for the booth space we use to display our art for all 6 Arts Alley events
- we have 4 tables for artists to use who display art that cannot be hung
- we have sturdy, aesthetically pleasing display panels for artists whose art can be hung; panels are large enough to accommodate up to 70 medium sized works of art
- you need to bring you own chair
- artists are, of course, more than welcome to sell their art work; you may still display art that is "Not For Sale", if you choose
- electricity is available at a nearby electrical outlet; however, you will need to bring your own extension cords
- there are no tents or shelters to protect your art from rain, should that occur; you will need to be prepared to cover and protect your own art work if necessary

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ARTS ALLEY: to better coordinate this event, and be sure we have adequate display space for artists, *please be sure and contact John Cameron to reserve a spot at **Arts Alley***; you can reach John at: [614-282-1184](tel:614-282-1184) and/or: je7779cameron@gmail.com

Community Concert Band and Arts Festival:

WHAT: the Arts Council of Westerville (ACW) is sponsoring the second annual "**Community Concert Band and Arts Festival:**" This unique festival features nine different community concert bands (including the Westerville Community Concert Band, of course!), and, more importantly to WAL members, *the opportunity for visual artists to display and sell our own original works of art* **PLEASE NOTE: this is an outdoor venue**

WHEN: Saturday, June 4, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM

WHERE: Alum Creek Park, on west Main Street

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WHY: *why not?* Displaying your art work at the **Community Concert Band and Arts Festival** is fun and easy! And, you'll be in the company of other very interesting and creative people- your fellow WAL artists (and maybe a few other artists as well)!

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW:

- artists are, of course, more than welcome to sell their art work; you may still display art that is "Not For Sale", if you choose
- a good variety of food trucks will participate in this festival, so no need to pack you lunch and supper, unless you prefer to; the food trucks were very popular at last year's festival
- there are restrooms conveniently located next to the arts display area
- we have sturdy, aesthetically pleasing display panels for artists whose art can be hung; panels are large enough to accommodate up to 70 medium sized works of art
- electricity is **not** available at Alum Creek Park
- there are no tents or shelters to protect your art from rain, should that occur; you will need to be prepared to cover and protect your own art work if necessary

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND ARTS FESTIVAL": there are two ways that an artist can participate in the Community Concert Band and Arts Festival:

1.) if an individual artist wants to have their own, personal display booth to display and sell their art work, they can reserve a space for a fee of **\$30** (approximately a 10 ft X 10 ft area, but display space can be larger if needed, at no extra fee)

2.) if an individual artist prefers to display and sell a limited number of works of art (up to six), they can join (several) other artists in displaying their work on the ACW's display panels (for "hangable art" only); panels are large enough to accommodate up to 70 medium sized works of art; ***there is no fee for this display opportunity***

3.) to better coordinate this event, and be sure we have adequate display space for artists, *please be sure and contact John Cameron to reserve a spot at the **"COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND ARTS FESTIVAL"***; you can reach John at: [614-282-1184](tel:614-282-1184) and/or: je7779cameron@gmail.com

Art Instruction:

John Cameron offers a watercolor painting class titled "Watercolor Class for Beginners and Beyond" at the Sunbear Studio and Gallery, in Alexandria, Ohio. Classes are on Sundays, 2:00-4:30. Contact John at: je7779cameron@gmail.com or cell: 614-282-1184.

Member Exhibitions/Art Shows/Etc!

Congratulations to Carolee Brown, who has two pieces entered in the upcoming Ohio Watercolor Society show in October at the Riffe Gallery.

Upcoming WAL Shows:

June-July 2016

The Quest Business Center WAL show will run June-July. If interested in displaying artwork, please contact Judi Heston at, jbh@columbus.rr.com to be added to the list. Current participants include Kathryn Bubenchik.

October 2016

Westerville Community Center

Check us out!

*In the Westerville Community and Events Guide

Community Art Events/Offerings/Etc.:

Helen Kleczynski Workshop

Date: June 2, 2016. Location: Tuscarawas Center for the Arts, New Philadelphia Ohio. Making Your Mark: Learn how different types of pastels and paper contribute to the creation of different types of marks and textures. Sponsored by the Ohio Pastel Artists League. Contact Ginny Stocker at (330)343-5243 or gstocker@invp.com.

Date: June 3 – 4, 2016. Location: Tuscarawas Center for the Arts, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Color, Color, Color: A New Approach to Mixing Color. No matter how many pastels you purchase, you never have the right color. Conquer the color beast by learning how to mix color, adjust color, and model with color. Sponsored by the Ohio Pastel Artists League. Contact Ginny Stocker at (330)343-5243 or gstocker@invp.com.

2nd Annual Historic Dublin Street Bazaar!

Event: Saturday, September 3 from 9 AM to 5 PM* (*Severe weather rain date: Sunday, September 4)
Street Vendor (Artist, Artisan) Fee: \$95
Applications close end of July.

Vendor Information: <https://www.chelseaboroughhome.com/historic-dublin-street-bazaar-vendor->

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Judi Heston will be teaching a summer watercolor class at the Westerville Community Center. Classes are Wednesday mornings from 10:00-12:00pm. Class begins June 1st and runs for six weeks. Beginners through experienced watercolor artists welcome. Contact Judi at jbh@columbus.rr.com with any questions.

Cooley Studios

From Michael Cooley: I am contacting you to see if you or anyone you know would be interested in studying at Cooley Studios. We are offering training in **classical drawing and oil painting**. The type of student we are seeking would be one interested in rigorous, serious structured training is classical realism, ages 18, adults and seniors, professional and non-professionals.

We offer full and part-time atelier training as well as ongoing monthly classes. Our full and part-time study curriculum runs from Fall through Spring. We also offer Summer atelier classes and workshops. To find out more about the atelier program please click on this link (www.coolestudios.com) or call 614-390-0488.

WAL Website:

Please remember that Renee is always looking for more opportunities to post member work on the WAL website. She can only share and promote WAL to the world if we first share with her. Please take a moment to visit our website (westervilleartleague.com) to see if you are on the artist list, have updated information in your profile, and have the art you wish to share currently posted.

Great Links: Thank you to Renee Kropat for sharing local news and events.

<http://www.oac.ohio.gov/News-Events/OAC-News>

Art Auction/Sharing:

Do you have any art supplies you want to sell, trade, or share? Send information to Nancy Hoffman at nancy.hoffman@lakeshore.com to include in next newsletter.

2015-2016 Officers/Contact Info:

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Program co-chair - Karen Chambers karenc@contactpointe.com

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Refreshments - Karen Shank

WAL Website

westervilleartleague.com

General WAL Information:

Contact:

The Westerville Art League, Box 2422, Westerville OH, 43086, and info@westervilleartleague.com

Membership/Dues:

Interested individuals/potential members are welcome to attend a meeting prior to joining WAL.

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month (no meetings in December, June, July and August) at the Westerville Public Library. Meetings start at 6:30pm.

Contact a WAL officer (above) or info@westervilleartleague.com for more information about upcoming meetings.

WAL annual dues are \$25. Dues can be paid at a meeting or mailed to Kathryn Smithson, Treasurer, 357 Seminole Ave., Westerville, OH 43081.