



WAL

Westerville Art League

Newsletter
February, 2015

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 24th, 2015**
6:30 PM
Westerville Library

Presenter for upcoming meeting

Charles Rowland

Charles Rowland works in various media, including watercolor, gouache, acrylic and pen and ink. He has lived in the Columbus, Ohio area since 1970 and currently resides in southern Delaware County.

A watercolor artist for over 20 years he is both an active artist and teacher. His work has won many awards in Ohio area exhibitions and can be found in private and corporate collections throughout the Midwest, West and southern United States. His work is represented by the Jodie McCallum Gallery, Marblehead, Ohio, the Blue Cottage Gallery, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, the Kelly Graphics Gallery in Milan, Ohio, The Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio and the Red Z Gallery in Mt. Vernon, Ohio as well as various

exhibitions around the state. He is past President of the Worthington Area Art League, a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society, Central Ohio Watercolor Society, and the Worthington, Ohio and Westerville, Ohio Art Leagues.



Maine Catboat
Charles Rowland

Artist of the Month

Kathryn Smithson is February's WAL Artist of the Month.

Kathryn A Smithson is a native of Columbus Ohio. She started drawing in high school using graphite. She took classes in school as well as adult education classes in the evening. Coached mostly by her mother, also an artist, she switched to colored pencil and pastels in 2003. She currently prefers to use pastels, after taking weekly classes which taught her technique. Kathryn is a member of the Westerville Art league, and served as its president in winter of 2007-2008. She has had her artwork at Gallery 202 in Westerville Ohio, and Serindip Gallery in Powell Ohio. Kathryn has been in several Westerville Art league shows, a few in Worthington, Ohio State University. She has displayed her art in several places around Columbus for small shows. She has participated in numerous Art festivals and farmers markets in Westerville and Worthington Ohio. She is a Founding

member of the Ohio Pastel Art League, OPAL.



Kathryn Smithson

HISTORY

What media do you work with?

Mostly pastels

How long have you been painting?

I started pencil/graphite drawing in High school. Then kinda stopped when I had kids. (too busy) Then in 2003, I started drawing again, took a few private classes, and that's where I discovered Pastel and fell in love with that!

What are your artistic influences and or what inspires you?

There are so many great artists out there. My mother was a great influence on me. She was always there to coach me in my high school years and even when I started doing art work again! There are some great artists in the Pastel Society of America, one which I have been admiring lately is Julie Freeman

Your opinion about what makes your creation a complete work?

When I feel there is nothing more I can do with it. Usually an all of the sudden thing! It's a "feeling". Usually when I finish a stroke and start looking around for the next thing to do, and can't find anything! THEN, I usually post it to my Pastel league, OPAL, and ask for a critique. They are a huge help! Others can see, from a different perspective, things that you don't! THEN I call it "done"!

Do you have one style or many?

I think I have one style. I like realism.

What inspired you to choose this style(s) of art?

I guess I like to re-create my subjects as close to true life as possible. That's the fun of it for me. To see how close I can get.

How long does your creation generally take from beginning prep to end?

That is a very hard question to answer! "It Depends" is the best I can give. It depends on the subject, size, how detailed you want to be, the time you have to work on it. I have done ones such as "Chris Flower" that took an hour, to ones like my Hocking hills Old man Cave ones that took 9 months off and on. And if it's a commission that I am not particularly "feeling", it could take more time than usual.

Do you tend to do work in long stints or short spurts of time?

This also depends on time and schedule factors. I would say as a rule, I'm a short spurt person. With work, home, Church, and other things that come up, sometimes it's hard to devote a lot of time to it. You have to MAKE time!

Star Ornament Project

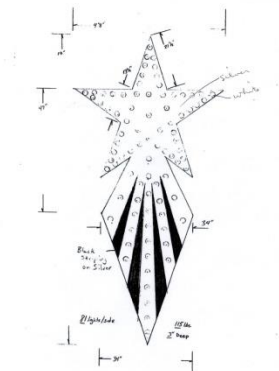
PLEASE NOTE: Andy Boatright would like to have some designs to review by the end of February.

Westerville Electric Department has asked our league to help them with a special Christmas project. This project centers on the familiar illuminated "Christmas Star" that is hung every year above the intersection of State Street and Main Street in Uptown Westerville. The star is 80 years old, and the Electric Department would like to commemorate this historic community holiday symbol in a number of ways:

1. They are going to completely refurbish the star, so that it is in good enough condition to be displayed for the next 80 years
2. They are holding what is essentially a "design contest", to pick the best effort on the part of a local artist to create a small model of the star, which would be

the appropriate size, shape and design for a Christmas ornament (e.g., something that could be hung on a Christmas tree).

3. The ornament would be reproduced and sold to the public as a fundraiser.
4. Funds raised through sales of the star ornament would go to a fund which would assist residents of Westerville who be having difficulty in paying their utility bill.
5. The plan is for this to be an annual event.



Spring Show Information

The spring show will be held in the Westerville Library this year (same place as last year) during May, 2015. The reception will be **Saturday, May 3rd** (Save the date!). WAL members are encouraged to bring finger food. WAL will provide the refreshments.

Steven Walker will be this year's judge; music to be provided by Andy Vanselow.

Get entry forms from Lynn Carty. \$20 Entry fee, paid at the time you bring your artwork. Bring artwork (max 2 pieces) April 30th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Hang art 5/1. Take down will be on 5/26.

Rules:

1. Entrants must be members in good standing with The Westerville Art League and have been present for at least two monthly meetings prior to the March 2015 meeting.
2. Each entrant may enter up to two (2) pieces. In addition to 2D work, you may also enter three-dimensional work. There is no size limitation. Copies from other artists' work or from published material will not be accepted. Work previously shown in Westerville Art League juried shows is not acceptable.
3. The original pieces must be suitably framed for exhibition. Framing is not required for wrap-around canvases. Frames and wrap-around canvases must have picture wire hanger on the back, (no saw tooth hangers permitted), with the ends twisted and covered with tape for hand protection. The Westerville Art League reserves the right to reject any art that does not have adequate hanging or framing that is not in good condition. Please check frames and glass before submission to see that their appearance is satisfactory.
4. Two-dimensional artwork such as fabrics, quilts and so on are not subject to the above language on framing.
5. Please fill out the labels - one per artwork. Place the required label on the back of each art piece. Facing the back, place it in the upper right corner.
6. Works may be marked not for sale (NFS).
7. The Westerville Art League has permission to photograph this artwork only for League Publication or news release.
8. Each artist will insure their own work.

Kathy Smithson is co-chair. Help make this another successful spring show!

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

Meeting Minutes

WESTERVILLE ART LEAGUE JANUARY 27, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

I. **Meeting Called to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by John Cameron, President. Members were welcomed and several new guests were welcomed. Ann Troutman, Will & Marsha Cornelius, Mary Pat Turner, Rick Heston (wife, Judi is currently member) & Janice Oswald. The attendance sign-in form was passed around to those present. Members arriving after the start of the meeting were also presented with the sign-in roster.

II. **Business Meeting** -

A. The Westerville Art League Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2014, were approved as presented by Karen Chambers.

B. Lynn Carty gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in our account as of today's date is \$1,022.75. Lynn also reminded people that January 27th is the deadline for the \$25 membership fee in order to participate in future events.

C. **Committee Reports** -

Judi Heston is the newly appointed volunteer for Art in Public Places. A special thank you to Judi for her willingness to serve. If members have any suggestions for new venues, please contact Judi with the details so that she may follow-up. We are currently looking for a list of all of the places we have exhibited in the past. Steve Hill was previously in charge of this Committee and could possibly have a listing of those venues.

Terri Ruh is doing a great job as Program Chair. There is no speaker tonight due to the fact we are setting priorities. Charlie Rowland will be our guest in February. He will be doing a presentation on composition. Bob Bruce will be on the calendar in the future - Architect perspectives.

Kathy Smithson indicated that she has secured Steven Walker as a Judge for the WAL Spring Show. We will have the same musician as last time. The entrance fee is \$20, maximum of two pieces. The take-in date is April 30th. The Reception will be on May 3rd, from 2pm to 4pm.

Karen Shank is in charge of our refreshments sign up sheet. Please see her during our refreshments break if you are willing to participate in sharing in this responsibility.

Kathryn Bubenchik is in charge of the Artist of the Month sign up sheet. There was one month open - May - for the remainder of this year and that has been filled with our new member,

Mary Pat Turner. We currently have openings to be filled for September, October & November when we reconvene in the fall. Please see Kathryn if you are interested in any of those opportunities to share your talents and experiences with the group.

Terri Ruh is soliciting any art-related articles for the WAL Newsletter. If anyone has anything new please include a digital picture if possible. Great job on the Newsletter, Terri!

We still are looking for a volunteer to working with Website Manager, Renee Kropat as an administrator representing WAL. The floor was opened for any volunteers. This is only WAL position on a committee remaining open to be filled for 2014-15II. Please contact John if you are interested in serving on this committee.

D. John Cameron & Lynn Carty are representing WAL in community by membership in the Arts Council of Westerville & COVAC (Central Ohio Visual Arts Council). John additionally is a member of the Westerville Visitors Bureau - which benefits our organization.

E. Don Reither is still willing to have the painting / art parties. Don may be contacted if you are interested in attending. These are currently at Kathy Smithson's - anyone can come over after work 6:30-7:00pm

F. Westerville Electric Department is looking for WAL member candidates to participate in a design contest to create a remake on the "Westerville Christmas Star." The Star needs to be refurbished and this is a great opportunity for us to participate. They are holding what is essentially, a "design contest," to pick the best effort on the part of a local artist to create a small model of the star which would be the appropriate size, shape and design for a Christmas tree ornament. Their intention is to be able to reproduce the ornament which could be sold to the public as a fundraiser. Funds would be used to assist Westerville residents who need monetary assistance in paying their utility bill. The plan is to make this an annual event. [Note: After the meeting, Lori Andrews volunteered to contact the Electric Department and will share the information with all WAL members. Lori felt this is a great opportunity for WAL - keeping in mind this design could be reproduced anywhere from 200 to 500 pieces. Some artists might be able to make their design in quantity by themselves, while others may need third party intervention. It is a great possibility to collaborate with the Westerville Community. Special thanks to Lori for taking the time to meet with Andy Boatwright to obtain and share this information with WAL members.]

G. There was a short break for refreshments - yay!!!!

III. WAL "Artist of the Month" Presentation - Ginny Baughman gave a presentation to the group on her experiences and evolution of her art. There were many examples of her work. Ginny was presented with an Artist of the Month certificate in appreciation for sharing her talents and experiences.

Kathy Smithson will be our Artist of the Month for our February WAL program.

IV. WAL Program Presentations - Goals

A. Short-term Goals - 2015

1. Increase Membership
2. Sponsor a Workshop this Year
3. Community Outreach - Otterbein, High School Art Depts, Senior Center
4. Continuing involvement with Arts Alley
5. Develop brochures to distribute to Hobby Lobby, Library, etc.

B. Long-term Goals - 2015 and beyond

1. Increase Membership - Example 10% per year.
2. Link up with other Art Leagues for workshops and larger art fairs
3. Art Education separately for kids and adults
4. Strengthen ties with ACW
5. Studio Socials

V. Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
Submitted by Kathryn Bubenchik

WAL Calendar

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| February | 2/24/15 | WAL meeting Artist of the Month: ** Kathryn Smithson ** Refreshments: ** Dave Friedlander ** | |
| March | 3/24/15 | WAL meeting Artist of the Month: Terri Ruh Refreshments: Snack: Kathryn Bubenchik Beverage: Kathy Smithson | |
| April | 4/28/15 4/24/15 | WAL meeting Artist of the Month: Barbara Rores Refreshments: Snack: Carolee Brown Beverage: Vi Hendershot Fourth Friday – Artists Alley – Uptown Westerville | |
| May | 5/3/15 5/22/15 | Spring Show – ** need a volunteer ** Reception – Spring Show – Westerville Library Fourth Friday – Artists Alley – Uptown Westerville | |
| | 5/26/15 | WAL meeting | |

Art Auction

Do you have any art supplies you want to sell? Send the info to Terri Ruh terrijuh_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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 - Pastels