



# WAL

## Westerville Art League

Newsletter  
January, 2015

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
6:30 PM  
Westerville Library

### ***Presenter from last meeting***

**Nancy Vance**, from OPAL (Ohio Pastel Artists League) was our presenter at the November meeting. Nancy shared with us her thoughts and experiences using pastel as an art medium. She provided a PowerPoint demonstration as well as an easel with samples of the different types of pastels and different types of paper. Nancy likes both hard and soft pastels. She likes to apply wet underpaintings. She will first do a light sketch. She recommends using high quality paper and pastels. Papers come in different levels of grit. She prefers doing the wet underpaint first; that way, when pastels are applied on top, it won't appear muddy.

### ***Topic for next meeting***

Now that the 2015 is upon us and the holiday season is past, it's time to begin with a fresh outlook for the Westerville Art League. Our January meeting will focus on member discussion and ideas. We want to hear from you!

### ***Dues Reminder***

Just a reminder, in order to participate in the Spring Show, your dues (\$25) must be paid by the January meeting (next Tuesday).

## ***Artist of the Month***

Ginny Baughman is January's WAL Artist of the Month.

We're very pleased to present Ginny Baughman as Artist of the Month. Ginny has recently rejoined the Westerville Art League, and we're very happy to have her back as a member. Ginny's accomplishments are many! She graduated from the University of Dayton in 1981 with a BFA and in 2004 from OSU with an MA in Art Education. Ginny teaches a variety of art classes in a many different venues all over central Ohio. She is influenced by "many different artists and techniques. These include, but are not limited to, the imaginary qualities of the surrealists, the constructiveness of cubists, the illuminating qualities of the Impressionists, the emotionalism of the Expressionists, and the soul searching narratives of the feminists." Ginny has had her art displayed at the Westerville Music and Arts festival (twice), Java Central, Westerville Community Center, the Westerville Library, Yellow Springs, MAC Center of Art in Worthington, City Center Gallery, the Ohio State Fair, and the list goes on and on (whew!).

We look forward to hearing more about Ginny's experiences as an artist and some examples of her work!



Spiral of Life Installation 2013

## ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> (Save the date!)

Kathy Smithson is co-chair – **and we still are looking for another co-chair!!** Help make this another successful spring show!

## WAL Members exhibit at Java Central

Several WAL members currently have an exhibit at Java Central, for the months of January and March, 2015. The reception will be on **Thursday, January 22, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. Java Central is located at 20 South State Street in Uptown Westerville. The artists displaying are:

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

All WAL members are most welcome to attend, as well as anyone else interested in good art, naturally. Please feel free to let your friends, neighbors, congregation, other clubs and groups, family and “fellow countrymen and women” know about the reception. Invite them to attend! A good turnout at the reception will not only be good for WAL (and maybe help to spur a few sales of our paintings!), but also good for Ralph and Java. I think he’s been a strong supporter of the arts in Westerville, and specifically of WAL. This would be a nice opportunity to “return the favor”, a bit.

## Other Members’ Exhibits

Kathy Smithson has artwork hanging in the Varckette Family Chiropractor's office in Worthington. She even sold one, called "Fall Storm".



“Fall Storm” – Kathy Smithson

## **Sip and Sketch.**

Here is an opportunity for you to teach your art skills and have fun doing so. Sip and Sketch is in need of artists to teach at Meza Wine Shop in Uptown Westerville. This program will run through the end of May. Many of you have led a session, or know someone who would be interested. Artists are needed for the following dates (the first Tuesday and the THIRD WEDNESDAY) :

Feb. 3 (Tues) Feb. 18 (Wed) March 3(Tues) March 18 (Thurs) April 7 (Tues) April 22 (Thurs) May 5 (Tuesday) May 20 (Wed) Please contact:

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## ***Meeting Minutes***

# Westerville Art League Meeting Minutes

11/25/14

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

Attendance sheet was passed around.

Java Central is hosting the Westerville Art League during the months of January and February. Ralph Denick, owner of Java Central, is allowing WAL members to hang their works there during that time.

Two new guests were at the meeting.

The financial report from Lynn: as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning balance was 431.65, minus expenses of 145.90 to Terri Ruh for reimbursement of web hosting expenses, plus receipt of membership dues of 280.00, bringing the ending balance to 565.75.

Additionally, a community member, Jerry Schwarzkopf, recently passed away. Dixie Shoemaker knew Jerry. Jerry had an interest in the arts and his daughter asked that contributions be made to the Westerville Art League. The WAL received \$335 from donors. Lynn will send thank you letters. This brings the checking account balance to 900.75.

John reminded the attendees that membership dues of \$25 need to be paid by January 27, 2015 in order to participate in the Spring Show. A question was asked about the rules of participation, and if it was still required to attend a minimum number of WAL meetings in order to participate in the spring

show. John said that the by-laws state that there is a minimum required, but he and Lynn are considering loosening those rules to allow more inclusion into the show.

### **Committee Reports:**

- The only committee chair that is still vacant is the Art in Public Places. John and Lynn have been temporarily working to help fill that void. Per John, Kathryn Bubenchik, at the last meeting, had read the list of venues available to WAL members, which brings to light the opportunity for members to display their artwork.
- Program Chair report: per Terri Ruh, no update at this time.
- Spring Show report: per Kathy Smithson, Steven Walker will be the judge. Kathy contacted a musician about possibly playing during the reception and is awaiting his response. First chair meeting will be held at 6:00 pm before the January WAL meeting. Still need a co-chair for the Spring Show.
- Newsletter report: John reminded attendees to send information to Terri Ruh to continue making the newsletter useful and informative.
- Website: Renee Kropat is chair. Still looking for assistant.

John announced that the WAL has connected with three local organizations to help promote members' artwork:

- Arts Council of Westerville
- Central Ohio Visual Arts
- Visitors Bureau.

Lynn announced that she, Gail Paulus, and one of the meeting's new attendees, Ginny Baumann, will be participating in High Road Gallery's Nifty under Fifty on Sunday.

**New Business:** Don Reither suggested art get-togethers, where members can gather for a few hours, to just paint, and do their artwork together. He considered meeting at people's houses, but is too much [work to ask of someone]. Java Central was suggested as a possible place for this purpose.

**Artist of the Month:** Don Reither. Don shared a couple of framed works and a print of a painting he did of his cousin.

**Speaker for the meeting** was Nancy Vance, introduced by Lynn. Nancy has won numerous awards and is currently a member of OPAL (Ohio Pastel Artists League). Nancy will be displaying her artwork, approximately 27 paintings, during the month of December at the Innis house at Inniswood. For her presentation for the meeting, Nancy brought an easel to display different types of pastel paper, each showing examples of what pastel looks like on each. She described the characteristics of the paper, and pros and cons of each. She also did a PowerPoint presentation of several pieces of her artwork, showing each phase of the piece as it was being completed.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.

### **WAL Calendar**

<b>January</b>			
1/22/15 – Thursday		<b>Reception at Java Central</b>	6:00 to 8:00
1/27/15		<b>WAL meeting –</b> <b>Artist of the Month:</b> Ginny Baughman <b>Refreshments:</b> Snack: Lynne Carty Beverage: Peg Rutland Deadline for dues- in order to participate in spring show Discuss ideas for the WAL	
February	2/24/15	<b>WAL meeting</b> <b>Artist of the Month:</b> ** need a volunteer ** <b>Refreshments:</b> ** Need volunteers **	
March	3/24/15	<b>WAL meeting</b> <b>Artist of the Month:</b> Terri Ruh <b>Refreshments:</b> Snack: Kathryn Bubenchik Beverage: Kathy Smithson	
April	4/28/15  4/24/15	<b>WAL meeting</b> <b>Artist of the Month:</b> Barbara Rores <b>Refreshments:</b> 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](mailto: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](mailto:je7779cameron@gmail.com) or cell: 614-282-1184.

If any of you provide art instruction, please send me your info, and I’ll include it in the next newsletter. [Terrijuh\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Terrijuh_2000@yahoo.com)