PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

“Fine Art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together”

- John Ruskin

That quote seems to correlate with the three things that I think a great piece of art should have at least one of: a high degree of skill, a high degree of cleverness, and/or a high degree of beauty. Creating art can sure be a challenge that we can put a lot of ourselves into.

I hope that everyone is having a great month and is getting a chance to work on their list of projects. Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year to get out and take lots of photographs with the hope that a few of them will end up being an inspiration for a future painting.

It was great to see the pictures and hear the ideas that are in the minds of those who shared them with us. I can’t wait to see them materialize into future masterpieces or at least attempted masterpieces.

As a reminder, the challenge for our next meeting is to bring along a new or old copy of your artist statement. I will be putting one together for the first time. At the next meeting, we can leave them out and get ideas and learn about the different artists in the group.

An article I found helpful about creating artist statements was on the “Light Space and Time Online Gallery” website. According to the article, the perfect artist’s statement should sound as if you were in a conversation with the artist. It should be short and simple. It should explain why the artist creates this kind of work, how he creates it and what it means to the artist.

Each month I plan to set out a new challenge that may help us in our development. A lot of these ideas will be of things that I have wanted to do but never have. I am also open to suggestions about things that would be good short term goals.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple weeks.

Janet Knapp
I’m pleased to announce that there were three State award winners from our Waukesha WRAP show that went on to win conference awards at the Center For Visual Arts in Wausau:

*Carol Brown, Five Painters Award, for “Brown Pelican”*
*Karla Fuller, Catherine Hundt Art Award, for “Served Me Right”*
*Shannon Finger, Lakeland Art League Award, for “Laarni’s Dance”*

I’m also proud and humbled to report that yours truly Jan Wood won the Ada Biddick Award, for “Pure Joy” which had won a State award at the Burlington WRAP show.

The Tiny Treasures calendar contest 1st Place prize went to me, Jan Wood for an alcohol ink painting, titled “Lab Specimen”. Oh my!

Former WCAL member Julie Nusbaum won the month of December for “Nestled In”.

The Waukesha Creative Arts League Award went to K. J. Forest, who won a State award at the Sun Prairie WRAP for “Waterlily Trio”.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in the 2017 WRAP Shows and I look forward to seeing your artwork in the 2018 season and at the conference next September at the Pyle Center in Madison. – Jan Wood

Jan Wood, WRAP Show Coordinator

**SEPTMBER MEETING**

Linda Barutha will be our artist at the September 20th meeting. Linda is a self taught artist that makes functional art items and specializes in working with duck cloth. She teaches mixed media art workshops and retreats and previously owned a store in Mukwanago where she also taught classes. She will lead us in making a project at our next meeting.

You can find some examples of her work on Pinterest.

We will be having a critique at our October meeting. Susan Farmer Tiefenthaler will be our guest artist.

Linda Glavan

**EXHIBITIONS**

**BROOKFIELD LIBRARY**

Sept 1 – Sept 30 – Betty Clayton – 262-785-9033
Nov-17 Renee Couture

**WAUKESHA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Sept 1 – Sept 30 Meemaikashi Fnu
Oct 1 – Oct 31 – Courthouse Purchase

Two or more members may join together to exhibit. All exhibits will be up for 6 weeks with the exception of the Courthouse where September will still be for 1 month.

**REMEMBER TO FILL THE GALLERY APPLICATION AND GET IT TO HILDA A COUPLE WEEKS BEFORE YOU ARE GOING TO EXHIBIT. FORMS ARE IN THE**
SIGNUP BOOK BEHIND THE SIGNUP SHEET.
Hilda has been assigning these spaces to other Waukesha County residents. Can we fill these spaces?

TUDOR OAKS IN MUSKEGO.
September 15 – October 13 – Reserved for Tudor Oaks Senior
October 14 – November 30 . OPEN
Tudor Oaks personnel will hang the artwork if you wish.

REMINDER: Exhibitors should coordinate “taking down” with “putting up” to minimize effort with respect to the hanging systems, particularly at the library and courthouse.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KATHY HOSCH AT 262-965-3101.

The Exhibition Sign-Up Book will be passed at the beginning of each meeting.

Following venues can be scheduled individually: Delafield Public Library, 262-646-6230, contact any library staff; Pauline Haass Public Library, Sussex, 262-246-5180; Music Dynamics, Sussex, 262-820-9984; Hales Corners Library, 414-529-6150, contact Pat; Muskego Library, 262-971-2100, contact Penny; North Lake Town Hall Library, 262-966-2933; Pewaukee Library, 262-691-7003, contact Beth.

Exhibition Guidelines
• Each exhibition member may choose two venues a year.
• Should there be open spaces after everyone has seen the exhibition book, these spaces can then be filled.
• The newsletter will list artist’s hanging at each venue each month.
• List will be posted for two months ahead. Each artist is responsible for contacting preceding and succeeding artist to coordinate dates to hang and remove paintings.

Kathy Hosch

Chairperson

WCAL MEMBER SHOW

This year's Member Show will be held at the Oconomowoc Fine Arts Center as usual.

The dates this year are drop off/set-up on Sat. November 25th from 10-12 with the official start on Dec. 1-22nd. Our artist's reception will be on Dec. 2nd prior to the John McGivern Kodachrome Christmas. We will have beverages and snacks along with a People's Favorite award from 5:30-7pm. The membership decided not to have a judge and other awards this year.

Invite friends and family to the reception and you may want to get a ticket to see the show as well! We'll take down the show on Wed. Jan. 3 from 12-2pm. Helpers will be needed for hanging the show on the 25th. If you'll be out of town please arrange with me or someone near you to bring your art work in. We will allow up to 3 pieces per artist for the mere cost of $10.00! Start planning and working now! I will have entry forms etc. for the October meeting and can email it later in September as well. Entry cut-off with be the Nov. meeting on the 15th.

Looking forward to a splendid show again this year :-)

Member Show chairperson, Renee Couture

COURTHOUSE SHOW

If you have not gotten your entry to me for the Courthouse Art Show, sooner is better than later. Get your entry to me and send the names of the paintings later but........ not later than Sept. 21...... by email or 262-385.5320. There are only 18 more days before the deadline. I am attaching
an entry form if you have lost the last one I sent. Share with your other artsy friends.

Margaret

FACEBOOK

WCAL has a group Facebook website. It allows public access to information about WCAL and its happenings. Anyone can view the information posted, but only people that ‘join’ the group can get notifications about updates and happenings. If you would like to view the group or join our group, please follow these directions:

1. You must first sign-up for an account with Facebook.com. This will require basic information and a valid email address. (If you only want to view the group without creating an account, please contact me, Katie Calhoun, and I will bring in my laptop.)

2. After signing-up for an account you must ‘search’ for the group. On the top of the page next to the Facebook logo, there will be a white bar that states ‘search.’ In this search bar you need to type in Waukesha Creative Arts League. A group called the Waukesha Creative Arts League should show up with a small WCAL logo. Click on the group title, this should take you to the WCAL group site.

3. Once you are viewing the Waukesha Creative Arts League group, you can ‘join’ the group on the top right hand side of the page. Keep in mind that you need to be logged in to your own account when you do this.

4. After joining, you can message other members, post comments and photos on the group site, find information on shows, etc.
WCAL MEETINGS
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
(2016 Center Rd, Waukesha, WI
Hwy 59 and Center RD
Meeting – 6:30 pm