

North Clackamas Arts Guild

NCAG is a 501.c.3 Non-Profit Dedicated to the appreciation and understanding of the arts, the encouragement of new artists, and promotion of art interests throughout the community.

January 2016

New Members Welcome
Open to Northwest Artists of All Skill levels
Celebrating our 22nd year



www.ncartsguild.com

Dues & Donations tax deductible

Next Meeting

Date: January 12th, 2016

Time: 1-4pm

Place: Oak Lodge Water Dist. Bldg.
14496 SE River Road,
Milwaukie, Or 97267

(See map on our website).

Located on the corner of River Rd & Maple .

Look for the green metal roof.

Enter using door on left side of bldg.

We leave 3 parking spots for the regular OLWD customers

Presidents Message from Connie Emmons



Looking back at the many artists I have had the opportunity to meet and take instructions with through demos and workshops as well as sharing with guild members has been the highlight of my year. I want to thank each member who made contributions of time and effort that made us a stronger and happier guild. Not only did we hold our Spring Show & Sale in May but held a Fall Art Show and Competition in October as well. It has been a very good year with many new members joining and the opportunity to see new types of art.

There are more great events to look forward to starting in January with an exciting free Demo by John Halvorsen you wont want to miss! And those who took Shirlee Linds Workshop in October are encouraged to bring their work to share at the January meeting. Its amazing how every artist puts their own spin on a project and I cant wait to see how all the paintings turned out! Our next workshop with Gary Michaels is coming soon so pre-register soon, space is limited to 12.

As the New Year begins, we invite everyone to be ready to share their ideas so that we can have another successful year and make the Guild reflect what members want it to be. The last Board meeting brainstormed and brought up suggestions for resuming our Scholarship program and a potential group field trip to the Portland Art Museum (I hear Rodin, one of the world's greatest sculptors will be featured, as well as Art from the Andesthe Elvin Dverst Collection including Spanish Colonial paintings, and there will be the 2016 Contemporary Northwest Art Awards too). What ideas do you see for the Guild?.

It takes about 4 months to get all the pieces in place for a show so now is the time to plan for our next Spring Show. We will also have upcoming opportunities, as terms end in April, to serve on committees or the Board. Available positions will be announced at the next meeting and guess who is willing to run for another term on the Board (hint-I am). Nominations can be submitted in January and February before elections in March. New terms start after April inductions.

I get so excited about all that the Guild has to offer and believe me it is more fun when you are more involved. You can call me anytime if you are not sure how to get on a committee or are interested in serving on our Board. I am never too busy to talk to members.

Make sure your renewals are turned in so you don't miss out on another exciting year of art. Our monthly Critique sessions allow our group to learn from one another and we are already planning demos and workshops to stretch our learning capacity.

Sincerely,

Connie Emmons, NCAG President.



NCAG Contact Information

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December Critique Excerpts



Patti Kraft Art



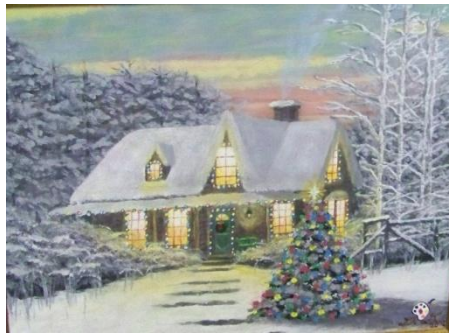
Jerry Schmidt Art



Gordon Kruse Art



Pam Davis Art



Gordon Kruse Art



Jerry Schmidt Art



Rhoda Bohr Art



Dee Todd Art



Gene Yates Art



Maggie Garver Art



Connie Emmons Art



Bring a painting or two to the next Critique and show us what you have been up to. The Critiques are an educational opportunity for all of us, and you may even get some suggestions you might like to try.

In-House Competition Winners

With all the wonderful entries to choose from, picking a Winter/Holiday themed winner wasn't easy to do. But it was so great to see all the art! Here are the top three winners....

1st Place winner was Pam Davis with her beautiful painting of Poinsettias in a golden vase.



2nd Place ribbon went to Shirlee Lind for her multilayered and textured collage art of kids in snow.



3rd Place ribbon went to Rhoda Bohr for her nostalgic snowy cabin scene.



We want to thank all the artists that provided art for this competition. It really put us in the Holiday spirit. There is certainly a lot of talent in the Guild. The next In House Competition will be in 3 months, we are discussing changing the themes for the In House Competitions from seasonal to something more specific...details to be announced in January so you can plan ahead and paint toward the next competition. If you have suggestions for themes, contact a board member or In House Competition Chair Pam Davis. Contact numbers listed on front of newsletter.

Agenda for Jan 12th Meeting

- 1:00pm....Critique (bring a painting or two).
Bring Shirlee Lind workshop paintings.
- 2:00pm....General Meeting
- 2:30pm.... Refreshments and social time.
- 3-4:00pm.. Free Demo.

Demo at January Meeting

John Halvorsen- *Rethinking Color*

NCAG Member John Halvorsen enjoys using primary and bright colors in his abstract artwork. Find out how he decides which colors to use to add a



refreshing twist to his contemporary paintings. "A country road doesn't have to be the traditional brown". John paints acrylic on canvas and his use of color adds a surprise for the viewer to enjoy.

Join us in January (weather permitting) and see how fun it could be to spice up your art with unconventional colors!



Door Prizes Awarded in December

Our President Connie Emmons surprised the Guild at the December Holiday Party by having a free drawing for many door prizes. Here is the list of winners, Graci Evans, Chris Everest, Gordon Kruse, Sandie Jelinek, Gene Yates, Pam Davis, Dee Todd, Patti Kraft, Kathy Brown, Maggie Garver, Rhoda Bohr, Shirlee Lind, Kristy Flaherty and Dennis Emmons. Pictured below is Kristy Flaherty helping Connie Emmons draw lucky names from the Santa hat.



Hospitality team shines again



Our Hospitality Co-chairs Kathy Brown and Dee Todd are shown above with their Holiday table setting and all the food brought in by members for the Pot Luck. It smelled and looked so good we broke tradition and ate before we did anything else.

**"To practice any art,
no matter how well
or badly, is a way to
make your soul grow.
So do it."**

Kurt Vonnegut

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Creativity Table Provided by Barb

Our Secretary Barb Seliner set up a creative corner for members to make collage Christmas Cards for our Community Project, the



Gladstone Meals on Wheels recipients. With glue, scissors, markers, glitter and recycled Christmas Cards it was fun to see what the members came up with. Money was put inside each card as an added gift. At left is Gene Yates being creative.



Member News

You may have noticed that NCAG member Shirlee Lind has classes offered in the Clackamas Community College/Community Education catalog that came out recently. She teaches at both the Gladstone Senior Center and in Oregon City. Prices are reasonable and she is an excellent instructor. Check it out.

More Photos from our Holiday Party



A good time was had by all.



Membership Renewals Due Jan 1st

Our treasurer, Diana Strom, is busy receiving membership renewals for 2016. Many members took advantage of the Dec meeting to re-up without

the cost of a postage stamp. Renewals for 2016 are still just \$30 annually and due Jan 1st. Jerry Schmidt asked how much is that on a daily basis.... 8 cents a day for all this education and fun. What a bargain! Shown above is Sandie Jelinek renewing with Diana.

Remember, due to our non-profit status, your NCAG dues and any donations you make during the year are Tax Deductible!!!



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Membership Application/ Renewal Form

Dues are \$30 Annually, renewal due on January 1st

Make check payable to NCAG

Mail to: Treasurer NCAG, PO Box 220004

Milwaukie, Or 97269-0004

Name _____ Ph _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

New Member Renewal of Membership Todays Date _____

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Please send me my newsletter via Email or US Postal Delivery

Open to All Northwest Artists



Pre-Register for Gary Michael's 2-Day Pastel Workshop

Instructor: Gary Michael

Media: Soft Pastels (not oil pastel)

Dates: Jan 30th and Feb 6th (Saturdays)

Time: 9:30-3:30pm.

Place: Oak Lodge Water District Building,
14496 SE River Rd, Oak Grove, Or.

Tuition: \$20/day NCAG Members, \$30/day Non-Members
Appropriate for artists of all skill levels
Class size limited 6-12 students.

Reserve your space with Char Tritt at 971-570-5782 or
email Char.tritt@gmail.com

Checks can be made out to NCAG, given
to Char Tritt at January meeting or mailed
to her at 5 Hillshire Dr., Lake Oswego,
OR 97034



To start each day, Gary will do a very
quick demo with suggestions to help you get started on a
painting. After the demos, he will work with each participant,
offering advice and encouragement. Be prepared to have fun!
Pastel is a wonderful and forgiving medium!

MATERIALS:

- 1) Soft pastels (not oil pastels)- a set of 12 is adequate.
- 2) Paper or board- many brands are available, should have texture or grit to help hold the pastel.
Beginners –should bring 8x10” or 9x12” paper,
Experienced -can bring up to 12x16” paper.
You may do several paintings in two days.
- 3) Backing board- a rigid board to use with easel.
- 4) Easel- either table-top or standing up easel is fine.
Ideally, you should be painting on a nearly vertical surface.
- 5) Aluminum foil- used to catch the pastel dust below your painting.
- 6) Paper towels or tissues- for cleaning fingers and pastels.
- 7) Photos- several SIMPLE subjects. I will bring some too.
- 8) Tape- for taping paper to backing board. Not needed if you are painting on a rigid surface like Pastelboard by Ampersand.
- 9) Bring a Lunch/snacks- we'll have a break around noon, but you may keep painting if you wish. Guild will provide coffee.

Call or email Gary with questions:
[503-659-9116](tel:503-659-9116) or garymic@gmail.com

Art Factoid

One half of our nation's healthcare institutions like hospitals,
care facilities, assisted living ALFs etc. provide arts programs.

Why?

Because it has proven to result in shorter hospital stays, better
pain management and less medication!



Looking to be more involved?

Openings on the board and committees coming soon!
Get to know people in the guild and give input on its direction.

1) **Vice President Char Tritt** is stepping down in April
after two years in office. She would like to continue her
second Guild job coordinating our workshops but is
looking for a co-coordinator to help with set up and
clean up at Workshop events.

Duties of Vice President are :

Assisting President, Conduct meetings in absence of
President.
Arrange for monthly demo. (No demo in Dec. Or July)
Attend Board Meetings.

2) **Secretary Barbara Seliner** is stepping down in
April after one year in office. She would like to be the
alternate secretary and assist in the transition.

Duties of Secretary are:

Keeping records of all Guild meetings and giving a copy
of each meeting to members of the Board.
Providing past minutes at Guild meetings.
Working with Show Chairperson on secretarial projects.
Attend Board and General meetings.
Let President know if unable to attend a meeting.

We also have some committee positions opening up.

Hospitality: Dee Todd and Kathy Brown will be ready
for replacements on the Hospitality team when their
terms end in April.

Duties of Hospitality are :

Make coffee, put out donated goodies.
Purchase supplies, give receipt to treasurer.
Pass refreshment sign-up sheet around for Guild
members to bring goodies.
Clean up kitchen area, remove garbage we made.
Return unused serving supplies (cups, spoons, plates,
platters, tablecloths etc.) to Guilds' storage unit or
OLWD closet.
Chairperson encouraged to attend Board meetings.

See you at the meeting
January 12, 2016