



WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014

The Watauga Valley Art League will meet Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Johnson City Memorial Park Community Center, 510 Bert Street, in Johnson City from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. An informal art critique begins at 10:30 am for those interested, as well as a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The meeting's program "The Decorating Artist" will be presented by Judy O'Hara. Ms.O'Hara will describe and demonstrate techniques such as brush strokes and brush loading as well as skills she has used in the decor of her own home.

Some of WVVA artists' artwork may be seen on the League's website: www.wataugavalleyartleague.com . For more information about the meeting or WVVA please contact Karen Foote at 423-282-3029

***** Dues for 2014: \$33 per person and \$45 per couple and \$18 per art student *****
Mail to: **Judy O'Hara, Membership Chairperson, PO Box 2177, Johnson City, TN 3760**

JOHNSON CITY PARKS & RECREATION INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Community Centers, Art Center, & Pools

When City Schools close due to inclement weather, community centers, art center and pools will cancel events and programs that are scheduled, including after school and evening programs for that day. When City Schools are on a delay due to inclement weather, community centers, art center, and pools will re-open at 12 noon. If inclement weather occurs on a Saturday when schools are not in session the Parks & Recreation Department Director will determine when parks and centers would open and make a decision by 6:00 am. When schools let out early due to inclement weather all programs scheduled for the remainder of the day will be canceled. Transportation will not be provided when Johnson City Schools are closed or let out early due to inclement weather. For more updated information, call (423) 434-5749 or (423) 434-6237 to hear the automated attendant message to see if the building is open.

February 2, 2014

Calling All Art League Artists to Action!

During this past week Phyllis Shepherd died. She was a Past President of the Watauga Valley Art League, who served several times as our President during some very lean years in the beginning of our history. She was a testament to the dedication that an individual will give of their time to further an idea, to encourage other artists to learn and do their work, and to spread art to the greater community. Phyllis did all this with her artistic friends and at the same time was a wife and mother. The challenges that Phyllis had are still with each one of us today. What is your passion and what are you willing to give to the art league?

Plans are being made for at least four art shows. Beginning in June we will gather all media for our Summer Judged Show (no work can be larger than 48" in width or height); running concurrently will be the Summer Member Show (all media); in July is the 6"x6" Show (all media); and in December is the Christmas Member Show (all media). We, the officers, hope that each of you are busy painting and creating works to be part of these shows. It is also our hope that each of you will volunteer to assist the different show chairpersons when they ask for your assistance with these shows. Please check out our new website for dates, entry forms, and show rules.

Plan now to participate in the Art League! Your officers volunteer their time and each have busy lives. We expect each of you to volunteer some of your time as well. If you are employed or retired, if you are a homebody or a traveler, we look forward to your participation at meetings or in exhibits whenever you are available. Make time to feed your artistic side and learn with your friends in the art league. See you at our meeting on February 15th!

Karen Foote, President

CLASSES:

- + URBAN BIRD: Morning art class - TUES. 9 AM; evening art class – Tues. 6:30 PM. All media & all levels. \$30.00 for 8 wks. At Kiwanis Park, W. Market St., Johnson City. New classes every 8 wks. Call Urban at 743 4950.
- + BARBARA JERNIGAN: Studio Watercolor Class at JC Community Ctr. on Mondays 2-5 PM for more info call Barbara (423) 483-3041 or email at bjernigan1030@embarqmail.com
- + ART HOLSCLOW Basic Acrylics – Weds 12:30-2:30 at the Community Ctr. Call Art 543-6676 for details
- + KEN SIMMELINK Oil Painting & Pastels – Weds 9:30-12 noon for info call JC Community Ctr.
- JUDY O'HARA Acrylic Courses – Please contact her at 753-5525 or judyohara@ymail.com
- LINDA CAMPBELL for class info 477-8196

Please check us out at:

www.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com

Should you wish to submit an artist profile or pictures of artwork, please send them to WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com

Also check us out at:

www.facebook.com/WataugaValleyArtLeague If you have a Facebook account then be sure to like us; the more likes we receive, the more statistical information will be provided by Facebook.

**Watauga Valley Art League
General Membership Meeting
January 18, 2014**

10:30 am – Coffee, snacks and fellowship plus artist's critique.

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by WVAL President, Karen Foote. Welcome to new WVAL members and thank you to all board members that served last year and board members serving this year. Thanks to Chris Bryant for her years of service as historian and keeping the scrapbook up to date; our new historian is JoAnne Bucher. Refreshments are provided by WVAL so please remember to place your donation in the jar in order to offset the cost and please remember to clean up your own area.

Karen called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Don Gotterbarn made a motion with a second by Joan Elliott that the minutes be accepted as written and the motion carried.

Linda Campbell, Treasurer gave the financial report with; \$3,490.78 in the WVAL Account and \$1095.58 in the Newell/Hendershot fund. Karen called for a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Janet Harmann made a motion with a second by Patsy Reading to accept the report and the motion carried.

Judy O'Hara, Membership Chairperson; there are 33 members that have signed in with two visitors and two new members. Please remember to sign in each meeting; this is not only a record for WVAL but also for the Senior Center

The Roving Gallery has several venues and is in need of participants to display their artwork. The fee is \$15.00 for the year and is due when paying the membership fee. Ken Simmelink and David Kramer are in charge of the Hopland Medical Center and there are currently nine artists showing their work. This venue is for a three month period and will change February 3. Send an email to or call David or Ken to let them know if you are interested in showing at the Hopland Medical Center. This venue has nine spaces available for members to hang six pieces of art each and Hopland Medial Center will take a 10% commission on any piece of art that is sold. They also have the right to refuse objectionable artwork and the artist would be asked to remove the particular piece. The \$15.00 fee covers WVAL administrative costs ie. name tags, frames, etc. Other venues include the Johnson City Library and Boones Creek Gallery and we are anticipating one or two more venues to be available in the near future.

Ed Puhr, President Elect delivered several announcements that are pertinent to WVAL Members.

- 1. Color, Size and Line Perspective Workshop, January 29, 2014, all day in Kingsport.
Teacher: Thelma Wyatt*
- 2. Create Your Own Website, February 9, 2014, 2pm to 4pm at the Renaissance Center, room 239 in Kingsport. This is free but you will need a laptop.*
- 3. Spring Craft Fair and Art Show, March 14 & 25, 2014*
- 4. 606 State Street Gallery in Bristol, TN need artists to join the co-op. Contact Alexis Snyder at snyder.alexis@gmail.com*
- 5. Kingsport Art Guild Workshop, Painting Town and Country in Pastel, Oil or Acrylic, Renaissance Center, Kingsport.
Instructor: Ray Hassard*
- 6. Exhibition: Artist, John Simms "Painter of Heirlooms", January 26 to February 9, 2014 at the Renaissance Center in Kingsport. Meet the Artist reception on January 26, 2 – 4pm.*
- 7. "You Did It" Workshop with Monique Carr, painting workshop for beginners and intermediates, Saturday, March 22 in Kingsport, cost: \$60.00.*

Sheryl Daniels, Co-Chairperson Programs announced Judy O'Hara will present the February Program and will demonstrate decorative arts.

Elton O'Hara previewed, demonstrated and explained the WVAL Website.

The new WVAL Board Members presented a sample of their artwork and shared their techniques, style, mediums and a little about their creative journeys..

Next General Membership Meeting will be February 15, 2014. Don Gotterbarn made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elton O'Hara