



Watauga Valley Art League

Newsletter

February 2023

Message From the President:

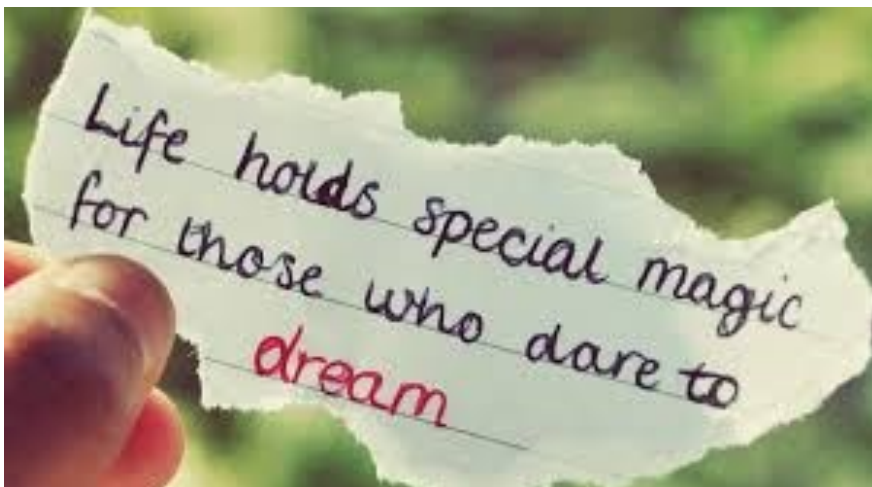
Hello WVAL Members!

Thank you for all of your participation and support for the activities we host. I am especially thankful because the financial numbers from 2022 reveal that we performed better than expected in several income categories. Some examples include membership dues (no doubt the result of our new and returning members), t-shirt sales, increased donations, and added fundraisers. The biggest goal for 2022 was to balance the budget, and we succeeded in minimizing losses within the fiscal year. Our financial prospects look much better than this time last year, and again that is due to the support and participation from our members and the community at large. This a reminder that dues are reinstated this year and are no longer free. Dues must be paid before entering any art show and/or by April 15th (even if you not entering the art shows).

Fundraising will be a constant effort, and half of the paintings donated to the One Acre Café gallery fundraiser are still on display. Many paintings have been sold, and this will help fund our art shows and other activities. We also are growing our community of sponsors for art workshops throughout the year. The first workshop on February 18th, about the Zentangle method, is being taught by our own Sunny Tanner. Check out our Facebook page for more details! We also are planning other workshops that will be discussed at our next general meeting. If you have an idea for a workshop you'd like to teach, or an affordable venue for one, feel free to reach out to the board of directors.

Monthly programs for the general meetings this year are going to be focused on the art and techniques of our members. So let us know if you'd like to present your craft to the league, and we will get it scheduled. Additionally, I'd like to remind all our members to contact the league with news about personal achievements, upcoming events, and anything else you'd like to promote. Our social media audience and email list are growing, so it can be a useful resource for our members. Networking among our members can be the catalyst for your success, so I encourage you to stay vigilant in the pursuit of your goals. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next general meeting! For those interested in learning more about the art league: our Board of Directors will be meeting at One Acre Café on February 13th at 12 pm. Thank you again for your commitment to the Watauga Valley Art League.

Thomas Gaetano
WVAL President





2023 Art Shows

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Pencil Drawing Memorial Park Cente Johnson City 1pm -2:30 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13 WVAL Bd Mtg One Acre Café 12 noon	14 Pencil Drawing Memorial Park Cente Johnson City 1pm -2:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19 VAVL General Mtg Sycamore Shoals 1:30pm - 3:30pm	20	21 Pencil Drawing Memorial Park Cente Johnson City 1pm -2:30 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Pencil Drawing Memorial Park Cente Johnson City 1pm -2:30 PM				

June 9

AM Setup / Afternoon Judging

June 10-25

Wall/Rack Show Dates

June 11

Reception

June 26

Take Down

August 11

AM Setup / Afternoon Judging

August 12-20

Wall Small Works Show

August 13

Reception

August 21

Take Down

November 17

Show Setup

Nov 18-Dec 3

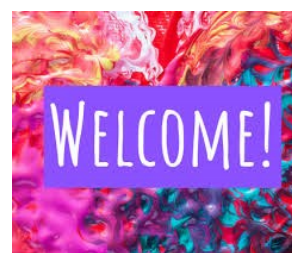
Christmas Show

November 19

Reception

Meet The 2023 Board Members

President:	Thomas Gaetano
Vice President:	Mabe Brown
Treasurer/Website:	Elton O'Hara
Secretary:	Sunny Tanner
Event Director:	Judy O'Hara
Member Advocate:	Bill Russell
Past President:	Judy Cable
Programs Chairperson:	Wayne Ritchie
Membership Chairperson:	Larry Knott
Publicity:	Judy Donley
Social Media:	Rebecca Sperry
Assistant Event Director:	Dianna Tucker
Historian:	Brianna Moore
Librarian:	Jerri Bultman
Fund Raising – Sponsorship Chairperson:	(still open)



The membership of WVAL increased from 59 members at the end of 2021 to 104 at the end of 2022.

We want to welcome all the new members and welcome back to some previous members.

We have some new competitions going on this year:

1. Bring a New Member—ask a board member about it
2. Mystery Art Bag Giveaway each month—ask a board member about it.

WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE
Benefits of Membership

- * Participate in Art Shows and Events throughout the year
- * The League takes ZERO commission from Artist sales
- * Stay informed of opportunities for Artists in the Appalachian Highlands/Tn Tri-Cities
- * Unlimited access to the WVAL Video Library
- * Receive the Monthly Newsletter
- * Add your profile, artwork and contact information to www.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com
- * Win Awards at Blind Judged Art Shows
- * Volunteer opportunities on the Board of Directors and several Committees
- * Participate in Fundraisers
- * Get Featured on WVAL social media pages
- * Fellowship among talented LOCAL artists who inspire and promote each other

The dues are as follows:

Individual \$35

Couple \$45

Student \$20 (must have a valid student ID)

Did You Know

WVAL has a Roving Gallery that allows you to display artwork all year long.

If you would like to know more, please contact the a board member with questions or to reserve your spot.



OUR MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE ARTISTS AND PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN FINE ART THROUGH EDUCATION, NETWORKING AND FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR ARTISTS. WVAL MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF ART TEACHERS, PROFESSIONALS HOBBYISTS, AMATEURS AND SOME WHO JUST LOVE ART.



WVAL artists' artwork may be seen at www.wataugavalleyartleague.com. For more information about the Watauga Valley Art League please contact email us at WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com

*****For your convenience, all forms and applications are in PDF Format and can be downloaded and printed from www.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com*****

WVAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Watauga Valley Art League would like to have a meeting to organize a plan for collecting sponsorships for workshops and art shows for 2023.

The Board of Directors have fun plans for next year and with your help we can make it happen. Please contact us through social media or email wval@wataugavalleyartleague.com if you are interested.