



# Watauga Valley Art League Newsletter

**March 2023**

WVAL artists' artwork may be seen at [www.wataugavalleyartleague.com](http://www.wataugavalleyartleague.com). For more information about the Watauga Valley Art League please email us [WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com](mailto:WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com)

\*\*\* Dues for 2023: \$35 per person (\$45 per couple and \$20 for students with valid Id) \*\*\*

Mail to: Watauga Valley Art League, PO Box 2177, Johnson City, TN 37605

The monthly newsletter will be sent out after the board meeting each month to offer the opportunity for updates from the board.

## **President's Message:**

Watauga Valley Art League Community,

Spring seems to be delayed as we experience a cold March in East Tennessee! Still, there is much to be excited about, and I have some exciting new announcements. Thank you to all those who attended the February general meeting. My wife and WVAL Historian, Brianna Gaetano, and I enjoyed the opportunity to present our methods for capturing the likeness of animals into art and illustrations. For those unable to attend, we once again recorded the meeting for a private YouTube video that will be shared to our email subscribers, so watch your email inbox and follow the included link for an exclusive look at February's meeting!

We are solidifying the plans for our July workshops, of which there are two scheduled for July 1st and July 15th. Christy Ward will be teaching watercolor boutique for the workshop on July 15th from 11 am to 4 pm and will take place in the familiar McKinney Center classroom number 2. Tiffany Saap will be teaching the paint pour technique for the July 1st workshop, but a time has not been scheduled as of yet.

The WVAL has secured a booth for the 2nd year at Johnson City Art Struck, which is scheduled to take place on the first weekend of May in Founder's Park! I'm told that the current construction work will be completed in time for the festival. In preparation, Brianna, Sunny, Myself, and the rest of the board designed a new membership brochure that is cheaper to print and makes it easy for attendees to join the art league. We also submitted an application for a similar information booth at the Covered Bridge Festival in September, but we have not been confirmed as of yet. We will need to have enough volunteers from the league to attend the booth for the duration of the weekend festivals.

Many of our members are developing fundraising opportunities for other community organizations and need volunteer artists from the art league. Watch your emails for more information of how you can help support our charitable efforts in the community. The One Acre Café Gallery Fundraiser has concluded and resulted in \$106.25 for the league. The Artful Treasures Door Prize Fundraiser, managed by Events Director Judy O'Hara, resulted in \$44 for the league, and The Northeast Community Credit Union agreed to purchase a Canvas Sponsorship for \$250, which will support one of our summer workshops. In addition to your membership dues, every little bit helps to secure the future of our organization. Remember to bring cash with you to our upcoming general meeting, so you can have a chance at winning an Artful Treasure to take home with you!

I sincerely hope that everyone is well and that you manage to stay warm while we patiently wait for the warmth and beauty of Spring in beautiful East Tennessee.

Best wishes,

Thomas Gaetano – President.

## **Updates & Info from the Board:**

The membership of WVAL increased from 59 members at the end of 2021 to 104 at the end of 2022 and still keeps growing thanks to members sharing about the league. Thank you.

We have some new competitions going on this year:

1. Bring a New Member: bring the most new members by July, and you could win an art package (ask a board member about it)
2. Mystery Art Bag Giveaway each month (ask a board member about it)

# ART OPPORTUNITIES

## Mark your calendars

### General Meetings:

March 19th  
April 16th  
May 7th (Picnic)  
July 9th  
September 10th  
October 15th  
December 10th (Christmas Potluck)

### Paint With Other Members:

Central Baptist Church (across from the Johnson City Library), 300 N. Roan Street, Johnson City, TN 37601 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each Monday unless the church is closed for a holiday or if there is inclement weather.

Kiwanis Park Recreation Building on Market Street every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### Tri-Cities Local Artist Meetups:

April 14th - William King Museum of Art, Abingdon  
May 12th - High Voltage Kingsport,  
August 11th - Create Appalachia, JC  
September 8th - Elderbrew, Bristol  
October 13th - Inventor Center, Kingsport  
<https://www.facebook.com/localartistmeetuptricitiestn/events>

### Art Shows:

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  
December 4 Take Down

### Meet The 2023 Board:

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)

## March 2023 Events

### **August Muse (Elizabethton)**

3/3 & 3/10 water color painting 1-2:30pm  
3/11 Art Journaling 1-3pm  
3/16 Dot Painting 5-6pm  
3/16 Bullet Journaling 6-7pm

### **Johnson County Center for the Arts (Mt City)**

3/7 Still Life Painting 11am-1pm  
3/10 & 3/11 Ceramic and Glass Mosaics 12-4pm  
3/25 Slow Stitching 2:30-4:30pm

### **Kingsport Art Guild (Kingsport)**

3/4 Pastel Art Chat 10am-12pm  
3/11 Value & Color in Painting 9:30am-3:30pm  
3/18 Plein Air Basics & Beyond 9am-2pm

### **Warriors Canvas (JC)**

3/4 Oil Painting (free for vets) 10am-3pm  
3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31 Ladies Night 5-8pm

### **The Philosophers House (JC)**

3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27 Creative Space 7-8pm  
3/4, 3/11, 3/18 Drawing What You See 1-3pm

### **Memorial Community Center (Johnson City)**

3/6, 13, 20, 27 – Treasure Book Making  
3/7, 14, 21, 28- Pencil Drawing Made Easy

### **Kil'n Time Ceramic Studio (Bristol)**

Canvas Class on Thursday nights from 6-9 PM.  
Reservations are required (423)573-9950

### **Johnson City Seniors' Center - 510 Bert St**

Video Series – The Arts (art history and techniques)  
First Monday of Each Month 2-3p

If you have any suggestions of art things to do in the Tri-Cities, please email them to:  
[WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com](mailto:WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com)

# Youth Art Series At August Muse

Empowering Youth through Art

-  March 18, 2023  
Students of Nicole Hymowitz
- March 21-25, 2023  
Local Student: Sarah Gilford 
-  March 28-Apr 1, 2023  
Carter County Drug Prevention Youth
- April 4-8, 2023  
MASCAP Student: Sarah Milam 
-  April 11-15, 2023  
Elizabethton City Schools Students
- April 22, 2023  
Students of Nicole Hymowitz 
-  April 25-29, 2023  
TEACH Homeschool students



August Muse - 518 East Elk Ave, Elizabethton  
Empowering the Arts



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POTTERY + ART STUDIO

## RIBBON CUTTING

Friday, March 31 • 11AM

526 E Elk Ave.  
Elizabethton, TN 37643

FRI, MAR 31 AT 11 AM  
**Made on Elk - Ribbon Cutting**  
526 E Elk Ave, Elizabethton, TN 37643-...



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## Art Competition - Kingsport Art Guild

2023 APPALACHIAN ART SHOW A REGIONAL JURIED ART SHOW AND SALE April 2 – May 15, 2023 AWARDS First Place – \$700 Second Place – \$500 Third Place...



## Clean and Care for Your Art!

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Learn basic cleaning methods for acrylic and oil paintings!

Sat, Mar 25, 2–3 PM

The Inventor Center  
118 Shelby St, Kingsport, TN

The Inventor Center and the SMASH Art Restoration Team are collaborating to provide a live demonstration of how to care for your fine art paintings.