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# OPAL NEWS

OHIO PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE

FIRST EDITION

WELCOME TO THE AMAZING WORLD OF PASTELS. RIGHT HERE IN OHIO.



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# OPAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Hello Everyone,

Welcome to OPAL 2022! We have some exciting changes and are in the process of developing a full schedule for the year.

To start off 2022, the OPAL Board has voted to make some changes to continue to grow and improve our organization.

First, we are excited to have our first newsletter available to our members! This will be a monthly newsletter that will include, but is not limited to information from our meetings, exhibition announcements, workshop announcements, and information about our members including shows they are in, awards they have won, classes they are teaching, etc. A new OPAL Board position was created for this newsletter, Corresponding Secretary. New member, Mayme Hausman has agreed to take on these responsibilities. Thank you Mayme! If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter, please submit your information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's newsletter, emailing Mayme at [mayme@lehaus.com](mailto:mayme@lehaus.com).

As I alluded to, the OPAL Board was expanded to include two additional positions. In addition, several Committee Chairperson positions were developed. All of this was done to involve more members in the running of the organization. The changes are as follows:

OPAL Board position changes:

- **1st Vice President (formerly Vice President)** – This position will be in charge of the Member Fall Exhibition locating venue, coordinating take-in, hanging, take-down and coordinating with the newly created Show Exhibition Chair for prizes, judge, and advertising if warranted
- **2nd Vice President** – This position will be in charge of the Member Spring Exhibition locating venue, coordinating take-in, hanging, take-down and coordinating with the newly created Show Exhibition Chair for prizes, judge, and advertising if warranted
- **Corresponding Secretary** – This position will be responsible for creating a monthly OPAL newsletter referencing meeting minutes from the monthly meeting. In addition, this position will distribute the newsletter to members via email and send to the Website coordinator for posting on the OPAL website. Items for the newsletter will be due to the secretary by the 15th of each month and the Secretary will distribute to members on or before the 1st of the month.
- **Recording Secretary (formerly Secretary)** – Records minutes for the Board meetings and member meetings. Provides the Board meeting minutes to the President for review and then distributes to the Board. Provides the member meeting minutes to Corresponding Secretary for incorporation into the Newsletter and the President for distribution to members.

Newly added Committee Chairperson positions:

- **New Member Chair** – welcomes new members via email and helps navigate them through the offerings of OPAL
- **Meeting Programming Chair** – Determines and books the demonstrations for the monthly meetings. Also books the location for the meeting

- **Workshop Chair** – Contacts regional and national artists for two workshops per year sponsored by OPAL
- **Show/Exhibition Chair** – Works with the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President to coordinate the prizes, judge, and advertising for each OPAL member show when warranted.
- **Refreshment Chair** – Creates a refreshment list and have members sign-up to provide refreshments for each meeting. Reminds members when it is their turn. Coordinates the reimbursement for refreshments (up to \$20 per meeting)
- **Web Chair** – Manages the OPAL website.

Thank you to our members! All board positions have been filled and are as follows:

### OPAL BOARD:

**President** – Pam Hartford

**Treasurer** – Mary Bauer

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Nina Hawranick

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Chris Hall

**Corresponding Secretary** – Mayme Hausman

**Recording Secretary** – Lynn Carty

### Committee Chairpersons:

**New Member** – Nina Hawranick

**Meeting Programming** – Diane Ruck

**Workshops** – Pertain Gillespie-Buckland

**Show/Exhibition** – Bob Sako

**Refreshment** – Cathy Stoessner

**Web** – Pam Hartford

Our Meeting Program chair, **Diane Ruck**, was busy during the winter! She located an organization called CoHatch, which has some really nice meeting places. Diane has arranged for our monthly meetings to be at CoHatch locations around the city of Columbus. In addition, she has developed a very nice set of activities for our meetings. Check out our meeting schedule on the website, <https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/calendar.html>.

Our Workshop chair, **Pertain Gillespie-Buckland** is busy talking with artists about having an in-person workshop in Columbus sometime in late 2022 or early 2023. It will be nice to learn and paint together once again!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Nina Hawranick**, has secured the Westerville Community Center for Fall 2022 for our Member Fall show. Members will be able to submit up to three paintings for this exhibit so get painting! Details to follow from Nina.

One final change, as of March 2022, our member dues were increased to \$30. This is a \$5 increase, the first ever in the organizations history and was done to help to cover the increasing costs associated with OPAL activities.

So, you can see, there is a lot going on this year with OPAL! If you have any questions or comments please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Pam Hartford

*OPAL Meeting minutes can be found on the OPAL website:  
<https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/meeting-minutes.html>*



# MEETINGS MADE FUN

The first board meeting kicked-off at March 3, 2022 at Columbus's CoHatch space in Worthington, OH.

# PROGRESSIVE PAINTING OPAL-STYLE.

# SET UP. PAINT FOR 3 MINUTES. MOVE ON...HAVE FUN!



Photo: Diane Ruck



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So, what was our first demonstration to start the year? We did our paint-around ... finally!!! For those of you that have not participated in a paint-around ... it was fun! Similar to speed dating, we took 3-4 min on each painting and add our own touches and then move on to the next painting. By the end of the evening we had some really neat pastels.

Fun was had by all. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about materials and have the opportunity to sit in front of some amazing sets of pastels! Not to mention sharpen our skills on assessing pieces quickly, with an artist's eye. Special thanks to Diane Ruck for securing Co-Hatch for the wonderful space for this event!

## MEMBER NINA HAWRANICK ADDS HER TOUCHES...

## BOB SAKO & MEMBERS

Contributing Artists for all of the pieces: Pam Hartford , Diane Ruck, Mayme Hausman, Peg Rutland , Lynn Carty, Kathryn Smithson, Ruth Lapp, Mary Bauer, Chris Hall, Deb Shatzer, Sue Ankron, Vicki Moon Spiegel, Pertain Buckland, Bob Sako, Nina Hawranick, Angela Finney



# OPAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE

## PAINTING FOR A CAUSE



Photos: Pertain Gillespie Buckland



This painting, created at the Progressive Painting meeting Thursday, March 3rd was framed and dropped off at Sunbear Gallery & Studio for the fund drive to support the Ukraine nation. If the painting sells all proceeds will be donated to the fundraiser.

Contributing Artists: Pam Hartford, Diane Ruck, Mayme Hausman, Peg Rutland, Lynn Carty, Kathryn Smithson, Ruth Lapp, Mary Bauer, Chris Hall, Deb Shatzer, Sue Ankron, Vicki Moon Spiegel, Pertain Buckland, Bob Sako, Nina Hawranick, Angela Finney

## MEETINGS

April 7, 2022

### ANGELA GAGE PORTRAIT DEMONSTRATION

6:30 - 8:30 pm Portrait Demonstration

Opal Members: Bring your pastels to paint along if you would like (<https://www.artbyangelagage.com/about>)  
Location: CoHatch-Worthington – The Library, 752 High St., Worthington, OH 43085

May 5, 2022

### JOE KOVACH - CRITIQUE

6:30 - 8:30 pm -Bring a painting or two for critique  
Location: CoHatch-Polaris, 1554 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240

June 4, 2022 (Saturday)

### JACOB AQUILIER ZOOM DISCUSSION

1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Jacob Aquilier Video (<https://www.patreon.com>)  
Location: CoHatch-Delaware, 18 E. William St., Delaware, OH 43105

July, 7, 2022

### OPAL MEMBER MEETING

6:30 - 8:30 pm -- TBD  
Location: CoHatch-Polaris, 1554 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240

August 4, 2022

### OPAL MEMBER MEETING 6:30 - 8:30 pm

#### Vicki Moon-Speigal: Use of a sketchbook

Bring your sketchbooks to work during the demonstration/discussion  
Location: CoHatch-Delaware, 18 E. William St., Delaware, OH 43105

September 1, 2022

### OPAL MEMBER MEETING

6:30 - 8:30 pm -- TBD  
Location: CoHatch-Easton, 4182 Worth Ave, Space I-115, Columbus, OH 43219

October 6, 2022

### PASTEL VIDEO NIGHT - PAINT ALONG - Painterly Fall Trees

6:30 - 8:30 pm Location: CoHatch-Worthington-Hardware, 659 High St, Worthington, OH 43085

November 3, 2022

### OPAL MEMBER MEETING

6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Location: CoHatch-Polaris, 1554 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240

December 1, 2022

### OPAL MEMBER MEETING HOLIDAY POTLUCK/PAINTING SWAP

6:30 - 8:30 pm -- Location: CoHatch-Worthington – The Library, 752 High St., Worthington, OH 43085  
DECEMBER TBD, 2022

## EXHIBITS

### SUBMIT ARTWORK:

#### SUNBEAR ARTISTS SUPPORT UKRAINE!

Submit artwork or purchase sunflower art and a portion of the proceeds will go to humanitarian relief for the Ukraine people. Visit [sunbearstudio.com](http://sunbearstudio.com) for more information.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES: Pastel Society of New Mexico's 30th National Pastel Painting Exhibition.** Entries accepted starting April 1, 2022 for the landmark 30th National Show. Show runs from Friday, August 5-Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

For more information: [ShowSubmit.com](http://ShowSubmit.com) **ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022.**

September 2022, Date TBD

### Fall OPAL Member Show

#### Theme: "TRAVEL NOTES"

From City/country/mountains/oceans and everything in between. Juried and prizes. Only paintings done within past 2 years. More info to come, so start creating!  
Westerville Community Center  
Cleveland Ave., Westerville, OH 43081

### CALL FOR ENTRIES: Pure Color 2022 6th Annual ONLINE International Exhibition of Pastel Paintings

Sept. 1-30, 2022. Over \$3,000 in Cash Awards! Online Entries accepted June 1-August 1, 2022. Online Show runs: Sept. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2022. For more information: prospectus at [onlinejuriedshows.com](http://onlinejuriedshows.com)

## EVENTS

April 9-Summer 2022

### WESTERVILLE'S ART HOP

The Arts Council of Westerville's Art Hop Artists will be demonstrating and selling throughout the city. For details visit: <https://www.artscouncilofwesterville.com/blog/2022/2/14/arthop-2022>.



## FEATURED ARTIST

VICKI MOON SPIEGEL

# USE YOUR SKETCHBOOK DEMO & DISCUSSION



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 4, 2022

**OPAL MEMBER MEETING HOSTS:**

**Vicki Moon Spiegel:**

### USE YOUR SKETCHBOOK

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Bring your sketchbooks to work during the demo and discussion  
CoHatch-Delaware  
18 E. William St.,  
Delaware, OH 43105



**USE YOUR SKETCHBOOK**, a talk about the value of practice, play, and creating in a sketchbook. I'll bring some of my sketchbooks and some books by other artists that I admire, for your reading list and talk about all the things you can do with your sketchbook.

I've been an artist my whole life. I graduated from CCAD, where I picked up the sketchbook habit. I've filled 130 and counting and use all kinds of media in them. I carry one all the time. I've spent years at the Columbus Zoo as a docent and a Graphic Artist in the planning department. I currently have artwork in two central Ohio galleries: Sunbear in Westerville and 43023 in Granville. I also volunteer at The Works creating fused glass workshops.

**HAVE A QUESTION?** reach out @ [www.ohiopastelartistsleagueorg/contact.html](http://www.ohiopastelartistsleagueorg/contact.html)

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