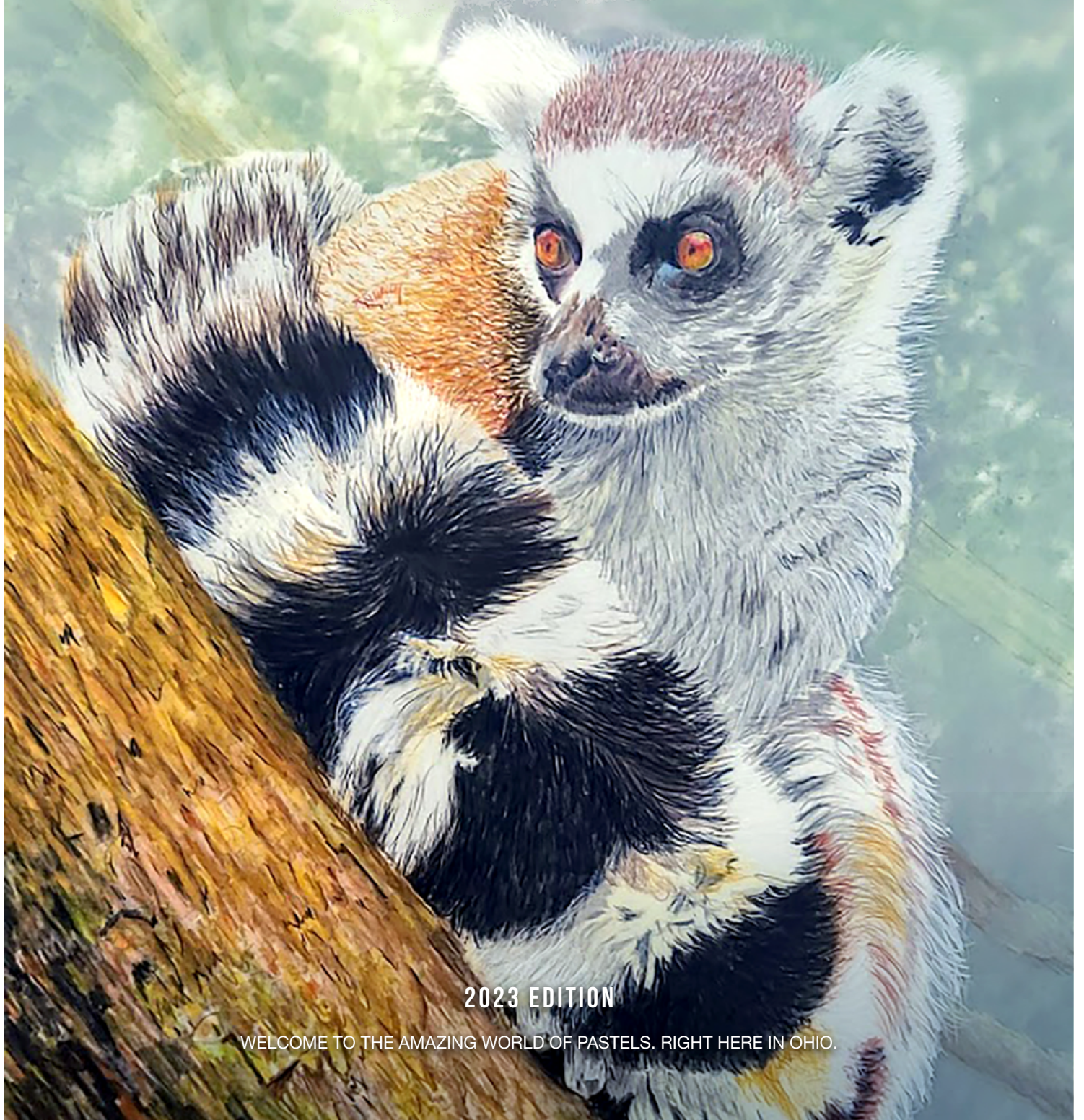


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OPAL NEWS

OHIO PASTEL ARTISTS LEAGUE



2023 EDITION

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



On the cover: Kathryn Simson's *Lemur*. Colored pencil and pastel.



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KATHRYN SMITHSON SPOTLIGHT & UPCOMING DEMO

Learn more about artist, Kathryn Smithson and don't miss her demo this weekend, February 4th at Co-Hatch Polaris.

Gray Cat, Kathryn Smithson, pastel.



Photo: Mayme Hausman

04 DRAW, PAINT & PLAN TO EXHIBIT

Draw when you can, find time to explore & get ready for an exciting year of workshops and events.



Photo: Kathryn Smithson

05 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KATHRYN SMITHSON

A love of animals and realism are what makes Kathryn's work so enjoyable. Don't miss her demo on Saturday February 4th at the Polaris Co-Hatch!



Photo: Mayme Hausman

6 KEVIN BUCKLAND DEMO

At our January 7th meeting, members enjoyed Kevin's entertaining and informative demo that included both watercolor and pastels.



Chris Ivers

08 QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

Sign up for the Chris Ivers Workshop. Space is limited! OPAL members get special savings.

OPAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone,

January has flown by ... only 50 days until the first day of Spring! ☺

During the late fall and winter, I have taken to heart what Vicki Moon-Spiegal asked us to do at a meeting last year ... **draw when you can**. Though I do not always get the chance to draw or paint daily, I have a standing weekly painting time where, myself and fellow painters, have been visiting sites and parks around central Ohio. At first, it was hard! Trying to figure out what to bring (too much when we first started!), how to get started when we get to a site, and how to complete a painting/drawing within a 2-3 hour window.

Those first paintings, well they were not thrown away, but they sit in a pile in my studio for comparison. As we have moved into our 6th month of this exercise, it is amazing the growth we have had and the confidence we are finding. Not every drawing/painting works out ... in fact, more failures than successes ... but the freedom we get from this endeavor has really helped us to *explore, learn, and grow in our craft*. Just as Vicki did, **I encourage you to find some time to just explore!**

This Saturday, February 4th we have our own **Kathryn Smithson** demonstrating the work she is doing with her animal portrait business. You will see examples of her work later in this issue.

We have three exhibitions scheduled for this year:

- March 5 - April 30, 2023 - Java Central and Roaster, 20 S State St, Suite B, Westerville, OH
- May 3 - June 24, 2023 - Gallery 22, 22 E Winter St, Delaware, OH 43015
- September 1 - 30, 2023 - Westerville Community Center, 350 N Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43082

More details about the exhibitions are later in this issue and are available on the website.

Finally, don't forget our **Workshop with Chris Ivers, "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark!"**, at the beginning of May. 20 spots are available. Details about this very interesting workshop are available on our website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,
Pam Hartford, OPAL President

**COMING SOON-
OPAL ONLINE
AUCTION:
ARTS
SUPPLIES**



OPAL was given new and like new pastels and supplies by former member Katie Fowel. OPAL will have an online auction to raise money for the treasury. Details to be announced!

GET TO KNOW OPAL MEMBER... KATHRYN SMITHSON



Gray Cat, Kathryn Smithson, pastel.



Baby Gosling, Kathryn Smithson, pastel.



Kathy was kind enough to answer a few questions so we could get to know her a little better. Enjoy...

Why do you chose animals as your major subject matter?

I love animals. I love their different textures and colors, the creative way I can try to bring out a personality in them.

How would you describe your artistic style? How has it evolved?

I describe my style as photo realism. I enjoy striving to make my drawing so realistic you can't tell they are a drawing. With every one, I try to do better than the last.

What brings you the most satisfaction creating your pastels?

This sounds bad, but when I can make someone cry! When I do a commission for someone of their beloved pet, and the cry when they see it. That tells me I have done a good job bringing their pets true personality out.



All Puffed Up, Kathryn Smithson, pastel.

**DON'T MISS
KATHY'S DEMO** this
Saturday February 4th at
the Polaris Co-Hatch!

What other painters inspire you?
Bonny Snowden, Colored Pencil Artist in Yorkshire, whom I have been taking classes from for 3 years now.

Julie Freeman Australian pastel artist. She does beautiful work that I aspire to.

John Cameron watercolor artist in Westerville. I love how photo realistic his paintings are and the deep rich colors that pull you in.

What advice do you have for painters just starting out?

Don't give up. Sometimes it takes years to build up your talent and knowledge about your medium and how it works. No one starts out being the best. With each piece you do, learn from it and strive to do just a little better with each one. Ask for creative criticism, and keep an open mind to it. You don't have to agree with it, but I find that 99.9% of the time I learn something new, or see something that I didn't see before.

To see more of Kathryn's artwork please visit her sites:

<http://kathrynsart.space/>
Instagram: [kathrynsartandpetportraits](#)
Facebook: [KathrynsColoredPencilandPastelart](#)

KEVIN BUCKLAND DEMO



Our guest speaker for the January meeting was **Kevin Buckland**, watercolor artist and husband of our member **Pertain Gillespie-Buckland**. Kevin gave us an informing and entertaining watercolor demo. At the meeting, he gave a guest, Ms. VanDyke, a watercolor painting and some pastels and asked her to enhance the painting. With help from her daughter, Kathryn Smithson they came up with embellishments showing how watercolor and pastels can be combined to make beautiful art.

Kevin uses **Kilimanjaro** blocks in either hot (textured) or cold (smooth) press paper and **American Journey watercolors** both available online from Cheap Joe's. Kevin started his painting with a 1 inch flat synthetic brush. His advice; "use the biggest brush you can for as long as you can". Final result of his painting was a beautiful landscape of Alum Creek and the dam. For more details about Kevin and his artwork please visit: <https://kevinbucklandart.com/>



2023 MEETINGS

Saturday, February 4, 2023
11 am - 1 pm
OPAL MEMBER MEETING with DEMO BY KATHY SMITHSON
Drawing Animals (www.kathrynsart.space)
Location: COhatch Polaris
1554 Polaris Pkwy.
Columbus, OH 43240
Livestream for members should be available.
Link will be sent the day before the meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:00 - 8:30 pm - **Progressive Painting**
Worthington Old Library (*not COhatch!*)
820 High St.
Worthington, OH 43085

Thursday, April 6, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - **Studio Tour & Presentation by Daylight Artist Group** (daylightartistcollective.com)
Daylight Artist Collective
9 E College Ave.
Westerville, OH

Thursday, May 4, 2023
6:30 - 8:30 pm
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
Chris Ivers (www.christineiversartist.com)
Nocturnal Pastel Painting
Location: 760 E Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43205
Free for OPAL Members
Non-members welcome: \$10 at the door

JUNE/JULY - No Meetings

Thursday, August 3, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Location: TBD

Thursday, September 7, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Location: TBD

Thursday, October 5, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Location: TBD

Thursday, November 2, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Location: TBD

Thursday, December 7, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Christmas/Holiday Party
Location: TBD
Potluck and member painting swap

2023 EXHIBITS

March 5 - April 30
JAVA CENTRAL AND GALLERY
20 S State St, Suite B, Westerville, OH
Show your art...entries from previous OPAL shows welcome! Art take-in: Sunday March 5, 4-5:00. 2-piece limit. No set theme. All art must be for sale. Title, price and contact info ready by 2/15/23. Look for an email with more info.
20 S State St, Suite B
Westerville, OH 43081

2023 MEMBER SPRING SHOW: "Hues of Imagination"
May 3-June 24, 2023
Art should not have been shown in previous OPAL shows. 2 new works per entry. **Prizes to be awarded!** Take-in TBD. Takedown 6/25. (More details will follow.)
Gallery 22
22 E Winter St.
Delaware, OH 43015

2023 FALL MEMBER SHOW: "Outdoor Curiosities"
September 1-30, 2023
Enter artwork ranging from awe-inspiring to zany and crazy! Should be new art and not have been shown in previous OPAL shows. Will be judged. **Prizes to be awarded!**
Westerville Community Center
350 N Cleveland Ave.
Westerville, OH 43082

2023 CLASSES

May 5-6, 2023
2023 CHRIS IVERS WORKSHOP "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark"- A Pastel Nocturnal Workshop
2 DAYS: 9:00-4:00 PM
FREE Demo for OPAL members.
May 5 & 6 workshop for paid attendees.
Location: East Broad Presbyterian Church
For more info: www.christineiversartist.com or for registration info: pertain@bucklandgillespie.com

LAST BUT NOT LEAST....

CHRIS IVERS WORKSHOP

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK! A PASTEL NOCTURNAL WORKSHOP WITH "QUEEN OF DARK" CHRIS IVERS



For more information on Chris Ivers, visit www.christineiversartist.com

ARTIST DEMO

Thursday May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

FREE for OPAL members / \$10 Non-members

Broad Street Presbyterian Church

760 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH (free parking)

2-DAY WORKSHOP - LIMITED TO 20 SPOTS - REGISTER NOW!

Friday & Saturday May 5 & 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Broad Street Presbyterian Church

760 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH (free parking)

OPAL members \$265 / Non-members \$315.

\$150 deposit (non-refundable) due by 3/1/23.

For more information and to register for the workshop,

EMAIL PERTAIN AT PERTAIN@BUCKLANDGILLESPIE.COM

IT'S EASY TO
**GET YOUR
ARTWORK ONLINE**

Take advantage of the **free member's portfolio on our website.**

Send up to five images and a short bio to be listed.

Email to:

ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org

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by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

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