

OPAL March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Hi all! We had a great first meeting. To start, we introduced new members: Joe Kovach, who works at CCAD and is an illustrator, Todd Loe, Nancy Schmidt and Deb Hoy. Deb Hoy is new to pastel.

We voted on new officers. Pam Hartford will remain the President, and Nina Hawranick will remain the Vice President. Treasurer was voted to be Mary Bauer. (Thank you Linda Dumaree-Williams for all your time as Treasurer!) Kathryn Smithson would like to step down from being secretary due to other obligations in her life. **No member stepped forward during the meeting to be voted into the Secretary position. The position remains open. So we do need a secretary. Please consider this job.**

The **OPAL calendar and exhibition schedule** have been updated on the website and there are printable PDF versions of the Meeting Calendar and Exhibitions Schedule. The PDF files can be found here: <https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/calendar.html>

We are looking for ideas for the June and July meetings. So if you have any great ideas of something fun that we can do for a meeting-demonstration/exhibit to visit, etc., let Pam Hartford know at ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org.

If you are going to be at the **Alan Picard demo** on May 2, please pre-register via the website. <https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/calendar.html>. We would like to know how many people there will be there. The demonstration will be free for OPAL members who have paid their 2019 dues. The fee for the demonstration will be \$20 for all other individuals.

May is the OPAL exhibition at Inniswood. Our theme is “Celebrate Spring”. Inniswood asks that some of the paintings be of the Inniswood gardens. Not all of our works have to be of Inniswood. This will not be a judged show. You may enter two pieces but no larger than 24”x24”. By April 15th, midnight, you need to email (ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org) the number of pieces and size of your pieces that you intend to submit to the exhibition. Take-in will be April 30th from 12nn to 2pm. The reception will be on May 19th from 2 to 4pm. Pick-up will be May 31st from 9am to 11am. All this information is on the website. An application for the show will be available in April. This will need to be provided with your paintings when you drop them off.

We are currently planning on having our **August Member Show at the Westerville Community Center**. The theme is “Our Inspirations...” You may submit up to three pieces for the show. It is not a judged show. Our ability to have the show may change if the Westerville Community Center construction schedule changes. We will keep you updated.

Our fall exhibition will be at The Works in Newark, OH. The show will run from October to the end of December. The theme is “Beautiful Ohio”. You may submit up to three pieces. This is a juried show with prizes. Early submission of images of your work for the show marketing material is August 1st. Take-in will be Saturday, October 5 from 11am to 1 pm at The Works. An application that must be submitted with your paintings will be made available on the web site as

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the event gets closer. The show will be hung on October 7th. October 17th will be at the reception from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The show will close on December 28th, and Pick-up will be January 2, 3, or 4, 2020.

The board is currently contacting artists for one **2 to 3-day workshop** in the summer or fall and a **half-day workshop** in November. As details firm up they will be communicated to members. If you have any great ideas of somebody who would be an awesome workshop teacher send that to Pam via ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org.

Reminder: OPAL dues are due by April 1st. You can pay via PayPal on our website (<https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org/members.html>) or by check sending your check to Ohio Pastel Artists League, P.O. Box 685, Worthington, OH 43085.

We had a great demo tonight by Bob Sako who demonstrated how to prepare boards for paintings, and also did a loose painting for us.

That's all for now! Happy painting!
Kathryn Smithson