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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 & above: "English Country Garden," Kristan Finn, pastel.



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SPRING IS (ALMOST) HERE!

Captured beautifully by member Kristan Finn as inspiration for our Spring Show, "Hues of Imagination." Get painting...our member Spring Show deadline is nearing.



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OPAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Spring Everyone!

Though the weather in March has not been cooperating, it is now spring! With the warmer weather in January and February, daffodils have been blooming all around the neighborhood. The beautiful spring flowers and blossoms are not far behind. Hopefully they will inspire some of our paintings for our Spring Show, "Hues of Imagination"!

The Artist Reception for the Java Central and Roaster exhibition was well attended. It was a nice evening to spend with friends, fellow artists, and art enthusiasts. Photos of the evening are shown below.

Our spring show is fast approaching! You should be seeing a prospectus within the next few weeks. The theme is "Hues of Imagination". Expect that artists will be able to submit at least two if not three paintings. Details are being ironed out. The show opens on Thursday, May 4th at Gallery 22 in Delaware, Ohio, so drop-off for the show will be a few days before that. This will be a judged show with Vasiliev Nini as our judge. You can see his background here: www.vasniniart.com.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our in-person workshop with Chris Ivers. In canvassing some members, it seems that there are a variety of reasons for the low number of people that signed-up. None of which was a lack of interest in Chris' work. So, Pertain was able to work with Chris to have her agree to give OPAL a demonstration of her work. It will be via Zoom. We are hoping that a contingent of us can meet in person to provide a more interactive demonstration with Chris, while those that cannot attend in person can participate via Zoom. More details to come!

Our next meeting will be in-person at Daylight Artists Collective Tour and Presentation (www.daylightartistcollective.com/), 9 E College Ave., Westerville, OH 43081. The meeting will start at 6 pm. Daylight Artists Collective is a shared studio space of six female artists working in various media, including oils, fiber, encaustic, acrylic, and digital photography. In addition to their studios, the artists host workshops to share techniques. It should be a very informative evening! (Thank you Diane).

Happy Spring!

Pam Hartford
OPAL President



LYNN CARTY'S MEETING MINUTES

OPAL meeting minutes Thursday March 2, 2023
Old Worthington Library 820 High St. Worthington, OH 43085
Members attending: 12

Board Members present: Pam Hartford President, Nina Hawranick 1st V.P., Chris Hall 2nd V.P., Mary Bauer Treasurer, Lynn Carty Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Thurs. Apr. 6th 6:00-8:30 PM at Daylight Artist's Collective 9 E. College Ave., Westerville, OH. 43081

Pam opened meeting at 6:00 PM

From Nina: nothing new on fall members show. All arrangements have been finalized. Information is available on the website.

From Chris: members **Spring Show** opens Friday May 5th at Gallery 22. That's a first Friday in Delaware and should provide a lot of foot traffic. Take in is May 2nd and 3rd from 6:00-8:00 PM. Contact an OPAL friend and arrange for them to take your pieces for you, if you can't make the take in times. If you don't have any friends ;) and all else fails, contact Chris!! Theme is "Hues of Imagination". Artist's reception is Friday June 2nd 6:00-8:30 PM. Gallery 22 will provide a meat and cheese tray, participating artists will provide appetizers, desserts and beverages. Bob Sako has scheduled Vasiliev Nini as Juror for the show. He is a sculptor, painter and instructor at The Cultural Arts Center in Columbus. Take down is on June 25th. Take down times will be announced later.

Pertain announced that only six people have signed up for the Cris Ivers work shop in May. We need 10 more participants in order to break even. The workshop information has been shared with other art groups but there's been no response. It will have to be cancelled or possibly changed to a different length of time and format, zoom maybe. Pertain will contact Chris regarding options. Members present were asked to comment on why they thought there was low interest in the workshop. Comments were the cost, conflicting schedules, length of time (2 days) too long, preference of zoom to in person, air travel inconsistencies and hotel booking and costs. All of this will be taken in to consideration when looking at workshops in the future. Thanks Pertain for all of your work on this.

Report from Mary on treasury. \$30 annual dues need to be paid ASAP. She has paid the OPAL annual membership to IAPS. This entitles all OPAL members to IAPS membership too. Mary will reimburse the provider of meeting refreshments \$25. She does not need your receipt. Just let her know how you want to be reimbursed. Mary also told us that the local Dick Blick store no longer sells individual soft pastel sticks. They stock some sets and still carry individual Nupastel sticks. You can order individual soft pastels at Blicks on line.

Nina announced we have a new member, Trisha Koran from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Welcome to OPAL Trisha! We are still asking for someone to step up and fill the New Member Chair position. Please contact Nina or Pam if you have an interest in helping your league. Cathy Stoessner has provided hard copy reminders to members who have signed up for refreshments. She will still email or text you with a reminder a week before your chosen date.

Prior to the meeting today members who participated in the donated supplies auction picked up and paid for items they won. We made \$443 to add to treasury! Thanks Katie and everyone who participated.

Formal meeting adjourned and we moved on to our "paint around". Twelve members participated. Each of us had five minutes to add our piece to eleven paintings, plus put finishing touches on our own. This is always a fun evening. You can see the photos of finished paintings on the website. They are all excellent. Pam suggested we mat and enclose each painting in a cellophane envelope and sell them at the fall show to generate money for the treasury.

Today's refreshments were provided by Kathryn Smithson. Thank you!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Carty Recording Secretary 3/11/23

OPAL PAINT-AROUND



The **2023 OPAL Member Paint-Around** was held at the Worthington Library. Twelve adventurous members participated in the “speed-painting” event. Each of us had five minutes to add our piece to eleven paintings, plus put finishing touches on our own. Fun was had by all and Diane Ruck suggested we mat and enclose each painting in a cellophane envelope and sell them at the fall show to generate money for the OPAL treasury.

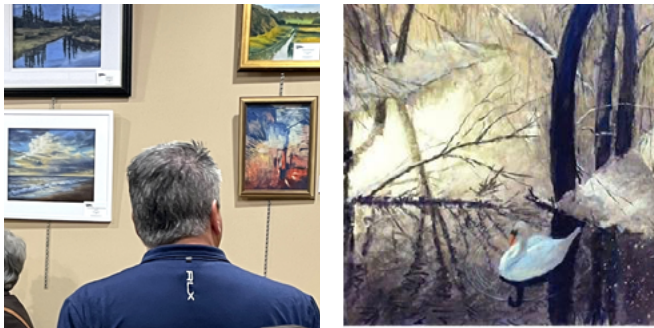


Photos: Kathryn Smithson

JAVA CENTRAL SHOW OPENING



Our first show of 2023, the **Java Central Roaster Gallery OPAL Exhibit**, opened with a wonderful evening showcasing 33 pastel pieces. The evening was a success: friends, families, fellow pastel artists, great food, and wonderful wine from Nina Hwarnick’s Winemaker’s Wine Shoppe. The show runs from March 16-April 30th.



Photos: Mayme Hausman, Pam Hartford

2023 MEETINGS



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



DATE TBD, May 2023
 Time TBD
MAY - OPAL MEMBER MEETING
Chris Ivers (www.christineiversartist.com)
Nocturnal Pastel Painting Demo
 Location: 760 E Broad St.
 Columbus, OH 43205

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

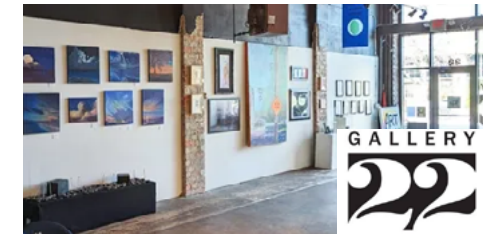
Thursday, November 2, 2023
OPAL MEMBER MEETING
 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Location: TBD

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
Java Central
 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. Juried show.
Prizes to be awarded! Take-in 5/2-3.
 Takedown 6/25. Opening reception May 5, 6:00 p.m.
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.
 Judged show. **Prizes to be awarded!**
Westerville Community Center
 350 N Cleveland Ave.
 Westerville, OH 43082

2023 CLASSES

Please submit any classes to mayme@lehaus.com

SPRING SHOW JUROR ANNOUNCED: VASILEV NINI



Photos courtesy of Vasilev Nini

With OPAL member Bob Sako coordinating, we are proud to announce the juror for our Spring Show, Vasilev Nini. Vasilev is an artist who has studied sculpture with a mastery in Realism, Expressionism, and Abstraction.

Noteworthy in his career:

- Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is one international private collector owning his work.
- Graduated with distinction from the Academy of Beaux Arts and Master Degree in Branch of Monumental Sculpture, Albania.
- 54-foot-long mural with graphite pencil in Arch City Tavern at 862 North High Street, Columbus Ohio

Artwork for the OPAL Spring Show is due May 2, 2023 and will be held at Gallery 22 in Delaware, OH.

For more information on Vasilev Nini and to see more of his work, visit www.vasniniart.com

WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS:

Trisha Koran, Chagrin Falls

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please let us know.**

Drop us an email at

ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org

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Send up to five images and a short bio to be listed.
Email to: ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org

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2nd Vice President – Chris Hall

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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

NEWSLETTER:

Please submit your photos, articles, exhibitions, classes and events to mayme@lehaus.com by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.