

Our March meeting was held at the Old Worthington Library. We had 17 members in attendance.

The treasurer reported our bank balance is at \$6,472 with \$1,489 paid out for expenses. In the future we will be paying a larger stipend to those who provide our demonstrations.

Member dues are \$25 and due by April 1. You can either pay online on our website or send a check to our PO Box.

The Westerville Art Hop will be held April 18th from 1:00-4:00. They are still looking for artists. Please refer to the information provided by Meredith Martin, attached to your last email from Pam.

Sunbear studio has classes starting soon including beginning pastel. Look online at Sunbear's website.

Nancy Vance is teaching class in oils at the Westerville rec center. She will also teach a still life workshop in June for both oil and pastel. Contact Nancy for more info.

The Zanesville art association is currently accepting entries for their all Ohio art competition.

Dakota pastels is still accepting entries for their online show.

The Opal board has been hard at working finalizing details for the upcoming year. Eight of our 10 meetings are planned with June and Nov. still open. Please refer to our website (ohiopastelartistsleague.org) to see a full schedule of upcoming meetings and events.

We are bringing Lyn Asselta to town for a 2 day workshop. The workshop will be held at the Stratford nature center in Delaware on Oct.23 & 24, 9:00-4:00. Members cost is \$200. We can only accept the first 20 to sign up, so do it quickly so you're not left out. You can sign up and pay your fee on our website.

We will have a show at Java Central in Westerville May 4 - June 24. Drop off on the 4th is at 4:00. Pickup on 6/24 is also at 4:00. Each artist may enter 2 pieces and MUST be for sale. The shop will collect a 30% commission on all sales of artwork. We will give one award for artist's choice. More details can be found on our website. Please email Pam if you will be entering and provide her with your name, title and size of your paintings.

We are looking for a place to hold our annual juried show. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Lynn Carty is in charge of refreshments for our meetings. Please sign up with her to provide a drink and snacks. You can be reimbursed for money spent on this. Just save your receipt and give it to our Secretary Mary.

Our next meeting will be held on April 2 at 6:30. Our guest speaker is our own Pertain Buckland, who will demo her current method of painting in black and white. Location TBA.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to member Karen Everhart, for the passing of her husband in January. We are thinking of you Karen.

Our meeting ended and Member Joe Kovach was introduced. Joe did a demonstration for us showing how he begins using a photo and manipulating it in photoshop. He may start by using only a small portion of the photo, abstracting it some manner and gain his ideas from that image. Joe likes to play with geometric shapes to possibly depict a landscape, always looking for shapes, value and design. See the photos posted on our Facebook page of Joe during his demo. Please contact Diane Ruck if you are not a member of that page and I will add you. You must be a Facebook member however.

Sorry this is so long but it was our first meeting of the year.

Any questions please see our website or contact either myself or Pam.

Thanks!

Diane Ruck