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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: *Final Exam*, 24" x 18", Textured Black Gator Board Christine Ivers, pastel.



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SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS IVERS DEMO & WORKSHOP

Here's your opportunity to learn to paint night scenes from the "Queen of the Night." Don't miss it!

Red on 5th, 10" x 24"; Textured Black Gator Board; Christine Ivers, pastel.



Photo: Mayme Hausman

04 PAM'S MESSAGE
Mark your calendar for upcoming exhibits.



Photo: Pastel Journal

05 ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTINE IVERS
Don't miss the demo or the chance to paint at the 2-day workshop with the "Queen of the Night."



Photo: Kathryn Smithson

6 KATHRYN SMITHSON DEMO
Members enjoyed Kathryn's demo and learned some tips on materials. Check it out if you missed it.



Chris Ivers

08 MEMBER KUDOS
Kim Long wins with *Sun Kissed*.

OPAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello OPAL Artists!

I hope that this newsletter finds you doing well.

This past weekend I had the pleasure of teaching watercolor classes where I was asked to introduce how pastels can be used. Near and dear to my heart ... the students painted from pictures of their pets. When they were done, we introduced pastels to jazz up the paintings and give it that pop. They really enjoyed it and hopefully we have a few converts to this wonderful medium!

Thirteen of our members will be participating in the Java Central and Roaster exhibit. There will be 33 paintings on display. The reception is Thursday, March 16th – 6:30-8:30 pm. All members, I hope that you will plan to attend. Java Central is in downtown Westerville, so bring friends and family and not only enjoy the exhibit, but enjoy a stroll through downtown!

As a reminder, there are three exhibitions scheduled for us this year...

- March 5 - April 30, 2023 - Java Central & Roaster, 20 S State St, Suite B, Westerville, OH (Reception: Thursday March 16th – 6:30-8:30 pm)
- 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!". It is Friday/Saturday, May 5/6 at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Columbus. Six members have signed up so far with room for 20. Chris has a very different take on her paintings as you will see later in this issue. Take a look at the details about this workshop that are on our website and see if you might want to join your fellow pastel artists for a fun two-day workshop.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Pam Hartford
OPAL President

**ONLINE ART
SUPPLY AUCTION
ITEM PICKUP
@MARCH 2ND MTG.**



Our OPAL Art Supply Auction was a success! Please remember to pick up your winning item and bring a check or cash to the meeting on March 2, 2023.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK WORKSHOP WITH QUEEN OF THE NIGHT: CHRIS IVERS



Petal Pushers, 18 x 24"; Textured Black Gator Board, Chris Ivers, pastel.



"Explorations of color, texture, light and shadow are what make me love to paint. Pigments, transitions and reflections all play their part. My goal is to have my viewers fall into another world to discover what they normally wouldn't take time to see."

- Chris Ivers

Join us for a Pastel Nocturnal Workshop. Pack up your pastels and get ready to paint! Explore the many ways light adds glows and highlights after the sun sets. Bring your reference photos (Chris will have some on hand to use). Recommendations for subject matter: night street scenes, night landscapes, night water or moon scenes or even darkened interior spaces such as a bar setting. Attendees will learn about all types of reflections, light sources, and glows. Chris will provide 11x14 panels at the workshop. All levels welcome! Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Lunch TBD. Check website for updates and details.

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.

Deposit due by
March 1st.
Payment in full
by April 1st

NOTES FROM KATHY SMITHSON DEMO



Monkey (Northern Plains Gray Langur), Kathryn Smithson, pastel.



Photos: Mayme Hausman and Kathryn Smithson

Our guest speaker **Kathy Smithson**, is an excellent, prize winning pastel and colored pencil artist. Especially notable for her animal and bird paintings. She does online sales of originals, prints and commissions. At our meeting, she did a pastel demonstration of a handsome monkey portrait. Kathryn is very detailed in her work. She worked from an iPad for her reference photo. She pulls some of her reference photos from free online websites, Pixels and Pixabay. Kathryn uses a transfer to place the initial image on 400 grit sanded paper. She used a variety of hard and soft pastels and pastel pencils. Pastel pencil brands she likes are Derwent, Faber-Castel Pitt and Stabilo Carbothello.

Kathryn does her own framing using double mats and spacers. We all enjoyed learning insights into how she works and new tips on pastel painting. Thanks for a great presentation Kathryn (aka; grandma)!



2023 MEETINGS

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.
 Reception is March 16th 6:30-8:30PM.

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

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

MEMBER NEWS...KIM M. LONG



Sun Kissed, 8.5x10.5"; Kim M. Long, pastel on pastemat paper



Coffee and Tea, Kim M. Long, pastel.

OPAL is proud to support our members' achievements. This issue features multiple honors for member, Kim M. Long:

On December 1st, *Sun Kissed* won 2nd place in the 2022 GPE Pastel Dust Off Show and November 12th won the "Associated Artist" award in Southport, NC at the Oak Island Art Guild. *Sun Kissed* also won the "Captivating Color Award" in the Left Coast Pastel Painters Society's 2022 "Pastels in Paradise" Online International Show (onlinejuriedshows.com). Judge Mike Beeman said this was a really tough show to judge, so many fine art works. 400 entries, 14 countries, and 22 states entered this fabulous show. Many thanks to Judge Mike Beeman.

Two of her paintings were also juried into The Alaska Pastel Society and are now online: *Sun Kissed* & *Coffee and Tea Cafe*. It is an honor to be accepted in this high-caliber group of artists. Kim would like to express her utmost appreciation to juror Lyn Diefenbach. See more at www.alaskapastel.com.

Photos: Kim M. Long

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

HAVE A QUESTION? ContactUs@ohiopastelartistsleague.org

OPAL BOARD:

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New Member – Nina Hawranick
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Show/Exhibition – Bob Sako
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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.

**WELCOME!
NEW MEMBERS:**

Elaine Zumetta
Tricia Kaman
Lori Newsom

**HAS YOUR AD-
DRESS CHANGED?**

**If your address has changed,
please let us know.**

Drop us an email at
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