



A Message
from Ola

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Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2009
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Snow is falling and we'll soon have a few inches to cover everything with a blanket of white. I am inspired to paint what I see from my back window--the trees drooping with the weight of the snow, tips of old flower stalks poking up through the snow, a few ruffled and plumped up birds scavenging for the sunflower seeds as they lie on the snow, scattered here and there. Take a moment and observe from your window--sketch or take photos. See you at our next meeting! Ola.

February 11 Meeting

Beverly Lake Hoffman, demonstrator for our next meeting, is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. She has a Fine Arts degree from Principia College in Illinois and has resided in Mobile, Al, and Upper Montclair and Glen Ridge, NJ. Beverly is a watercolor artist, a graphic designer and co-founder of the Saint Louis Watercolor Society. She is a regular exhibitor in regional and national juried art shows, and a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Philadelphia Water Color Society, and the Saint Louis Watercolor Society.

Her interest and intent is to create works that inspire the viewer to visualize the presence of the soul through the inherent qualities of watercolor painting. Her works focus on light and luminosity, and they feature the beauty of color, the interlocking of ordinary shapes to compose a harmony of pattern and design, and the vitality and precision of hard edges combined with the fluidity and diffusion of wet-on-wet washes. She enjoys involving the viewer in the visual experience with a touch of humor and a sense of imagination.

TREASURES OF OAK LEAF to be held at Renaud Center in O'Fallon February 26-April 9

Thursday, February 25, 10-8 p.m., receiving will be held for Oak Leaf members to show at the Renaud Center. No entry fee, no categories or awards; members may enter a maximum of 2 pieces for an opportunity to show and sell at this venue. Two dimensional pieces only; there are no accommodations for sculpture at this time. Any questions, call Ola Patty (636-614-4288) or Crystal Goldkamp (636-346-2127). *Directions to the Renaud Spirit Center: From I-64/Highway 40/61--Take Highway K exit north. Drive north on K for about 2 miles to Waterford Crossing Drive. Turn left on Waterford Drive, then left on Tri Sports Drive. Take the first right at Tri Sports Circle to get to the Renaud Spirit Center. From I-70: Take exit 217 at Highways K and M (Main Street). Turn South on Highway K. Drive about 4 miles to Waterford Crossing Drive. Turn right on Waterford Crossing Drive, then left on Tri Sports Drive. Take the first right at Tri Sports Circle to get to the Renaud Spirit Center.*

Sketch Group meets every Tuesday 10-2pm at the St. Peters Community and Arts Center. Bring your supplies, paint in the company of friends and engage in constructive critiques. \$2 for room fee.

March 11 Meeting

Our presenter for the March 11 meeting is Mary Mosblech. Ms. Mosblech is a watercolorist and vice-president of the Saint Louis Watercolor Society. Her topic will be "Ways to Rescue Weak Paintings", and she will show us how to accomplish this with cropping, erasing, and collage. Each meeting attendee is asked to bring a painting that needs "rescuing" so that she and the group can make suggestions as to how to improve it.

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**Painting, to me, is a unique experience. Each work is a surprise and has its own personal and intuitive meaning. After brainstorming feelings and memories, each painting evolves freely and independently. (Fernando Araujo)**