



June Meeting Recap

Our June meeting was a critique session, and as always it was fun, educational and inspiring! We had two visitors, who, along with the members, engaged the conversation with great input and questions. Thank you to all who participated!

Natalie Fleming requested that Calls for Artists in the area would be included in our newsletters, so please contact Janine @ j9helton@yahoo.com when you hear of opportunities that other artists might be interested in!

July Meeting Recap

Jean McMullen presented a well-attended watercolor demo at our July 9 meeting. We had a large group in attendance, including several visitors. Jean provided paper, paint and brushes so all could practice the underpainting technique as Jean demonstrated.

"After completing an image such as a flower, I use a technique of painting brilliant colors, wet on wet on the background. After they dry, I begin layering a transparent black over the colors. The black is transparent so the colors show through." Thank you, Jean!



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Upcoming Events

- ***August: No member meeting.**
- *Our **September member meeting** will be a work session with models (Contact Janine to volunteer for a 15 minute stint) Bring your sketching or painting supplies.
- *Our Fall Show, *Walk on the Wild Side*, is coming up in September. (See attached Call for Artists) Participants are asked to bring one wrapped food item for the reception.
- *Dardenne Prairie switchout will be the last Saturday in September.

Around Town

*FOR PLEIN AIR ENTHUSIASTS: There will be a paint-out on Saturday, October 17 in Maestown, Illinois. It's a quaint little town built by Germans in the 1850's, with picturesque buildings and scenes. If interested, contact Annette @ annette@mcgarrahan.net.

*CALL FOR ARTISTS: Jacoby Arts Center juried exhibit *The Riverbend: Through the Artist's Eye*. See attachment or go to www.jacobyartscenter.org for details.

*NAMI St. Louis – The Alliance on Mental Illness has requested donations of art classes for the silent auction at their annual fundraiser coming up in November. See attachments and/or call Heather @314-435-8045 for more information on supporting this worthwhile organization

Member News

- ***Jan Adams** had two paintings accepted into the STLWS Annual Juried Show.
- ***Sherry Salant** had a piece of artwork selected for the Circus show at the Foundry.
- ***Mollie Chounard** had two pieces accepted into the Circus show at the Foundry.
- ***Gary Nadeau** was invited to donate one painting valued at \$250 to the Art Council of Washington, MO.
- ***Janine Helton** is now a resident artist at Fine Art of Missouri (near Cheesecake Factory at Chesterfield Mall.)
- *****Sherry Salant** was in a serious accident in Colorado in June. She hopes to be well enough to return to St. Louis by mid-July. Sherry thanks everyone for sending their best wishes for her recovery.

If you'd like to see your news published in our next newsletter, or to let us know what is happening around town, such as CALLS FOR ARTISTS, contact Janine at j9helton@yahoo.com

Current Happenings

OLAG is continually showing at Dardenne Prairie City Hall and Cottleville City Hall.

REMINDER: If our organization has done you some good – if you've learned some things, made new friends, increased exposure and selling opportunities for your artwork– please be thinking about what position you might fill to keep OLAG going! We are still in need of someone to step forward and walk alongside our current president, Annette McGarrahan, to get a feel for the position for next year. This is Annette's fourth and FINAL year as president.

Be sure to check out our website at www.oakleafartistguild.org for more news and events, including images from our current art shows.

Any member who would like their artwork posted or updated on the OLAG website may contact Mollie at kopainter@gmail.com

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