



March Meeting Recap

At our March 12, 2015 meeting, we voted for our new board members (see sidebar for elected officials). 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 and we *really* appreciate her!!

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 also had a critique session at the March meeting. Members brought up to three pieces of artwork to be critiqued by the group. As constructive advice and recommendations (and admiration!) fill the room, our knowledge grows and our artwork improves! It is always helpful to get the perspective of others.

Member News

- *Virginia Dragschutz was awarded the Oak Leaf Artist Guild Lifetime Achievement Award; she is now an honorary lifetime member!
- *Linda Carr is published! (a photo of Connie Bellinghausen for Connie's new book)
- *Jan Foulk had three pieces juried in to Framations' current themed exhibit.
- *Janine Helton won 1st and 2nd places in St. Peters Cultural Art Centre's *About Face* exhibit.

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

Welcome New Members

Kay Crain
Ben Underwood

COLOR YOUR WORLD

Thank you to all who entered our show; you really expressed yourselves colorfully! And thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible for us to strut our stuff! If you missed the reception, be sure to visit St. Peters Cultural Art Centre and view all the beautiful paintings. The exhibit runs through May 4, 2015.

Congratulations to all the prize winners:

Oil/Acrylic

1st Place

Vicki White
Aprons for Sale

2nd Place

Mollie Chounard
Africa

3rd Place

Becky Green
Sailing into the Sun

Honorable Mention

Anita Hockett
Hideaway Harbor

Watercolor

1st Place

Janine Helton
Grandma's Sunshine

2nd Place

Don Thebeau
Lavender Sky

3rd Place

Mary Riney
Anchored Fishing Boat

Honorable Mention

Crystal Goldkamp
Snail's Pace

Miscellaneous

1st Place

Shirley Nachtrieb
Red Rock Canyon II

2nd Place

Sherry Salant
The Storm

3rd Place

Carolyn Schlueter
X-Cape

Honorable Mention

Sherry Salant
Red Dawn

Best of Show

Carolyn Schlueter for *Light Forest*

OLAG Board

- *President: Annette McGarrahan
- *Vice-President: Gary Nadeau
- *Recording Secretary: Anita Hockett
- *Treasurer: Jan Foulk
- *Website Coordinator: Mollie Chounard
- *Editor: Janine Helton
- *Public Relations Officer: Becky Green

Current Happenings

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

Our next switch-out is **Saturday March 28** at Dardenne Prairie at 9:00. Please bring 5-6 paintings (2 or 3 may be "recycled" from the current show). We can always use volunteers to stay and help with take down/hanging. We are usually finished by 11:00.

The Cottleville switch-out will be in May.

Treasures of Oak Leaf is on display through April 10th at the Renaud Spirit Center in O'Fallon.

GO TO YOUR STUDIO AND MAKE STUFF!

Upcoming Events

- *At our **April 9 Member meeting**, Maggie McCart from ArtMart will present on Zentangle drawing. Supplies will be provided.
- *Our **May 14 Member meeting** will be a work session. Watch for your E-vite for details.
- *Our Fall Show, *Walk on the Wild Side*, is coming up in September.