

### March Demo Artist, Carole Katchen

Carole Katchen presented her demonstration showing how she creates her paintings of people in social situations. This one was fairly large which made it much easier to see exactly how the work was progressing.

One of her points of advice was not to overwork your image and let loose brushwork describe or suggest faces, bodies, gestures, etc.

Her work is loose and direct, allowing one's perception or even one's mood to be influenced by what she paints. She seems to be inviting us to join in the fun.

Carole judged the 2015 ALA Art Show and has been friends with several members for years. Her personable nature, large art vocabulary and experience helped her converse easily with our whole group.

You may see her work at <http://carolekatchen.com> and her mailing address is 624 Prospect Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

*Ed Rhodes, President*

(See her finished piece on the last page.)

### April Meeting – Taylor Bellott

Taylor is a professional nature photographer and print maker and will tell us all about his fine art giclee prints he produces at his studio, Taylor Bellott Nature Gallery, 3614 Marketplace Ave., Ste 5, Bryant, Arkansas 72022, 501-943-7353  
<http://www.facebook.com/TaylorBellottPhotography/>.



#### ALA Links

[www.arkansasleagueofartists.org](http://www.arkansasleagueofartists.org)

[www.alaartshow.com](http://www.alaartshow.com)

[www.facebook.com/ArkansasLeagueofArtists](http://www.facebook.com/ArkansasLeagueofArtists)

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# ARTISTS of THE MONTH



**March, 2016  
Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Clarence Cash**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Greg Lahti**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Glenn Beasley**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Irving Smith**
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Lange Cheek**



## ALA Spring Members' Show Reception



The ALA Spring Members' Show will be at the Cox Creative Center at 120 River Market Ave., Little Rock, and will run from April 1 through April 29. The opening reception will be in conjunction with the Little Rock Friday Night Art Walk, April 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m.

Our judge this year will be Jim Tindall, <http://.222.jimtindall.com>, co-founder of ALA.

See you there!



# Artwork **SOLD**

- **Debbie Strobel** – Sold her painting “Road Trip”, which had been in the 2015 Delta Show.
- **Sharon Franke** – Sold 1 painting at the Butler Center Gallery.
- **David Paul Cook** – Sold “Arkansas River Trips” at the Butler Center Gallery.
- **Suzanne Brugner** – Sold a barn oil painting.
- **Nancy Irving Smith** – Sold one still life painting.
- **Greg Lahti** – Sold 2 paintings and received one commission.
- **Glenn Beasley** – Completed 1 commission, sold 3 prints and received 3 commissions.
- **Vonda Rainey** - Sold 6 paintings at Community Bakery as March Featured Artist.
- **Patricia Wilkes** – Completed one commission and sold one painting through the Art Group.



## Awards and Recognition

**Diana Shearon** had two paintings, “Evening Flight - Snows and Blues” and “Arkansas River View - En Plein Air” accepted into *Plein Air Magazine*, 2015, 5th Plein Air Salon.

She also had two paintings, “Evening Flight - Snows and Blues” and “Two Rivers Bayou - En Plein Air” accepted into the 5th National Missouri Valley Impressionist Society Exhibition, April 6 - June 6, Albrecht Kemper Museum St. Joseph, Missouri.

## CALL TO ARTISTS! 2016 ALAartShow

**The Arkansas League of Artists is announcing the 7th Annual ALAartShow, open to all Arkansas artists!**

The ALAartShow website, [www.alaartshow.com](http://www.alaartshow.com), is updated and ready for you to download the prospectus, with all of the information about the show, as well as submit your entry information, photos of your artwork, and the entry fee. The 2016 ALAartShow prospectus is also attached to this email.

**Location:** The Butler Center Galleries, Arkansas Studies Institute building, 401 President Clinton Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Juror:** Joseph Lampo, Director of Development and External Relationships for the College of the Arts, UALR, and former Curator for the Arkansas Arts Center.

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**Schedule**

**Registration/Entry Workshops:** May 21st (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), and June 4th (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), at Business World, 920 South Spring Street, Little Rock (These workshops are made available for those who need help with the entry process.)

**Registration/Entry Deadline:** June 4th, 2016, at 9:00 p.m.

**Notice of Acceptance:** June 12th

**Art Drop Off:** June 25th through July 1st, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Awards Ceremony/Opening Reception:** July 8th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Exhibition Closes:** October 1st

**Art Pick Up:** October 2nd through October 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Make your plans now to enter the 2016 ALAartShow!*

### Bill Barksdale Photography Workshop

ALA member Bill Barksdale will conduct an outdoor photography workshop at the Women Artist Retreat near Mountain Home, AR, Sept. 15-18, sponsored by the Ozark Regional Arts Council. The emphasis will be on “taking your outdoor photography beyond snapshots – creating art images with your camera”. Participants limited to seven or less. For specifics about the workshop, contact Bill at [billbarksdale@centurytel.net](mailto:billbarksdale@centurytel.net). For information and reservations for the retreat, contact ORAC at [ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkregionalartscouncil@gmail.com), or phone (870) 425-8291.

### Farewell Letter from Victoria Harvey

Friends at ALA,

I have enjoyed being a member of ALA during the five years that I have been in Little Rock, and am delighted that there is such a vibrant art community here, in my home town. However, I will be relocating back to Nantucket Island, Massachusetts within the next few months.

I will no longer be able to co-ordinate PAPAR - the Plein Air Painters of Arkansas group, and will send out an email to that list in hopes that someone will step forward to plan paint-outs for the group. PAPAR meets once a month on the 3rd Saturday of the month to paint from 9:30 to 2:00 at various locations in Little Rock. If someone is interested in taking over the job of coordinating this group, they can contact me for information, and I will give them the email list.

I hope to attend a couple of ALA meetings between now and when I leave.

With sincere best wishes,  
Victoria Harvey

**We will miss you!**



Eddie and the Girls, oil, 36" X 36"

Since Carole Katchen was given only 40-45 min. for her demo, she was unable to finish such a large painting. She sent us an image of her finished product! Isn't it great?!



The Same Old Story, oil, 20" X 16"

She also sent us another image of a painting she has just completed.



**Art Group Arkansas – "Spring in Arkansas"**

Friday, April 8, 2016 5 - 8 pm

Pleasant Ridge Town Center  
11525 Cantrell Rd

**Caren Garner...**

will be teaching a workshop in Mount Ida on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and one in Fairfield Bay in October. You may email her at [caren.garner@gmail.com](mailto:caren.garner@gmail.com).

**The Arkansas Women Photographers Group...**

has a show of fine art photographs on display at St. James United Methodist Church which will run through May 3.  
321 Pleasant Valley Dr, Little Rock, AR

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