

IMPRESSIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARKANSAS LEAGUE OF ARTISTS

JANUARY DEMO ARTIST

Clarence Cash was the demonstration artist for our January Meeting. We were all excited to meet many of his friends and family who came to the meeting to see him paint. Clarence also told us about the upcoming Bruce Peil Workshop and showed the group several tips from Bruce's workshops.

Clarence created a landscape painting from a photograph. He talked about how to approach plein air painting. He used a limited color palate of only blues, yellows, and reds to create his painting. He also covered the canvas entirely with a layer of thinner before beginning to create a soft and watercolor-like underpainting. Overall, he created an underpainting focusing on the shape and color of the composition and then slowly built detail and color intensity. Clarence brought along a finished painting of the same photograph for us to see.

The Bruce Peil Workshop will be March 16th and 17th in the meeting room of the Argenta Branch of the William F. Laman library in downtown North Little Rock. There are only 15 spots available. The cost is \$350 per person. See page 4 for more details.

You may see Clarence's work at:

<http://www.clarencecashart.com/about>

Rachel Trusty, President



ALA Links

www.arkansasleagueofartists.org

www.alaartshow.com

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ARTISTS of THE MONTH



January 2017 Winners:

- 1st - Miller Eddie Smith
- 2nd - Susan Plunkett
- 3rd - Patrick Edwards
- 4th - Clarence Cash
- 5th - Glenda Josephson

\$\$\$ Easy Way to Help ALA \$\$\$

Kroger Community Rewards – If you have a Kroger Card, you can sign up online at Kroger.com for Kroger Community Rewards. The Arkansas League of Artists has been a member of this for several years. This will not cost you anything, but will give money to the Arkansas League of Artists. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to check it out or to sign up.

Amazon Smile – If you are shopping online, please consider signing up for Amazon Smile. This is similar to the Kroger Community Rewards. When you buy things on Amazon.com, the website will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Arkansas League of Artists. This doesn't sound like much, but if we all signed up and went about our regular purchases for the year, it could really add up. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search for the Arkansas League of Artists. Our name and "North Little Rock AR" will show up. Select us and that is it!

Artwork

SOLD

- **Freda Angeletti** sold her painting “Glorious Light” at the Messiah Art Show.
- **Glen Beasley** sold 3 framed prints in January.
- **Sandy Kraft** sold one commissioned painting.

Awards/Recognitions/Shows

Patricia Wilkes received the Gold Award in the Professional division of the Messiah Arts Festival at Fellowship Bible Church.

Louise Carlisle received the Silver Award in the Artist's Community division of the Messiah Arts Festival at Fellowship Bible Church, for her painting, "A Good Shepherd."

Mary Ann Stafford's acrylic painting, “Conversation”, was juried into the MSW 47th Annual Exhibition and will hang at the Arkansas Art Center from February 10 – April 16, 2017. The opening reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for February 17 at 6 PM.

Four ALA members did a great job at the recent juried Pastel Society Members Show, which will be on display at Cox Creative Center on the third floor until February 27. The judge was David Mudrinich.

Susan Hurst	Best of Show
Don Green	2 nd Place
Debbie Stroble	Honorable Mention
Mary Ann Stafford	Honorable Mention

Susan Plunkett is now represented by two galleries, Local Colour in the Heights and the Art Group Gallery at the Pleasant Ridge Shopping center.

North Central Arkansas Art Gallery Calling Artists

Charlotte Rierson, Coordinator of the North Central Arkansas Art Gallery, invites you to exhibit your artwork in the next art exhibit. The gallery is located in the Conference Center, Fairfield Bay. April 3 is the deadline to send your application form. You may submit up to 5 pieces of artwork. April 18 (Tues.) 10:00 is delivery date for artwork. A selection committee will decide on the work to be exhibited. Each month an artist is featured with press coverage. Contact Charlotte – chardon@artelco.com for forms.

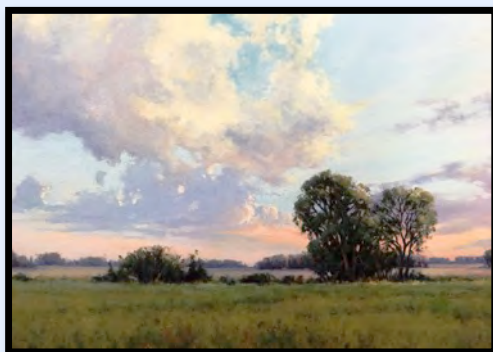


Bruce Peil Workshop

ALA is sponsoring an oil painting workshop by Bruce Peil, an excellent landscape artist. The workshop will be on March 16 and 17 at the Argenta Branch Library, 420 Main St, North Little Rock, AR. The fee is \$325. You may see his art at <https://brucepeilart.com/>.

Come join us for the opportunity to promote excellence in art and to raise money for ALA!

You may contact Clarence Cash for further details at Clarence@cashlawfirm.net.



ALA Members' Show

The 2017 ALA Members' Show will Be held at the Layman Library Gallery during the months of June and July. Exact dates and more information will Be presented soon.

ALAartShow to Skip a Year

We are very sorry we will not be able to offer the ALAartShow this year because our scheduled venue, Cantrell Gallery, is under renovation and not available for our exhibit. We have searched for several months for an alternate venue for the show with no success. The next ALAartShow will be in November of 2018 at the Butler Center Galleries.

The Arkansas Arts Center 2017 Delta Exhibition

The exhibition is open to all artists who live in or were born in one of the following states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Art must be original, completed in the last two years, and not previously exhibited at the Arkansas Arts Center. There are no size or medium restrictions for entered artworks. Entrants must be 18 or older. Online entries are being accepted now and the entry deadline will be March 10th, 2017.

See more at:

<https://arkansasartscenter.org/delta>



Susan Hurst won Best of Show at The Arkansas Pastel Society juried Members Show. This was the portrait she demonstrated at our August meeting.

Congratulations, Susan!



Charlotte Rierson's painting "Dream Series I Panic/Fear" was chosen to be in the Arkansas Art Council's Small Works on Paper 2017 Exhibit. The exhibit will tour the state for the year. Cheri Leffew, (left) is the Special Project & Event Manager for the Arkansas Arts Council and painting "Dream Series, Panic (Fear).

David Paul Cook Watercolor Classes

ALA member and past-president David Paul Cook will be offering two new watercolor landscape painting classes this spring at the Arkansas Arts Center beginning in mid-March.

Tuesday mornings will be *Watercolor With the Masters*, where students will study and paint a representative landscape painting from such art greats as Georgia O'Keeffe, Paul Signac, Winslow Homer, Charles Burchfield, Claude Monet, Wolfe Kahn, Herman Maril, and others.

Friday mornings will be *West Moves East* where students will study and paint a blend of Western and Eastern watercolor landscapes, employing techniques and art materials from both cultures.

Registration begins Monday, February 27th at <https://arkansasartscenter.org>. A supply list is also available on that site. If you have questions, you are invited to e-mail David Paul at davidpaulcookart@sbcglobal.net. or to phone him at his home in Maumelle 501-851-6577.

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