

February Demo Artist, Jennifer Wilson

Artist Jennifer Wilson was kind enough to be our demonstrating artist at the last minute. Jennifer has a graphic arts background. After raising her family, she took a Barry Thomas workshop and decided to change her style.

She started studying John Singer Sargent and learned about directness, true color and tones, attention to transition, economy of means, and learning about hard and soft edges.

She believes in doing color studies and using the largest brushes possible...laying down the color. She was a delight and we all enjoyed her demo very much.

Jennifer shows at Gallery Central in Hot Springs and paints with models at St. Joseph Center. You may see her work at <https://jenniferwilsonart.com/>.



The March demo artist will be Sophia Gonzalez.

Bruce Peil Workshop in March

ALA is sponsoring an oil painting workshop by Bruce Peil, a very talented landscape artist from Texas. The workshop will be on March 16 and 17 at the Argenta Branch Library, 420 Main St, North Little Rock, AR. The fee is \$350. 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.

ARTISTS of THE MONTH



**February 2017
Winners:**

- 1st - Patrick Edwards**
- 2nd - Sharon Franke**
- 3rd - Louise Carlisle**
- 4th - Clarence Cash**
- 5th - Miller Eddie Smith, Jr.**

Artwork

SOLD

Miller Eddie Smith, Jr., sold a commissioned painting and a print of his “Arkansas’s Goldfinch”.

Debbie Strobel sold 6 paintings and several note cards at the Delta Blue Bridge Art Show in Newport, AR.

Vonda Rainey sold several paintings at the Delta Blue Bridge Art Show, four paintings through Facebook, and completed 3 commission pieces.

Sharon Franke sold 1 painting at the ALA Winners Show, 2 paintings at the Butler Center, and 3 others.

Awards/Recognition

John Wooldridge had two paintings accepted into the Art at the Center National Juried Exhibition at Overland Park, Kansas, which runs from April 7 to June 12.

Several ALA members were juried into the 47th Mid-Southern Watercolorist Exhibition being held at the Arkansas Arts Center through April 16, including **Sandra Marson, Charlotte Rierson, and Mary Ann Stafford**. Congratulations to **Mary Ann** for winning the Arkansas League of Artist Award!

Diana Harvey was informed that curator, Rana Edgar, selected her entry for inclusion in the Arkansas Registry. Work by selected artists will be uploaded to the website (acnmwa.org) by February 7, 2017. Congratulations on this honor!

Ann Presley will be teaching at Life Quest in April.

Susan Marson will have a one woman show at First Security Bank in Clinton, AR, from March 3 through May 1.

Vonda Rainey is the Featured Artist at the East Arkansas Community College in Blytheville, AR. The “Flowers and France” exhibit will be from February 24 to March 31.

Debbie Strobel won 2nd place in the photography division of the “This is the Delta” contest.



2017 ALA Members' Show



The 2017 ALA Members' Show will be held at the Layman Library Gallery in North Little Rock during the months of June and July.

Exact dates and more information will be coming soon.



Ozark Elegance

Diana Harvey's painting will be in the National Museum of Women in the Arts' 2017-2018 Artists Registry.



Art by Design

Susan Marson will have a one woman show at First Security Bank in Clinton, AR, from March 3 through May 1.

A Thank You from Charlotte

I am so excited to have been juried into the 47th Mid-Southern Watercolorist Exhibition and received an award. The exhibition is being held at the Arkansas Arts Center through April 16. I invite all my ALA friends to see the exhibit. I contribute a lot of my success in the "Art World" to the Arkansas League of Artists. Being accepted in your monthly contests and the Annual Exhibition gave me the confidence to feel like maybe I really do have the potential of being an Artist. I encourage all of you to just keep up your creative artwork and to continue to encourage others. Again, thanks to all of you that have been so supportive of me along the way.

Your Art Spirit Friend,
Charlotte Rierson



Debbie Stehling, regional director of adult services for Friendship Community Care, and a co-worker, Tanna Sykes, came to our ALA meeting to talk with us about the possibility of partnering with some of our artists. Friendship Community Care, www.fccare.org, is a statewide non-profit organization that supports individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. They are hoping to have some artists come to teach a class maybe once a month or once every couple of months. The participating artist(s) would be able to showcase a piece of their artwork in the FCC gallery. If you are interested in teaching an art class or if you would like more information, please contact Debbie Stehling, stehlingd@fccare.org, 501-653-2255.



Stacy Cox, a masters' student at the Clinton School of Public Service, visited our meeting and talked with us about a project she is working on with the Arkansas Arts Center. The AAC is planning to remodel and before their project gets underway they want to gather information from the community about their views and wants for the reimagined arts center. Stacy would like to include interested ALA members in one of the planned community conversations.

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