

October Demo Artist, Eddie Smith, Jr.

We hope you are having a fantastic fall. This year has flown by and we are already to the Holidays. Hopefully you were able to make it to our October Meeting, as our own, talented Miller Eddie Smith, Jr., was our demo artist. Eddie has won 7 times out of 11 competitions we have had so far this year, and there is one more to go!

Eddie's style is beautiful realism with an emphasis on wildlife. He is especially fond of birds, and we jokingly call him "The Birdman of ALA". Usually, no one brings a painting of a bird to the monthly meeting because they will have to compete with him!

He prefers acrylics because of the fast drying time and the similarities to both oils and watercolors. He has developed techniques that allow him to make his paintings look like oils.

Instead of trying to paint an entire picture, Eddie showed us some of his tips he uses to paint mountains, trees, rocks, and leaves. He prefers to use a multiple edged palette knife to set in the first layer of a part, and then gently drags another color over the top, creating interesting textures and a variety of effects. He will then come back with the stippling brush to blend, or the small edge of the palette knife and smaller brushes to add the details.

Thanks, Eddie, for a great demo and for scheduling our demo artists each month!

by Sandy Kraft



- Nov. 28 - Christmas Party 7:00
- Dec. - No meeting
- Jan. 2-31 - Winners' Show
- Jan. 5 - Opening Reception

Artwork

SOLD

- **Freda Angeletti** completed two commissioned paintings.
- **Sharon Franke** sold 3 paintings and completed a commissioned painting.
- **Nancy Irving Smith** sold 2 still life paintings.
- **Vonda Rainey** sold 4 paintings at her show at Community Bakery, which will last until November 27. She is also working on 3 commissioned paintings.

Awards and Recognition

Debbie Strobel will have a painting in the Arkansas Pastel Society National Show, which will be at the Butler Center Gallery from November 10 through February, 2018. The opening reception is November 10.

Shirley Homsley won 1st place in Wildlife, 1st place in Still Life and 2nd place in Portraits at the Grand Prairie Arts Festival in Stuttgart. **Freda Angeletti** won 2nd place in wildlife at the show.

Diana Shearon had 3 paintings juried into the 8th Annual 6X6 Randy Higbee Gallery national show in Costa Mesa, CA. The show dates are Dec. 2 through Jan. 14. She also invites everyone to the Gallery 26 Holiday Show opening reception on Nov. 11 at 6 - 9:00 p.m.

Charlotte Rierson won Best of Show at the Conway League of Artists Fall Show with her painting, "Beyond My Garden, Greers Ferry Lake".



Christmas Party

The ALA Christmas Party will be held at our next meeting time, Tuesday, November, 28th, at the NLR Community Center, (where we have our monthly meetings). It will be catered by Two Sisters Catering, and the menu will include lasagna or chicken pasta, salad, homemade rolls and dessert. The cost will be \$10 per person, and **you are welcome to bring family members and/or friends**. We do need to give the caterer a head count, so please let us know as soon as possible, if you are planning to attend and how many guests you will have.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to our email address, arkansasleagueofartists@yahoo.com.

Last but not least, we will have our annual gift exchange at the Christmas Party, so be sure to join the fun and bring a small piece of your original artwork wrapped or in a Christmas bag for the exchange. We may even have a little entertainment!

Ho Ho Hope we see you there!

ARTISTS of THE MONTH



October Winners

1st - Clarence Cash, 2nd - Millicent Phillips, 3rd - Sharon Franke, 4th - Debbie Strobel, 5th - Eddie Smith



November Winners

1st - Patrick Edwards, 2nd - Stacy Jones, 3rd - Clarence Cash, 4th - Sharon Franke, 5th - Millicent Phillips

Winners' Show

The 2017 ALA Winner's Show will be on exhibit at the Patrick Hays Center, January 2-31, with an opening reception on January 5. This show is made up of all the winning artwork from the 2017 monthly competitions. We will send out a list to those who qualify to be in the show, or you can look at the 2017 newsletters on the ALA website, (www.arkansasleagueofartists.org), to verify how many times you have won this year. Art drop off dates at the Hays Center office will be December 29 from 8:00 - 4:00, or December 30 from 7:00 - 1:00.

Congratulations to all of the 2017 winners! We have one more monthly competition at the November ALA Christmas Party/Meeting so you still have a chance to be in the 2017 Winners' Show!

Thankful!

The Arkansas League of Artists received a very generous donation from a wonderful donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The donation was made in honor of past ALA Presidents, Louise Carlisle, Sandy Kraft and past, as well as current, ALA President Sharon Franke. The ALA Board of Directors is discussing the best possible use of the gift.

Heartfelt Condolences

The Arkansas League of Artists would like to express our sincere condolences to longtime member and former ALA Board Member, Charlotte Rierson and her husband, Don Rierson, in the loss of their beloved son, Todd. Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlotte and Don and their family in this time of sadness..

ALA Donates to Local School

ALA recently donated \$500 to St. Theresa Catholic School, which is a very small, private elementary school in southwest Little Rock, where most of the students are Hispanic. This amount will enable them to install a very needed sink for the art area, as well as art supplies. As we all know, studies have proven that art education boosts student academic performance. We are glad we can help in this small way, and our thanks to Debbie Strobel for bringing this to our attention.



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