

February Demo Artist

Cassandra Sanderson, a current instructor of painting and drawing at University of Arkansas at Little Rock, gave a very interesting and thought provoking demo for the ALA members. She read an excerpt from the novel, *Infinite Jest*, which was the inspiration for her painting. She explained how she would incorporate a collage of 3 to 4 images that would eventually compose an approximate 4 X 5 painting.

She is “interested in the possibility of fictionality in objects and memories, as well as the memories which make us who we are.” As a conceptual painter, she wants her painting “to have soul”, and likes to leave ambiguity in the painting so others will take a second look and ask themselves questions.

It was a pleasure to have Cassandra, who graduated from College of the Ozarks with a BA in Fine Arts and earned her Masters of Fine Art at the University of Arkansas School of Fine Arts. You may see her work at

<http://www.cassaundraksanderson.com/>.

March Demo Artist

We look forward to having Susan Hurst as our next demo artist. Susan specializes in portraits, landscapes and still life paintings in oil and pastels.

<https://www.hurstgallery.org>.



Membership Dues are Due!

The Dues are still \$30 and that is one of the best bargains ever! Please mail them to Arkansas League of Artists, PO Box 94367, North Little Rock, AR 72190-4367.

ARTISTS of THE MONTH



January 2019 Winners:

- 1st - Sandy Kraft
- 2nd - Eddie Miller Smith
- 3rd - Cindy Tucker
- 4th - Shelly Gentry
- 5th - Millicent Phillips



THANKS!

A big thanks to Sharon Franke for being our past president, and another big thanks to Patrick Edwards, our new president, and Kay Reed, our new treasurer.

Mark Your Calendars!

Members' Show.....June 14
at the Bookstore at Library Square (Cox Center)

Winners' Show and.....Dec 6
Christmas Party
This will be a combined show and Christmas party.

Artwork

SOLD

- **Patrick Edwards** completed one commission this month.
- **Glenn Beasley** sold 3 prints.
- **Bill Barksdale, David Cook, Judy Honey, and Gina Kraft** sold their paintings at our recent ALA Show at The Galleries at Library Square.

Awards/Recognitions/Shows

Patricia Bueter was asked to join Local Color Gallery at 5811 Kavanaugh Blvd, Little Rock. Her first show was February 7th. She has 11 paintings on display, so stop by and check it out.

Glenn Beasley is a finalist in the International Guild of Realism Winter Salon. Winners will be announced next month. He also has 2 works on exhibit at the New Generations Exhibit in Hot Springs at the Landmark Building, 201 Market St, from March 1 through May 31. It is sponsored by HSU Hot Springs Academic Initiatives.

Robin Miller-Bookhout has been selected by the renowned Customs House Museum and Curator in Clarksville, TN. The show will be "Fifteen Over Fifty" Exhibit, which will be installed March 5 through the end of April. Robin will present "Winter's Dawn" and an "Oh, Be Joyful Series".

Holly Tilley will have a solo show, "Rooted", which explores her upbringing and the influences that shaped her as an artist. Tilley's works feature her love of the outdoors, her travels as a painter abroad and her love of subjects reminiscent of her childhood. It will include 30 works of pastel, watercolor, and oil. The show will hang from April 1 - 29 at The South Arkansas Arts Center, 110 East 5th St, El Dorado, AR. The opening reception for the artist is Friday, April 6, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The Merkle and Price galleries are open to the public Mon - Fri from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ALA Art Show Successful!

Congratulations to everyone!

According to Colin Thompson, Art Administrator at The Galleries at Library Square, the ALA Art Show was a real success and they are looking forward to having us back again! He said it drew a good crowd and the visitors enjoyed the variety of art that we had.

Thanks to all who made this show the success that it was, especially the chairmen, Sharon Franke and Patrick Edwards!

Below are the paintings that sold. An email sent on 11/10/18 showed the winners.



Bill Barksdale
 Best of Show
 "Foggy Morning at Pigeon Creek"
 Photograph



Gina Kraft
 "Aqueous"
 48 X 36 Acrylic



Judy Shantz Honey
 "Circulate"
 30 X 40 Acrylic



David Paul Cook
 "Mt. Nebo Pines"
 12 X 12 Pen and Ink

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!!

The North Central Arkansas (NCA) Art Gallery invites Painters, 3 Dimensional Artists, and photographers to submit works for the April 9 Art Exhibition in the Fairfield Bay Conference Center, 110 Lost Creek, Fairfield, Bay. The artwork is open to all artists, eighteen years or older. Registration Forms are available at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center or e mail Charlotte Rierson, Art Coordinator -chardon@artelco.com. Deadline for registration form received is Mon. April 1. Mail to Charlotte Rierson, P.O. Box 1643, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088, or drop off at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center Art Gallery hours are Tues. thru Fri. 9:00-4:00 unless special events or conferences then the hours will be extended. The viewing of the Art is open & free of charge to the public. All art is available for purchase.

Calling all fans of local art!
 March 15-16
 FRIDAY NIGHT & ALL DAY SATURDAY
 ART group gallery
ART MADNESS IS UPON US!
 We have top-ranked art.
 We have goals.
 Come join the festivities!
 FRIDAY NIGHT 5pm-8pm
 Food, Adult Beverages, Games
 SATURDAY IS FAMILY DAY!
 Games, Food, Fun!
 ART group gallery



HOLLY TILLEY
rooted
 SOLO EXHIBITION

April 1 - April 29
 Opening Reception
 April 6, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 South Arkansas Arts Center
 310 E 5th St. El Dorado, AR
 Merkle and Price Galleries M-F 9-5:00

ART group gallery

Plein Air Painting in May
 May 20-22, 2019

presents
 an oil painting workshop
 led by
Bill Garrison

*9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon-Wed
 *Painting location to be determined - Little Rock area
 *\$300 - includes lunch each day.

Call Holly Tilley at 501-690-2193 or email at hollytilley@sbcglobal.net to register.

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