



June Demo Artist, Sean LeCrone

Sean LeCrone is a software engineer by day and award winning artist by night! He just recently won "Best of Show" at the ALA Members' Show, and many of you are probably familiar with the classes he teaches at LifeQuest at the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

Sean split his painting into 3 panels to represent his 3 stages in which he approaches just about each painting.

His 1st stage is his charcoal drawing. He always chooses paintings from things he has experienced, uses his own reference materials, especially the ones in which he has an emotional attachment. This stage is a fairly detailed drawing and the "skeleton on which everything else hangs."

The 2nd stage is "Disaster Recovery", when he decides where his darks and lights, rich colors, and dull colors will go, keeping his paints thin and transparent (by using Gamblin Galkyd), and layering at this stage.

The 3rd stage is the "Icing on the Cake", adding more texture, white, and paint right out of the tubes. He admires Richard Schmid's art and recommended his book, Alla Prima.

Sean did a great demo full of helpful information. Be sure and stop by to see him and his work at Gallery 221, W 2nd St, in downtown Little Rock on Art Night. <https://www.gallery221art.com>.



August Demo Artist Greg Lahti

You will not want to miss this extremely talented artist. His paintings are full of energy and wonderful colors.

<https://artgrouparkansas.com/collections/109002>.
<https://sloppygee.wixsite.com/greg-lahti-painting>.

Aug - Michelle Moore, demo artist

Sept - Marlene Gremillion, 6X6 Fundraiser, Double up on art

Oct - Demo Artist, Jeannie Stone, Double up on art

Nov - No Meeting

Dec - 12/6 Winners' Show & Christmas Party - No meeting

ARTISTS of THE MONTH



July

Winners:

- 1st - Shelly Gentry
- 2nd - Vonda Rainey
- 3rd - Louise Carlisle
- 4th - Millicent Phillips
- 5th - Linda Dyson

Art Sales and Recognition

Sharon Franke sold a painting at Local Color Gallery.

Charlotte Rierson sold her painting, "Lost in the River" at the Members' Show.

Diana Shearon will have a solo exhibition, "Chasing the Light", featuring garden scenes and still lifes at the Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN, July 1 - August 30.

The **Mid-Southern Watercolorists 49th Juried Exhibit** at the Historical Art Museum, 200 East 3rd St, Little Rock, will close July 7. If you haven't seen it, it's a great show!

The **2020 Small Works on Paper** annual juried exhibition entry deadline is July 26, 2019. For more information, go to <http://www.arkansasarts.org/Programs/Small-Works-On-Paper/submit-work>.



Art Sale



Tell Everyone ALA will be having an art sale at our September meeting!

We are having our art sale at our September 24 meeting, so we are asking that each and every member please bring at least one (or more!) small 6"X6" paintings that night to donate to the sale, and all proceeds will go toward our art shows. Of course, we would be happy to accept any size. Plus, **spread the word** that we are going to be having a sale that evening, **bring a friend** and **come early at 6:30!**

All 6" x 6 " paintings will be sold for \$20. If you bring another size, you will fill out the Silent Auction Bid form with the minimum starting amount. Then, members and friends will silently bid on those. Please invite your friends and family to come and enjoy a great way to purchase some new, original art! For questions, you may call our coordinator, Vonda Rainey, at (501) 772-4711 or email us at arkansasleagueofartists@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Great Turnout for 2018 Members' Show!

We had a great turnout for the opening reception and awards ceremony for the 2019 Members' Show at The Bookstore at Library Square Gallery, formerly the Cox Creative Center. We want to thank Barry Thomas for judging the show and congratulate all of the winners. We want to thank our Co-Chairpersons, Patrick Edwards and Clarence Cash, as well as Louise Carlisle, Sharon Franke, Sandy Kraft, Vonda Rainey, Anne Parat and Kay Reed for the beautiful reception, and Eddie Smith and Greg Lahti for hanging the entire show. **Thanks to all who helped!**



Best of Show - Gold Award and 1st Place Portrait Award

Sean LeCrone



**Silver Award (Arkansas Pastel Society) and
2nd Place Landscape
Susan Hurst**



**Bronze Award (Mid-Southern Watercolorists)
and 1st Place Landscape
Sandy Kraft**



**Landscape - 3rd Place
Vonda Rainey**



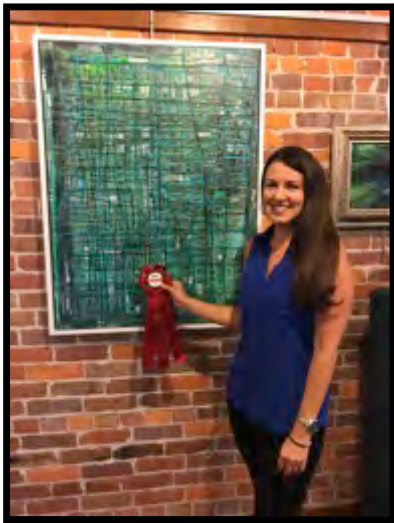
**Portrait/Figure - 2nd Place
Millicent Phillips**



**Portrait/Figure - 3rd Place
Karlyn Holloway**



**Abstract - 1st Place
Laura Welshans**



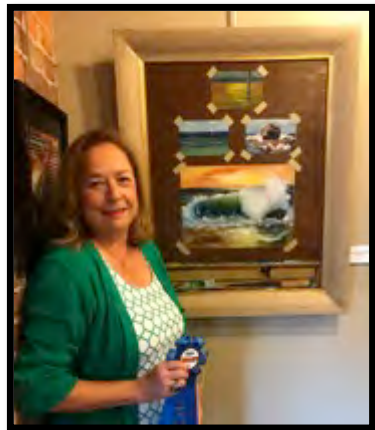
2nd Place - Abstract

Gina Kraft



3rd Place - Abstract

Sandra Marson



Still Life - 1st Place

Patricia Bueter



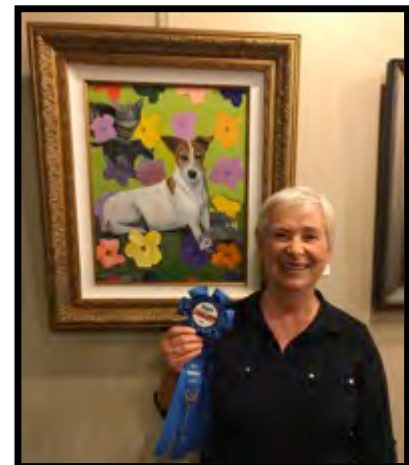
Still Life - 2nd Place

Patrick Edwards



Still Life - 3rd Place

Sharon Franke



Wildlife - 1st Place

Kay Reed



Wildlife - 2nd Place

Louise Carlisle



Wildlife - 3rd Place

Shelly Gentry

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