

**Watertown Art League, Inc Walart.org Newsletter MARCH 2020**

**Dear Members,**

Members of the Watertown Art League, Inc have always been a driving force behind the League. Members provide financial support, serve as officers and board members, work on various committees, volunteer their time and share their talent. This proud 50-year tradition will continue because of your membership. Please become a member or renew your membership. Dues June 1, 2020 thru May 31, 2021 are \$25.00.

**Our Meetings Demonstrations for Spring 2020**

The First Congregational Church, Watertown CT, at 7 PM will be:

**April 13** Alicia Mordenti, will be sharing her knowledge of landscape painting, her oil pieces are done in plein air and in her studio.

**May 11** Flladi Kulla, WAL's 2018 Best of Show winner, a Self Portrait that will be done in Flladi's beautiful oil style.

**June 8 Bob** Noreika, **always** popular with WAL members and a past judge for our Juried Show, Bob's always energetic presentation will be in water media.

**Spring Juried Show: Middlebury Library June 4 thru June 18**

**Change this year, Receiving and pickup will be on a Thursday from 4-7 pm.** The Thomaston Saving Bank Foundation will again be sponsoring our show. Toni Sills has agreed to chair the show.

Please spread the word about our show and new prize money by distributing our prospectus and information to artists, other leagues, classes you may be taking or other shows you are doing. The prospectus will be available on line for downloading. Prospectus will be forwarded to each member as soon as available. Once again, the library has offered their space to us for our show. Get your paintings ready for showing, help with refreshments and Support the league.

**Edith Reynolds** has joined the WAL Board and brings experience and expertise in applying for grant money. The League is hoping to expand its market, advertising, web site and mailing lists as well as making new and more attractive signage. We want to move the League into the 21st century with new and innovative ways to attract members, buyers, offer classes and places to display our art. Thank you Edith for joining us for the work you are doing.

Edith asked us to participate in an **Art Walk** in September in Downtown Waterbury, that is being planned with multi groups participating. We have been assigned the space at St John's Hall, on the Green in Waterbury and would be one of six stops. We hope to receive some grant money to help with expenses. It is a 3-day event, Thursday September 24 thru Saturday September 26th, and we hope you will consider bringing your art work. We will be passing out cards and info about our Fall Festival at that show and hope to attract new buyers. Art will be for sale. Please contact Edith@edithreynolds@yahoo.com if you would like to be on the planning and working portion of this event. All help is appreciated.

**Workshops:** We are actively looking into more workshops. Some interesting names came up. The League is hoping to provide good classes at affordable prices have fun, learn, and share.

#### **WAL web page**

We have a page available for some your artwork. You can submit a couple of jpegs with all your info to be posted on this web page. Please go to WALART.org to view. We are hoping more buyers will be visiting our site and look at the artwork on display and buy. Jpegs should be submitted directly to Cathy Unger at [watertownartleague@gmail.com](mailto:watertownartleague@gmail.com)

**Fall festival of Art** is scheduled for **October23 thru 25th at the Old Woodbury Town Hall**. This year the card will have multi images of different artist's art and you are invited to submit a jpeg for consideration. Selection will be made based on the compatibility of the six pieces chosen. We hope to have a diverse selection and an interesting card. Please submit jpegs to Anitagregor@hotmail.com before June 1st. They will be kept and possibly be used on other advertising. Be sure to note artists name, medium, and name of painting.

**Election of Officers** at the **June 2020** meeting, Officers and Board members for the upcoming year will be elected. Please let a Board member know if you are willing to work on the Board for next year. We are looking for a couple of board members at large and a secretary. We work together as a group and will be having a few new small jobs that we would love to put your name on. Please let May Phillips know if you want to come to a Board Meeting to see if it is of interest to you. We need your help to make some exciting changes. Cassandra Guidess will be handling the nominations. Become involved....please. Changes are coming.

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