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# Canton Artists League News

*An affiliate of Canton Museum of Art*
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## Notes from the CAL President

**Tom Kilpatrick**

Happy New Year CAL, I hope you had the best of Holidays. Now that we have put to rest another Christmas, it is time to jump into a new CAL year. Your board and I strive to continue to provide you with enjoyable activities each year. If we do not please let us know where we can improve.

We ended 2025 with our typical "Dino" critique with a surprisingly good turnout at a new location and of course our Christmas party also at a new location --all went very well.

2026 is starting out with M.J. (Al) Albecete telling of his vast experience with the 90 yr. history of the Canton Museum of Art. Knowing Mr. Albecete this should be very entertaining. At our meeting on March. 18 we have our 1st of 2 challenges--" Lighting". Any artwork which highlights lighting IE. bright, dim, hidden, odd, colorful, whatever is what we're looking for. This could be very creative. In the AHH Gallery this month Irene Rodriguez will be the featured artist. Her exhibit will run Jan. 10 thru Feb.12 with her reception being from 1 - 3 pm on Jan. 10 and a workshop from 1 - 4 on Feb. 7. Bruce Budd will be the featured artist from Feb. 14 thru Mar. 26 with his reception being from 1 - 3 pm on Feb. 28 and his workshop from 1 - 4pm on Mar. 14. The "Look of Winter" juried show at the AHH Gallery will be Jan. 24 thru Feb. 19 with awards and reception at 2pm Jan 24. Please try to support our local artists and enjoy the show and refreshments. The CAL showing at Summit Art Space has been changed due to delayed construction work and will now be from Mar. 6 thru Apr. 25 and the entry deadline has been moved to Jan. 15. The CMA/CAL exhibit entry deadline is now thru Feb. 13. Check this newsletter for details of this and all other events mentioned.

On a more somber note , if you haven't yet heard, Irene Rodriguez's husband, Rick, had a minor (if there is such a thing) stroke recently but is now home and, last I heard, is recovering well. Our prayers and thoughts go out to them both.

One last reminder, if you haven't yet done so, CAL dues are due by the end of January. Stay busy and cozy up to a nice warm art project this winter. As always, Tom.

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**Reminder: Your Dues to Canton Museum of Art must be up to date to remain current with CAL, since we are an affiliate of CMA. When it comes time to renew, be sure to pay CMA. If you're not sure when your CMA dues expires, check your membership card or call the museum.**
*(CAL dues are due in January.)*

## Presentation

MJ (Al) Albacete, retired executive director of CMA

90 years of CMA

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

6:00 PM at Canton Museum of Art.

## Grant Juried Exhibit "Look of Winter"

## Art and History Gallery

January 24 - February 19, 2026

Reception - January 24, 2:00 PM

## Presentation

Amanda Crowe, Education Director, CMA

CMA Tour and Education Overview

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

6:00 PM at Canton Museum of Art.

## CAL Exhibit - "Diversity"

## Summit Art Space

March 6 - April 25, 2026

**Entry Dates Until January 15, 2026**

Reception - **March 12, 2026, from 5–9 p.m.**2026

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## CAL at CMA

## Canton Museum of Art

March 17 - April 5, 2026

**Entry Dates Until February 13, 2026**

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## Challenge - Lighting

**Wednesday, Marh 18, 2026**

6:00 PM at Canton Museum of Art

***Bring artwork to share***

To learn more about CAL, visit us at.... Website: https://cantonartistleague.org
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## CAL News is published every other month

We want to hear about your art successes—exhibits, awards, etc. Send your news to tobias@artistirene.com

Deadline for submissions is on the 1st of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.

## League News

**Judi Krew** - I will be a part of the "From WOMAN 19" in 2026 at The McDonough Museum in Youngstown. It will be on view from January 20 - Feb 28 which is also the closing reception from 2 - 4. The show is curated by Mary Urbas.

My daughter-in-law made a 5 minute 30 second video of my recently closed Hoard Couture show at the Little Art Gallery. If you would like to view it, I can send a link via email. judikrew@gmail.com.

Artist Opportunity

**Beth Rossier** will open a new Gallery, SummRStar Gallery, next Spring. The address is 3784 Cleveland Ave NW, Canton 44709.

She would like one artwork each from 12 CAL members (first come first serve because of limited space).

The Gallery opening reception is scheduled for Friday, April 10th

She would like to have the artwork no later than the CAL meeting, March 13 .

The commission for the gallery is 30% of sales

If interested contact Beth at beth.rossier@gmail.com or call at 330-703-2608

Beth requests a bio for participating artists. She will need the Name of Artist, Title of the piece, Medium , Price and size (framed) and of course the information on the back of the artwork.

Artwork is expected to be in the gallery for 6 months (or a minimum of three months.)

All art will be insured, security cameras and motion detectors will be in place, artist payments will be made twice monthly (depending on date of sale). An artist Inventory sheet and Sales Account will be maintained for each artist.

The Gallery website will be launched around the time of opening, Facebook and Instagram pages will be fully up and running prior.

**Diane Anderson** - I'll be exhibiting my solo show, "Symbiosis to Emergence", running January 3 - 31, 2026, in Brewtifully at Oakwood Square, Canton. The opening reception will be Sat, Jan 10.

**Tom Kilpatrick** - .I've completed my Eiffel Tower commission and it didn't hurt as badly as I thought it would. Anyway it was shipped out to California and my client loves it so now I can start my "Lighting " challenge.

**Jane Heater -** I am having a solo show of my nature photographs at the Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center. The show will be hung early in the first full week of January and run at least til the end of January. The center is located south of Alliance at 16146 Daniel St NE.

Glory Reflections Photography

**Nancy Michel -** I had the privilege of teaching watercolor color theory and techniques to adult students at the Ahh Gallery. It was wonderful to teach people who were excited to learn!

**Irene Rodriguez** - Thank you to all who sent prayers and good wishes to Rick. He is home and doing well with his recovery from the stroke. My artwork has been put on hold for a few weeks. Now that he is home, I'm able to do more (like working on this newsletter and getting ready for my exhibit at the AHH gallery.) I hope to see many of you at the reception at the AHH gallery on Saturday, Jan 10, from 1 to 3 PM. My block printing workshop is February 7.

## CAL Website, Members Art page

**If you wish to have your art displayed on this website page, send pictures of your artwork, up to 3, to Diane Anderson at diane@dianeandersonart.com She will prepare the pictures with a watermark and send them to Irene for inclusion on the website.**

Canton Museum of Art

Exhibits at CMA

**NOVEMBER 25, 2025 - MARCH 1, 2026**

## SHATTERED GLASS: THE WOMEN WHO ELEVATED AMERICAN ART

*Shattered Glass* refers to breaking the "glass ceiling," a metaphor for the invisible barriers that prevent qualified people from advancing in their careers, especially underrepresented groups, including women. S*hattered Glass* is the first original exhibit held at the Canton Museum of Art to highlight only female artists and their heavily ignored contributions. Particular focus is given to those women who faced adversity due to not only their gender, but also race, sexuality, economic status, family, and life challenges. A sub-theme within the exhibition will focus on the women who created and exhibited their work under a male pseudonym, some of whom only revealed the truth in recent years or upon their death.

**MARCH 17 - APRIL 5, 2026**

## CANTON ARTISTS LEAGUE EXHIBITION

The Canton Museum of Art presents a juried exhibition of artists from Canton Artists League, an affiliate group of the Museum.

## STARK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

The Stark County High School Art Exhibition features original two- and three-dimensional works by students, created as part of their school curriculums and chosen by their school's art instructor. Each school is limited to a total of ten entries with no more than two entries per artist. Student works are judged on the basis of both originality and technical ability. Over 100 works in various media will be on display by students from around 18 Stark County high schools.

# CANTON ARTISTS LEAGUE

## "Diversity"

## At Summit Art Space

1st floor "Intersections Gallery."

## 140 E Market Street, Akron, OH 44308

SummitArtspace.org

## March 6 to April 25, 2026

**ELIGIBILITY** –all Canton Artists League members whose dues are paid up to date.

**SIGN UP** - Link to submission form for participating artists: https://summitartspace.submittable.com/submit/0b8f5d0f-4605-43f4-b7a3-dc73657689d8/canton-artists-league-artist-information-request **Deadline January 15, 2026**

**ENTRY FEES** – none

**DELIVERY** –**Artwork drop-off: February 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & February 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** If you are unable to deliver work at that time, please ask someone to deliver it for you

**PRESENTATION** – Artwork must be framed with wire and/or d-rings on the back. (No clip frames, plastic box frames or alligator hangers are acceptable.) It must be labeled with artist name and label information on the back. (See label below.) Gallery-wrapped canvases with painted edges are acceptable.

**NUMBER OF ARTWORKS** – Each artist may submit 3 pieces. Due to wall space, not all 3 might not be accepted. When submitting, enter pieces as Number 1 being top of their list and 3, not as important. Size Restrictions: Add the height and width (FRAME SIZE) of each artwork. Total of all must not exceed 150 inches. There is also space for 3-D artwork, 1 per artist in addition to wall hanging artwork

(Example #1: first is 11 high + 14 wide = 25; second is 20 high + 16 wide = 36; third is 18 + 24 = 42. Added together = 103.

Example #2: first is 24 h + 36 w = 60; second is 36 h + 46 w = 84. Total is 144.)

**ARTWORK CONTENT –** Artwork must be original by the artist, not a copy from another artist's work. Artwork should be recent (created within the last few years

**SALES** – For art that is available for purchase, 30% of the proceeds will go to Summit Art Space

AWARD: People's choice award

**RECEPTION – March 12, 2026, from 5–9 p.m.**2026

**PICK UP DATE** -: **Week of April 27, 2026 TBA**

ACCESSABILITY: Ramps for wheelchairs.

# CAL at CMA

**Highlights from the signup instructions on the link below**

**Important Dates**

Entry Open Date: December 15, 2025

Entry Close Date: February 13, 2026

Notification Date: February 18, 2026

Exhibition Dates: March 17, 2026 – April 5, 2026

Artwork Drop off Dates: Tuesday, March 10, 10am-8pm and Wednesday, March 11, 10am-5pm

Image files must be under 4 mb and jpg. For best results, images should be at least 1920 pixels on the longest side @ 72 dpi and sRGB colorspace. If you do not see your images when you upload your entries, during your review, and on your receipt, they did not upload.

The link for CAL members to submit their work for jurying is now live at this link: https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=58928
It is also listed on the exhibit page: https://www.cantonart.org/exhibits/2026-canton-artists-league-exhibition-march-17-2026-april-5-2026

Attach label to the back of the artwork for exhibits.

Name _____

Address _____

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Primary Phone _____

Email _____

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**Some dates and/or times might have changed.**

| Subject | Date | Start Time | End Time | Description | Location |
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| CAL Meeting | 1/21/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | MJ (Al) Albacete | Canton Museum of Art |
| CAL Meeting | 2/18/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | Amanda Crowe | Canton Museum of Art |
| Diversity | 3/6 - 4/25/2026 | | | Exhibit | Summit Art Space |
| Diversity | 3/12/2026 | 5:00 PM | 9:00 PM | Reception | Summit Art Space |
| CAL at CMA | 3/17-4/5/26 | | | Exhibit | Canton Museum of Art |
| CAL Meeting | 3/18/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | Challenge - Lighting | Canton Museum of Art |
| CAL Meeting | 4/15/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | TBD | Canton Museum of Art |
| CAL Meeting | 5/20/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | TBD | Canton Museum of Art |
| Picnic | 6/20/26 | | | Tentative | Price Park |
| Juried Exhibition | 6/20 - 7/24/26 | | | Exibit | AHH Gallery |
| Juried Exhibition | 6/27/26 | 5:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Reception | AHH Gallery |
| CAL Meeting | 7/19/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | Chris Triner - Critique | Canton Museum of Art |
| CAL Meeting | 8/19/26 | 6:00 PM | 7:45 PM | Chris Triner - | Canton Museum of Art |

ARTS IN STARK 2025-2026 IMPACT GRANT ACTIVITIES

at Art and History Gallery, Louisville

Sponsored by AHH Gallery and CAL

Resister for workshops through Louisville Nimishillen Historical Society website https://lsvlnimhistsoc.org

| Featured Artist | Show dates | Reception | Time | Workshop | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Irene Rodriguez | Jan 10 through Feb 12, 2026 | 1/10/2026 | 1:00 - 3:00 | 2/7/2025 Block Printing | 1:00 - 4:00 |
| Bruce Budd | Feb 14 through Mar 26, 2026 | 2/28/2026 | 1:00 - 3:00 | 3/14/2025 Drawing Elements | 1:00 - 4:00 |
| Gail Wetherall Sack | Mar 28 through May 7, 2026 | 3/28/2026 | 1:00 - 3:00 | 4/11/2025 Collage | 1:00 - 4:00 |
| Kim Anderson | May 9 through Jun 11, 2026 | 5/9/2026 | 1:00 - 3:00 | 6/6/2025 Needle Felting | 1:00 - 4:00 |
| Juried Exhibition | Jun 20 through Jul 24, 2026 | 6/27/2026 | 5:00 - 7:00 | NA | |