

Canton Artists League News

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Notes from the CAL President

Lori Perry

Usually writing this letter is easy, as I try to condense all the latest news and upcoming events related to the Canton Artists League. I'm now trying to think of ways to expand the letter, because all meetings and activities are on hold until we're notified that meeting in groups is considered safe. It boils down to one thing: We are fortunate to be well, to be able to reflect upon our blessings, and to share our hearts with those who have not fared as well. We must keep that in mind. Some of us might be bored, others overwhelmed with the time to work on projects put on hold for years. I've spoken to several of you during the past month, and it seems that artists, with their never-ending ideas and desires to create, are perhaps a bit more equipped to handle "shelter in place". Cynthia Capestrain dusted off her 60-year-old sewing machine and started making masks. Julie Schuster texted photos of beautiful works of art done in markers, something she had previously been nervous to try. Marcella Olenzak, along with a friend, created 200 masks to be donated to a nursing home in Akron. We hope more of you will let us know how you've been using your talents during the quarantine so we can share stories with the membership. As soon as we have the okay, meetings will resume, workshops will be rescheduled and hopefully our bus trip to the Picasso exhibit at the Cleveland Museum will happen. In the meanwhile, I wish you health and peace as we travel this difficult journey.

Upcoming Meetings

Due to COVID19, scheduled meetings have been put on hold until we are cleared to meet.

- Jun: Life drawing with D. Massaroni
- Jul: Artists Forum
- Aug: Picnic
- Sep: Abstract Art - J. McWhorter
- Oct: Stark State Reception
- Nov: Critique with D. Massaroni
- Dec: Christmas Party

See calendar list pages for more events, shows, and meetings.



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Keeping their distance, your CAL board members are spread in this newsletter.

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Nancy Michel - "Three's a Charm" watercolor and two scratchboard commissioned pieces.



Columbia Shepard - I recently bought a house closer to work/Canton. I wish I had time to dive into my art work but I'm lucky enough to still be working. Between working and "new move in" projects there hasn't been time for art work. I still need to set up my studio as well. I miss our meetings and hope to starting coming back regularly.

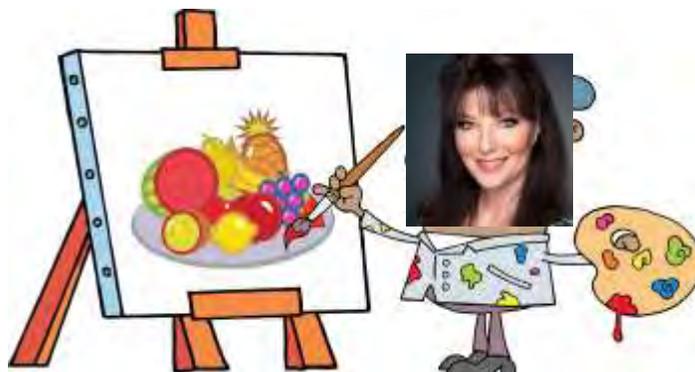
Louise Udovich - I don't mind being stuck at home. I've been painting a lot and gardening. Just finished paintings in last few months.



Frank Dale - Work done in isolation 1) "Girl With a Violin" oil on canvas 45 x 35 created as a painting Vermeer might have painted today. Featuring Megan Farrabee and her violin. 2) "Portrait of Mary" oil on 9 x 12 canvas, 3) A "Forever Rose Never Fades" oil on 5 x 7 panel.



Cynthia Capestrain - My new rescue cat Lily. I've had her 2 weeks now. She is such nice company and I've been making many masks. Here are just a few. Stay safe everyone.



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Lori Perry - We are fortunate to have found a contractor willing to convert our falling down barn into an art studio on one end and a workshop for my husband on the other. I found on Craig's list an 8' tall Palladian window to partially fill the north wall. The interior wood in this building is beautiful but needs to be power washed, as the cows who inhabited the barn years ago have left their mark. I'm spending time planning shelves, a counter, and trying to find a way to have a small sink. A friend who recently passed away left some furniture which I am hoping will fit into the scheme. Looking at these photos, I'm wondering if I'm off my rocker. I've been told countless times to tear down the structure and put up a pole building. Somehow, it wouldn't be the same. There is such nostalgia on this old farm and I don't want to lose it.



Look at those moon flowers grow! Along with pumpkins, squash, peppers, tomatoes, basil, broccoli and hopefully tobacco from last year's plant.

Julie Schuster - I've organized all my photos, working on building a mudroom, working on my garden, and trying some art with markers. Missing everyone and hoping you are all healthy. We will meet again.



Tom Kilpatrick - Hi everyone. I hope you are all healthy and enduring all this. I've painted 4 paintings in March just to stay busy and tried a couple of pallet knife paintings, something I haven't done since collage. The jury is out on this as I attempt to feel comfortable with a pallet knife. Right now they look like Impressionist paintings as I can't get the detail I normally want but that's alright I can appreciate the Impressionist painters even more now. Stay busy and strong.



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Marcella Disman - I was working on 5 paintings when the virus hit. I decided to put a hold on painting. Even though I haven't sewn since I was 8 and made a towel in 4 H, I wanted to contribute. I'm now at over 250 masks given to people in need from truck drivers, people with compromised immune systems, dialysis nurses, medical staffs. Are they perfect? No, but they work. Next project? Masks to be given at the VA. Stay well everyone!



Irene Rodriguez - I've been painting and sewing Art quilts. The quilts here are table toppers.



Cancelled - **Irene Rodriguez** was to be the featured artist at Art & History Gallery in Louisville May - June.



Sharon Mazgaj - I'm sure I'm like other people trying to sort/clean out/organize my closets and artwork. I purchased this hanging system. Previously, I was putting nails in my basement walls whenever I needed to hang artwork. I patched and repainted the room, and installed this hanging system. It's great, because I can move art around and just adjust the hanging clips however I like. I did order additional cables and hooks, as I have a lot of work and I was afraid the number of cables and hooks would not be enough.



Nancy Stewart Matin - My safety valve in all this time alone has been my new kittens, Fred and Ginger .. better to talk to cats than talk to yourself. Oh, and I have done some painting. Stay well.



• **Spring/Summer Exhibitions Update:** At this time, the public opening date is pending for *Reflections: The Artistic Spirit of Merv Corning*, *Patient Work: Watercolors* by J.D. Titzel, *Symbolic Narrative: Ceramics* by Taylor Robenalt, and *A Portrait of Americana: American Life from the CMA Collection*. Working under public health guidelines and social distancing procedures, all exhibitions will be installed. Plans are underway to create virtual tours for each exhibition, to be accessed on the CMA website until CMA can re-open to the public—and likely under a new set of public health guidelines for museums. Please check <https://www.cantonart.org> and on our social media platforms for more details.

• Go virtual with your CMA throughout this temporary closure! **Look for us on Facebook every Wednesday at 12 noon for Live events**, and throughout the week as we post additional content. You can also **Explore the Museum's Collection** in our online collection area. Plus, Museum To Go virtual tours and art-making activities, art therapy relaxation, and other content is being regularly posted at our **CMA From Home** page here.

Join CMA Curators Christy Davis and Kaleigh Pisani-Paige on May 7th from 6-7pm on our Facebook page for a Virtual Opening Reception LIVE: <https://www.facebook.com/CantonMuseumofArt/>

Symbolic Narrative: Ceramics by Taylor Robenalt (Opening date pending - July 19, 2020)

Taylor Robenalt uses human forms, flora and fauna to illustrate emotion. Her body of work features clusters of animals and flowers constructed out of porcelain with glaze, gold luster and underglaze applications. In these pieces, the animal heads appear to be bursting out of a heavy cluster of flowers. With each piece created in the series, the flower clusters become more abundant and ornate, and the animals seem to multiply as if the work itself is alive and fertile.



Reflections: The Artistic Spirit of Merv Corning (opening date pending - July 19, 2020)

Within his vast body of artwork, including landscapes, architecture, aviation, and more, Merv was well known for his portraits of football players, Hall of Famers, and Super Bowls. He counted many owners and others throughout the NFL as major collectors of his work. In fact, the NFL first contacted Corning in 1966-67 for watercolor illustration work; their relationship would span 30 years, with Corning becoming the official National Football League Super Bowl artist in 1977. Merv had a solo exhibition here at CMA in 1989. "Game Day", as it was titled, received much acclaim.



Details of the shows below was in the March/April issue

A Portrait of Americana: American Life from the CMA Collection (Opening date pending , 2020)



Patient Work: Watercolors by J.D. Titzel (Opening date pending - July 19, 2020)



**Calendar has updates from the last newsletter.
Some dates and/or times might have changed.**



Subject	Date	Start Time	End Time	Description	Location
<i>You will be notified when our events will</i>					
CAL Meeting	6/17/20 TBD	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Life Drawing Dino Massaroli	Canton Museum of Art
Art at the Center 2020	Cancelled	10:00 PM	6:00 PM	Deliver Artwork	Feltz Center
Art at the Center 2020	Cancelled	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Recep—	Feltz Center
Picasso Exhibit	July TBD			Bus Trip	Cleveland Art Museum
CAL Meeting	7/15/20 TBD	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Artist Forum - Bring artwork, share what you're working on	Canton Museum of Art
CAL Picnic	8/15/19	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	Food, Ra , Bingo	Price Park
CAL Meeting	9/16/20	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Abstract Art Discussion - Jack McWhorter	Canton Museum of Art
Workshop	9/24/20	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	Portraits (all media) - Ken Kirkland	Canton Museum of Art
	9/25/20	10:00 AM	5:00 PM		
Diversity 2020	TBD			Deliver Artwork	Stark State Student Center
Diversity 2020	10/21/20	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Reception	Stark State Student Center
CAL Meeting	11/18/20	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Cri e - Dino Massaroli	Canton Museum of Art
Christmas Party	12/9/20			Dinner & gift exchange	TBD
720 Market	5/15/21	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Outdoor Fair	St. Paul's parking Lot, North



The CMA Wall display is on hold until further notice and artists will be rescheduled as necessary.

Georgia MacDonald, scheduled for April, will be rescheduled. May - Sandy Paradis; Jun - Bruce Humbert; Jul/Aug - Tom Kilpatrick; Sept - Cynthia Capestrain; Oct - TBD Nov/Dec - Donna Volpe

Resource Directory

CAL is starting a resource directory for CAL members who sell their artwork. We already have a page on our website with links to our artists websites. We will expand this information and add a link from Facebook. We anticipate distributing this information in other ways also.

If you sell your artwork and are interested in having your information added to the directory, please fill out the form below and send it to Irene at tobias@artistirene.com. A picture or two of your artwork would also be nice.

CAL Resource Directory Information

Name: _____

Contact information for publication: _____

Website address: _____

Media: _____ Take Commissions? _____

Brief description of your artwork: _____

Teach Art Classes? _____ Age Level: _____ Location: _____

Media/Description of classes: _____
