

# Palette Palaver

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## Instructor Spotlight: Pat Johnson

Pat Johnson, well-known artist who exhibits at the Crossed Palms Gallery in Bokeelia, will offer ongoing, four-week watercolor classes at the League starting Jan. 5.

Johnson will teach **Beginning Watercolor Creatively** for students with no prior painting experience, and **Free Yourself Creatively** for students with some watercolor experience.

The beginning course includes four sessions from 9 a.m. to noon. Focusing on principles of design, Pat will demonstrate basic watercolor techniques and provide students with individual attention as they practice these techniques. Students will select their own subjects and be encouraged to progress at their own pace.

Pat's goal is to help students observe their surroundings in a different way and to spark a desire to continue creating their own work with knowledge and confidence. Tuition for the beginning course is \$50 plus a one-time materials fee of \$10.

The intermediate course will meet Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., also starting Jan. 5. Struc-

tured as ongoing, four-week sessions, this class will stress design and composition. Pat will help students become more aware of their visual environment, hone their skills, and increase their aesthetic sensitivity. Each lesson will start with a demonstration, incorporating various techniques.

Students will then have time to paint a subject of their choice, working from the photos they bring, or still life, or both. Tuition for each four-week session is \$50; students will provide their own materials.



Pat began teaching privately in 1987 and has been teaching studio classes since 1996. She has taught workshops throughout South Dakota,

Minnesota, and Florida. She has taught privately on Pine Island and has exhibited with the Pine Island Art Association.

Pat attended Mount Marty College in Watertown, SD, and the North Light Art School. She has studied with widely known artists including Jane Kunz, Zolton Szabo, Gerald Brommer, Raleigh Kinney, Rose Edin, Cheng Khee Chee, Karlyn Holman, and Tom Jones.

## Jeanine Jackson to Demo at Jan. 9 General Meeting

Renowned oil portrait artist Jeanine Jackson will give a demonstration on portrait painting in oils with a live model at the League's General Meeting on Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Community members are welcome and urged to attend.

Free of charge, the meetings give community members a chance to learn about opportunities the League offers, as well as meet League members, and observe an art demonstration. Refreshments are served.

During the brief business meeting, members will be asked to adopt a calendar year for League activities, budget, and membership.

Jackson founded the Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists and is an ambassador to the Portrait Society of America. She has been painting in various mediums for more than 25 years. Oil

painting has been her full-time profession since 1998, with a focus on portraits. Jackson will teach a six-week class in **Oil Portraiture** at the League beginning Feb. 17. During the **Happy Hour Show**, she offered pointers to League members Ken Cutler, Ann Shuey, and Maria Lo Monaco.

You may view Jeanine's work at <http://www.peoplescapesct.com>



[homestead.com/](http://www.homestead.com/)

## It's Tea Time!

The Art League will host its annual **English Tea** to welcome new members and sponsors on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m. Individuals who have joined the League during the past year have been sent invitations to attend as guests of the League.

The cost for all other members is \$10. "Veteran" members are asked to bring their own teacups and saucers. Please plan to attend and bring at least one friend. Let's make this English Tea our best yet with a terrific turnout!

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### *Bonnet Boutique*

In preparation for the English Tea, members are invited to a **Bonnet Boutique** on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bring a wide-brimmed hat you plan to wear to the Tea and decorate it with materials provided by the League. Details: Lynda Lea Belviso, tel. 458-5306.

### *Fancy Free All Media Show*

The League's **Fancy Free All Media Show** opens Feb. 10 with a wine and cheese reception from 5-7 p.m. Receiving is Monday, Feb. 6 from noon - 2 p.m.

The show is open to all Cape Coral Art League members and those emerging or re-emerging artists who wish to become members. This is your chance to display a cornucopia of work — paintings, prints, mixed media, sculpture, pottery, photography, hand-crafted dolls, fabric art, basketry and jewelry. Show Chairs are Janet Mach Dutton (540-5503) and Florene Welebny (549-9488). See Prospectus insert.

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## President's Message

Good news! The City of Cape Coral has given tentative approval to our building addition/renovation plan, allowing us to move forward in selecting a contractor, developing specifications, and beginning permitting. The Board will meet in a special session on Jan. 2 to determine next steps and will keep the City apprised of details as they emerge.

I hope your holiday season was joyous and that you return to the League with renewed energy. The coming year will be very busy as we implement an ambitious plan to recruit new members, increase volunteerism, build business partnerships, improve the appearance and function of our building, and celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please say **Yes!** when asked to contribute your time and talent. Please join us for our Jan. 9 General Meeting, when Jeanine Jackson will give a demo on portrait painting in oils, and for our Jan. 22 English Tea to recognize new members and sponsors.

*Liz Ghormley*



Tom Jones presented a fantastic workshop Nov. 16-18. Our Jan. 18-21 workshop with Jean Spicer is filled, but there are a few spots open in the Joe Fettingis workshop, March 9-11. Call the League (772-5657) or Gail Dale (543-5333).

## CCAL Board Update

On Nov. 21 the Board of Directors adopted a marketing plan and marketing budget for the coming year, including special activities to celebrate the League's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November.

Pending membership approval at the January general meeting, the Board voted to operate on a calendar year, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 instead of the current June 1 - May 31. Making this change requires a change in the by-laws, which members will vote on at the Jan. 9 general meeting. All members were mailed a copy of the proposed change on Nov. 22. Under the current system, the fiscal and membership year ends when many members have already left Florida for their northern homes. As a result, action planning for the upcoming season doesn't begin until fall and many Board members don't begin their new tasks until October or later.

Changing to a calendar year will enable current Board members to assist incoming Board members with their new responsibilities and will make it easier for members to stay current with their dues. Most important, the change will enable the League to function effectively year-round. Current officers and Board members agreed to stay on until Dec. 31, 2006.

The Board also voted to raise membership dues in all categories by \$5 per year. Members will be asked to vote on the dues structure at the February general meeting: \$25, friend; \$35, individual; \$45 family.

The Board also voted to establish Task Forces on Membership, Volunteers, Shows, Fundraising, Building Improvement, Grants, and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. In addition, the League will increase its involvement in City and Chamber of Commerce activities, and explore joint activities with Cultural Park Theatre and the Historical Museum.

For a full report on this meeting, please see the copy of the minutes posted at the League.

## New Adult and Children's Classes

Several new adult and children's classes will begin at the League in January and February.

### Adult Classes

**Beginning Watercolor Creatively** with Pat Johnson, begins Thurs., Jan. 5, 9 a.m.-noon

**Free Yourself for Creativity** with Pat Johnson begins Thurs., Jan. 4, 1-4 p.m.

**Intermediate Watercolor Class** with Cheryl Fausel, begins Tues., Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-12 noon

**Advanced Beginner Watercolor Class** with Cheryl Fausel, begins Tues., Jan. 10, 1-4 p.m.

**Acrylics Class** with James Pay begins Fri., Feb. 3, 1-4 p.m.

**Oil Portraiture** with Jeanine Jackson begins Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Intermediate Watercolor** with Cheryl Fausel begins Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-12 noon

**Advanced Beginner Watercolor** with Cheryl Fausel begins Jan. 10, 1-4 p.m.

Members and non-members may also enroll in ongoing League classes, including **All Mediums** with Betty Wedeles, Mondays, 9 a.m.-12 noon; and four classes with Lois Johnston: **Jewelry Making Techniques**, **Metal Embossing**, **Glass Mosaics** and **Beginning Acrylic Painting**. Please arrange class times with Lois directly, tel. 458-8319.

### Children's Classes

**Art History** with Lois Johnston, begins Tuesday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

**Exploring Art** with Lois Johnston, begins Tuesday, Jan. 10, 4-5:30 p.m.

**Acrylic Painting** with Dee Julian, begins Wednesday, Jan. 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Acrylic Painting** with Dee Julian, begins Thursday, Jan. 12, 4-5:30 p.m.

**Pottery Workshop** with Becky Elam, begins Thursday, Jan. 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Art in an Hour** with Becky Elam, begins Thursday, Jan. 12, 1:45-2:45 p.m.\*

**Drawing Workshop** with Becky Elam, begins Thurs., Feb. 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

\*Parents may enroll students for **Art in an Hour** on a per-week basis. However, pre-registration is required since the teacher provides supplies. Scheduled classes are as follows:

**Mosaics** (with ceramic tiles) – Jan. 12

**Create a Sun Catcher** – Jan. 19

**Basic Weaving** (pot holder) – Jan. 26

**Basket Weaving** – Feb. 2

**Paper Maché** – Feb. 9

For information and course registration, please call the Art League at 239-772-5657 or Gail Dale, Education Chairman, at 239-543-5333.

## ArtFest Ft. Myers

Fourteen League members have volunteered to work at ArtFest in Ft. Myers on Feb. 4 and 5, but there's still time for YOU to sign up! Having a solid volunteer presence at ArtFest assures us a booth where we can publicize the many opportunities our League offers. League members are welcome to paint and offer demonstrations at our booth, but may not sell work.

As a volunteer, you'll receive a wonderful T-shirt bearing this year's logo and will have a great time helping out at this professional show. Call Sue Rayman or Marge Light at 772-5657 or email [ccartleague@earthlink.net](mailto:ccartleague@earthlink.net) to volunteer.

## Fall Shows

Skip Weber won the People's Choice Award for his watercolor, *Springtime*, in the League's annual men's show, **Celebrate!**, which opened December 9 and will hang through January 7. Gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, and Friday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Thirteen men are taking part, exhibiting paintings and many types of sculpture, from Nick Conicella's woodcarvings to Casey Siewierski's imaginative multimedia sculptures.



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The League's 16th Annual Happy Hour Fine Art Juried Show took place Nov. 11-Dec. 4. First place winner was Janet Mach Dutton for her watercolor, **Out of the Jar**; second place went to Martin Nathan for his etching, **Bag Lady**; and third place went to Dena Shepherd for her watercolor **Cycling Palm**. Honorable mention awards went to Sue Pink for her watercolor, **Beauty from Chaos**; and to Jan Werdin for her acrylic ink painting, **Gloriosa**. Martin and Nick have donated their awards to the League's Scholarship Program.



Janet Mach Dutton won first place in the **Happy Hour Show** for her watercolor, **Out of the Jar**.

## World Class Needlework Show January 8-23

The Sea Grape Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will host **Art With a Needle**, a display of all types of needlework, in the League's gallery from January 8-23. Items will include hand-stitched wall art, table displays and clothing. Be sure to stop by to see this world-class work!

## Holiday Sale

The League hosted its First Annual Holiday Sale Time – Art for Under 99! Dec. 3 and 4. Visitors were greeted with classical music, a beautifully decorated Studio, and 20 art vendors. All work was priced under \$99. Guests were invited to help themselves to holiday treats as they shopped for the perfect gift.

During the sale, several visitors joined the League and/or signed up for classes, and one bought a painting on display in our **Happy Hour Show**. Thanks very much to all who helped make the a sale success!

## CCAL Totes & Shirts

Handsome canvas bags and T-shirts with our new logo are now available. Buy yours now and support our League! Bags, \$15.95; ladies scoop-neck, trim-cut shirts (small – extra large), \$13.95. Men's and women's full-cut shirts (large & extra large), \$12.95. Call Linda Wildman, 549-6822.

**NEW DIRECTORIES!** Pick up yours at the Jan. 9 general meeting.

## Best of the Best Show Jan. 22

The League will host a **Best of the Best Show** in Studio 1 in conjunction with our English Tea on Jan. 22. Pieces that have won a first, second, or third place award in **any** judged or juried show in the past five years may be submitted; there is no entry fee.

Receiving will be Saturday, Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m. (after the Jean Spicer workshop). For

each piece, please list your name, the name of the piece, prior show name and year, prize won, and price (if applicable).

Removal will be Feb. 6 at the time of receiving for the **Fancy Free All Media Show**. If you need to remove your pieces before then for another show, you may do so. For details, please call the League at 772-5657.

## English Tea, from p. 1

The Tea will take place in Studio 1. Guests will be invited to visit our gallery show, **Art With a Needle**, by the Sea Grape Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

Volunteers are needed to bring **finger foods** (tarts, tea sandwiches, petite fours, etc.) and **accessories**: teacups and saucers, teapots, and 52-60" square, white tablecloths. Please complete the sign-up sheet below and send it with your check to: Cape Coral Art League, PO Box 100707, Cape Coral, FL 33910. Please make your check payable to the Cape Coral Art League. **You may e-mail the information requested below ([ccartleague@earthlink.net](mailto:ccartleague@earthlink.net)) but please send your check by Jan. 10.**



DJ Lorentz, center right, and Patrice Stallons surprised Tea guests last year by arriving as the Queen of Hearts and the Mad Hatter. At left are June Sommerfield and Honey Costa.

## 2006 English Tea Sign-up Sheet

Please support the League's annual English Tea by attending, lending tea accessories, and contributing food items. Please complete this form and return it to the Cape Coral Art League, PO Box 100707, Cape Coral, FL 33910 by Jan. 10.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check payable to Cape Coral Art League enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food I will contribute \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tea accessories I will lend \_\_\_\_\_



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**Dated material -  
Please open at once!**

## 2005 Chamber Leadership Seminar Presents \$500 Check

Thirty-five Cape Coral area business leaders visited the Art League on Nov. 10 and were so impressed that they returned three weeks later with a check for \$500.

The guests are members of the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce 2005 Leadership Seminar. In conjunction with the group's annual Arts and Entertainment Day, **Let's Get Creative!**, they visited all of the City's cultural venues to see first-hand the opportunities available to area residents.

In the morning, the whole group met for a panel presentation and an early lunch at Cultural Park Theatre; Susan Rayman shared highlights of the League's programs and goals. In the afternoon two groups of about 18 visited the League for a special presentation. Sitting at tables covered with bright yellow paper, they par-

ticipated in a discussion led by Marketing Consultant Dixie Shaw about the League's outreach efforts, and offered ideas for continued improvement.

Then came the creative part! Art instructor Sandra Galloway-Carter asked the Seminar members to draw a three-dimensional shape she had created using 1-1/2" blue tape on paper - a bit like ribbon candy with extra curves and loops. Using the crayons and construction paper in front of them, the Chamber members attempted to represent this shape in just two dimensions. Sandra helped them by sharing her own drawing of the piece and showing them how to get started. The fun really began when Sandra turned from teacher to juror, selecting a first, second, and third place winner from each group. Winners were awarded miniatures from

the League's collection. The business leaders then previewed the **16th Annual Happy Hour Juried Fine Art Show**, to open the next day.



Sharon Plover presented a check to Treasurer Nick Conicella Dec. 1 on behalf of the 2005 Chamber Leadership Seminar.

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## Kudos!

CCAL members exhibiting in the League's monthly **Art in Public Places** in January are **Jessie Bilich**, Sun Trust, corner of Chiquita and Cape Coral Parkway; **Jan Werdin**, Bank of America, corner of Del Prado and Viscaya; and **Florene Welebny**, Light House, 874 SE 46 Lane. Exhibiting in December were **Sharyn Dahn**, Sun Trust; and **Jessie Bilich**, Bank of America and the Light House. If you wish to take part in this program, please contact Mary Widmer at 540-0598.

Congratulations to **Linda Wildman**, who will have a solo show at Cultural Park Theatre from Jan. 7 through Feb. 8. The reception will be Jan. 20 from 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with the opening of **Oliver**. Linda also has been accepted to exhibit at the Vicki Glenn Gallery on Marion Street in Punta Gorda.

Kudos to **Pam Cooper** who exhibited her work at the Cape Coral Library off Mohawk Park-

way for the month of December. Pam works in many mediums - cloth, basketry, stained glass, watercolor, paper maché and jewelry. You can view Pam's varied work at [www.picturetrail.com/pamcooper](http://www.picturetrail.com/pamcooper).

**Tom Werdin** is exhibiting at the Wildchild Gallery in Matlacha.

**Lois Johnston** has been juried into the gift shop of the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda and has sold several items. Her work has also been accepted at Vicki Glynn Gallery in Punta Gorda and Wind & Water Gallery on Pine Island.

**Florene Welebny** had 39 pieces on display in the Member Gallery at The Alliance for the Arts during the month of December.

**Jo Ann Ostrowski** was recently accepted into the 85th National Watercolor Society exhibit. Her painting, **The Irish Fiddler**, hung in the

Brea Cultural Center Gallery, Brea, California, from Oct. 16 to Dec. 11. She was also approved for Signature Membership status in the NWS and was inducted in October.

**Cheryl Fausel** had an exhibit at the Royal Palm Theater in Fort Myers from Nov. 21 through Dec. 26.

Kudos to **Sam Dupont** for his continued hard work in building and maintaining our website: [www.capecoralartleague.org](http://www.capecoralartleague.org). Check it out!

**Jessie McKnight** won second prize in for his painting, **Butterfly and a Friend**, in the Miniature Art Society of Florida's 2006 annual show. The show will hang at the Dunedin Fine Art Center from Jan. 15 - Feb. 5.

**Ann Shuey** will have a solo show, **Near and Far through the Brush of Anshu** at Art for Acts in Ft. Myers Jan. 19-30. The opening reception is Jan. 20 from 7-10 p.m.