

Cody Country Art League  
  
**The CCAL Gossip**  
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### IT'S TIME TO DO THE DUES:

The New Year is charging towards us. Remember, dues are payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> (and it's time to retire 2018 from our penmanship repertoire and get used to writing 2019). The dues are the same amount as last year. We'd really appreciate timely renewals. We don't have as many visitors during this time of year and your dues are a good cushion while waiting for tourism to pick up later on. And hey, do you have artist friends that aren't yet members? Tell them a little about us and ask them to submit an application (MT and WY residents). Get them to join us for some fun.

### WE'VE BEEN HURDLING:

And the hurdles weren't all the same height, weren't evenly spaced and we made them ourselves!

The first hurdle we created was to go ahead with our Annual Show. We made that first giant leap and pulled it off. Toes clipped the hurdle and it wobbled a bit, but we didn't break stride. We ended the 2018 race still in full stride. You can go to <https://codycountryartleague.com/accomplishments> to see



all that we've done. Maybe a few hurdles got knocked over and we might be winded a bit, but before we even reached the finish line, we had started the 2019 race. The hurdles won't be quite as high for things we are now more familiar with, but we've kind of adopted a paraphrased Star Trek motto: "To go where ~~no person~~ **we** have never gone before". That means we'll still have plenty of challenging and fun hurdles. Now that makes a perfect Segway to start talking about 2019, starting with our Annual Meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING:

**Something new for this too!** The meeting will be held **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** starting at **12 noon** and it will be a **POT LUCK affair**. Share some yummy food, chat with old friends and meet some new ones. The Board will report on CCAL activities for 2018 and outline preliminary plans for 2019. And speaking of plans, start thinking about painting(s) for the 2019 Annual Show

We've been working on events and workshops for 2019. But before we finalize a schedule, **we want your input: what you think about what we're thinking and your ideas for other things**. So bring those ideas to the meeting. We'll also talk about areas where members have an opportunity to help in planning, implementing and/or participating in CCAL activities. Here are a couple of possibilities:

**Artist's Website List** – We're asking all members that have websites to include their website address on the membership forms. If there are enough to warrant it, we'll list your websites on ours. Of course, mention of our website on yours would be neat too.

**The Mentor Connection** – This would be an opportunity to expand our educational capabilities. CCAL would maintain a list of members willing to serve as mentors along with the type of artwork that they would be comfortable in mentoring for, the area they would mentor from and their contact information. Probably all would also want timeframe limits on when they could do this. We don't have the staff to include more information than that or often update it. Nor do we have the staff to "vet" the instructors; it would be up to the mentors and mentees to decide for themselves if they are a good fit and the amount of mentoring to be done.

CCAL would put the name of the artist, type of artwork mentored, the area they mentor from and the available timeframe (but not the contact info) on our website. Members interested in being mentored, if they find a potential fit on our website, would ask CCAL for the mentor's contact information.

Implementing and maintaining this Mentor Connection depends 100% on the membership's interest in having it. We're floating this idea to help in gaging that. If after the Annual Meeting there seems to be enough interest, we'll send out an e-mail soliciting members willing to be mentors. The Connection would be open for mentoring in all types of art that CCAL accepts except for photography. That area is so intertwined with a multitude of continually changing equipment and software that we feel it is something we should not attempt to include.

#### **MOVING ON:**

We say goodbye to staff member Stefani Mitchell and wish her the best of luck with her new career. We'll miss her smiling presence.



#### **DON'T FORGET – NEW GALLERY HOURS:**

Our last day open before the holidays was Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We reopen on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and go into winter hours (Wednesdays through Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm).

By the way, there are some photos from pre-Christmas Holiday Open Houses near the top of our website's home page (and a reminder about 2019 dues).

In January we're asking members to pick up their paintings and to drop off new works as soon as possible so we can refresh the Gallery with a whole new set. **It's best foot forward into the New Year!**



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