

## President's Message September 2026



President  
Larry Fox

**Members: 52**



Regular meetings are held at:  
Savings Grace Church  
13820 SE Webster Road  
Milwaukie, OR 97257

Time: 11:00 to 2:00  
Date: Second Tuesday each month.

Greetings Fellow Artists,

Thanks to all who filled out our Strategy Goals Survey at the last meeting. The results are tabulated below from 20 total respondents.

| NCAG Activity     | Less | Same | More |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Meetings          |      | 20   |      |
| Critique Sessions |      | 16   | 2    |
| Gallery Sessions  |      | 13   | 3    |
| Demos             |      | 12   | 7    |
| Workshops         | 1    | 13   | 6    |
| Paint-Ins         |      | 13   | 4    |
| Art Contests      | 2    | 13   | 2    |
| Art Sales Venues  | 1    | 6    | 11   |
| Art Fairs/Sales   |      | 10   | 8    |
| Social Events     |      | 13   | 3    |

Note: Several respondents left some categories blank (no opinion)

It is clear the members like most of what we are currently doing, which is great to see. There is a lot of interest in more art sales venues and art sales/fairs. There is also a good amount of interest in more demos and workshops. There were several suggestions for additional things we could take on. All of these activities require volunteer effort from our members, so what we will be able to achieve really depends on you. The Board will consider these results as we develop some specific strategic goals for NCAG over the next month or two. Stay tuned!

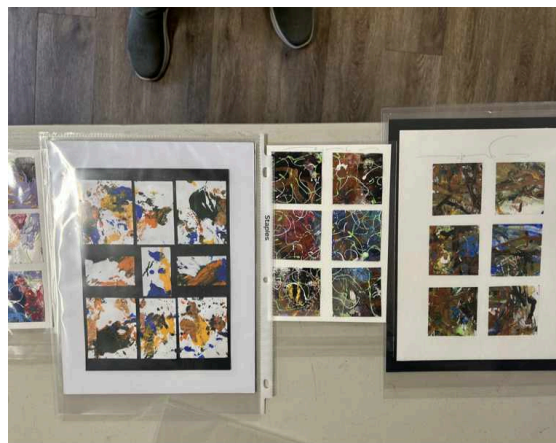
Cheers,  
Larry

**Next Meeting: October 13 , 2026**

## September Demo – Creating Art with Scraps, Caroline Gutz

### By Penny Ehrenkranz

Although our scheduled speaker was unable to attend our meeting, we were fortunate to have NCAG member Caroline Gutz step in to give us a demonstration on using up our scraps. She began by saying we all have a pallet of some sort for testing our colors. She showed us one of her messy acrylic ones. She started her watercolor journey in 2023 and eventually began using craft acrylics. She doesn't create anything to be archival. She's mostly interested in colors and how to combine and use them. Once she has a messy pallet, she will use a pallet knife, little bottles with nozzles, markers, scrapers, forks, etc. to create designs on the pallet. She appreciates the layers she gets on the pallet. She cuts up the messy pallet into little squares and glues them onto white or black paper before framing. While the acrylic pallet is excellent for this, she also showed us pieces she made using her husband's watercolor test sheets. To make the process go faster, she made stiff card templates cut into squares. She uses these pallet squares in her "scrap" journals. She said she has files of different colored papers which she collects from not only the pallets, but also old books, cookbooks, magazines, old paintings, sheet music, etc. The squares can also be used to create bookmarks, cards, and other small art pieces. She likes playing with journals, collages, Gelli plates (for backgrounds), and botanicals. She finds her inexpensive frames at Union Gospel Mission store and Value Village both located on Route 99. Another thing she has done is to cut the messy pallet into long strips and weave them together before placing them on a blank sheet for framing. During a Q & A, Dianna mentioned she does something similar with the paper she uses to catch run-off paint under her pour paintings. Marietta suggested layering pallets of different sizes on top of each other to create a 3-D effect. Caroline's parting advice? Explore and discover.



## Gallery

Each artist has no more than 5 minutes to describe their work and anything about it they would like to share. Limit: 1



Barbara Seliner



Tim Strzechowski



Connie Emmons



Linda Marletto

## Gallery (continued)

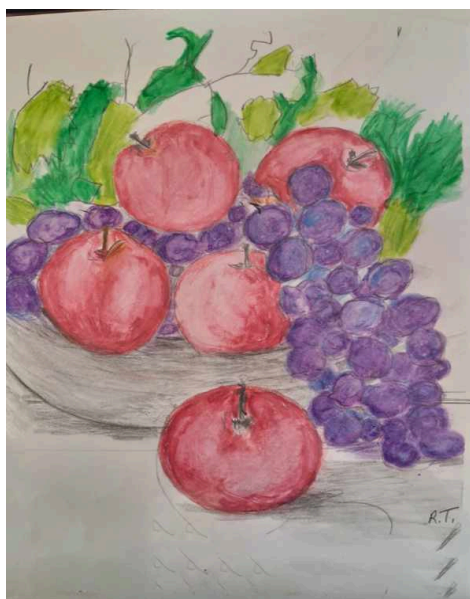


Julia Mantis

## Critiques by Gary Michael



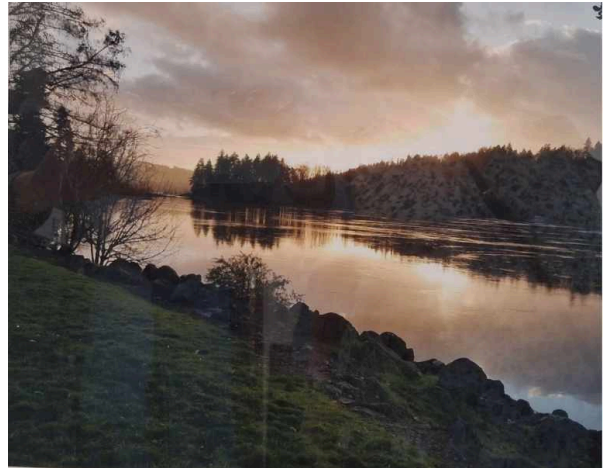
Annell O'Neill



Rita Townley



Dianne Shaffer



Marietta Schlumpf



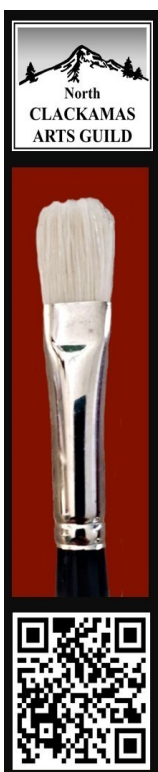
Larry Fox



Rebecca Friswold



Connie Emmons



### WORKSHOP CANCELLATION POLICY

Payment for all workshops is required before the event to hold your place. A full refund of the workshop fee is available if you cancel prior to 1 week in advance of the class. After that, the fee will be considered a donation and you will be issued a tax-deductible receipt.

### September Workshop

Gary Michael has done all these and more over the past 14 years of his Plein Air Workshops



His 9/16/26 workshop was enjoyed by Paul Boggs, (oil), Tim Strzechowski (watercolor), and Char Tritt (pastel).

### October Demo



Our October 13 meeting demo features Louisa Moutos, one of our critique evaluators who teaches art in Milwaukie and Lake Oswego. She uses oil, acrylics, ceramics and collage. She exhibited at the Toolbox Gallery in Milwaukie last May. Louisa will demonstrate Gelli printing, a way to create unique textured art prints without a printing press, using a gel plate. Come to find out more.

## Creating Art can be a very isolating experience!

Watercolor NCAG members asked for a once-a-month "Watercolor Paint In" experience where members would have a chance to meet together and paint on their own projects with other like-minded artists, enjoying their camaraderie, inspiration, and encouragement.

Each participant brings:

- \* \$5 to help pay for the room,
- \* their own art supplies and their own project to work on
- \* a lunch/snack if they like and a non-alcoholic drink

The "Watercolor Paint In" is held on the second Saturday of each month, 11-2 pm, at Saving Grace Church (13820 SE Webster Rd, Milwaukie/Oak Grove, OR), across from the tennis courts behind Alder Creek Middle School. Feel free to join in the fun!

For questions or to let her know you are coming, email Barb Seliner at: [barbaraseliner7@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraseliner7@gmail.com) so she'll have enough tables set up.

## North Clackamas Arts Guild Social Media and Website



**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/ncartsguild](https://www.instagram.com/ncartsguild)



**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/northclackamasartsguild](https://www.facebook.com/northclackamasartsguild)



**You Tube:** [youtube.com/@northclackamasartsguild](https://youtube.com/@northclackamasartsguild) buttons.  
Share the videos with other artists and friends. Demonstrations are recorded during the meeting and posted on YouTube. Remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click on the Like button.



**Website:** [www.ncartsguild.org](http://www.ncartsguild.org)

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In-person meeting  
Second Tuesday monthly,  
11am-2pm  
Saving Grace Church  
13820 SE Webster Road  
Milwaukie, Oregon



Welcome to the North Clackamas Arts Guild Website.

## Call to Artists, Revolving Art Show Your Art

| Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | What                     | Where                                 | Rotation                      | Contact         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Top Hat Express, the cannabis shop is open to hanging art work in the shop. They will hold the piece for up to three months and don't charge a commission. Their address is Top Hat Express, 11916 SE 22nd Ave., Unit B, Milwaukie, OR 97222, phone 503 305-7882. |                          |                                       |                               | No contact      |
| Fairlane Café                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Room for large paintings | 6647 SE Milwaukie Ave<br>Portland, OR | Booked until<br>Late 2026     | Sara Star       |
| Sherri's Mattresses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 60-day exhibit           | 6600 SE McLoughlin<br>Milwaukie, OR   | New art up in<br>September    | Betty Kellogg   |
| Town Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Display only             | Exchange after<br>Labor Day           | Clackamas Town Center<br>Mall | Anne Richardson |
| Concord Community Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Display on hold          |                                       |                               |                 |

### Welcome

NCAG is a 501.c.3 Non-Profit dedicated to the appreciation and understanding of the arts, the encouragement of new artists, and promotion of art interests throughout the community. Donations are tax deductible.

Our goal is to provide a comfortable environment in which artists can learn and benefit from each other's skills, knowledge, and methods.

Attending our meetings is a great way to meet fellow artists. Art demos are given by some of the best Portland area artists and make for a great learning experience. Membership is necessary to participate in critiques, art show, In-House competitions, and to show your art at our participating galleries. Check with the treasurer if you are unsure if you paid your dues for this year. 2026 dues must be paid by the end of January.

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## Hospitality

Speak to Karl Rousett or sign up on the list if you can bring a snack to the next meeting. Indicate a category (like salad, dessert, main dish, etc.) if you do not have a specific item in mind.

If you know of a member who's ailing or in need, please let us know. Contact Connie Emmons at 503-454-0447/