



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.

Welcome All

Attending our meetings is a great way to meet fellow artists – bring a painting or two for a friendly critique. Monthly demos are given by some of the best Portland area artists and make for a great learning experience!



SEPTEMBER DEMO FEATURED JOE MACCA, ARTIST

The demonstration at the September meeting was from artist Joe Macca. Joe teaches classes at Milwaukie Community Center, and he has an extensive education and experience in various forms of fine art.

This month he covered pencil drawing and introduced a format which was familiar to many oil painters as Chiascuro, but with a twist. We used graphite paper and eraser to create light portions on our graphite greyed paper, and build our drawings around it. If you missed it, please

UPCOMING EVENTS - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

- Pop-up sale with booths and picture hanging grids in the Saving Grace Church parking lot on **September 30**. The show starts at 10:00, but come between 7-8 to help set up.
- **Plein aire workshop on October 7 at Gary Michael's lovely yard on the Willamette River by Elk Rock. Sign up at the meeting.**
- **October 21 is ANOTHER SHOW!** This one will be indoors, and all paintings entered will be juried and prizes will be given.

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Barbara Seliner, President

President's Message

My thanks to all of you at the meeting for helping to clean up after the meeting was over. That was such a help to get the chairs set for the church meeting afterwards, tables put away and those who grabbed a broom and made sure that all of our remnants were cleaned up. For those taking turns bringing something in for break time to snack on, thank you! Your culinary skills are appreciated

It appears that our guild did very well at the various Art Shows this last month. It seems that everyone who entered and received a ribbon or six. One of our members even got "Best in Show"! Speaking of Art Shows don't forget our Second Annual Pop-up Art Sale on September 30 in the parking lot of the church. There is still time to contact Shirlee Lind shirleelind@yahoo.com if you would like to participate.

If the weather holds, and you'd like to try painting *en plein aire*, have we got a workshop for you! Gary Michael's backyard overlooking Elk Rock Island with all the fall foliage. Contact Char Tritt char.tritt@gmail.com for information to register and pay. There is a video on our You Tube Channel of Mike Bays sharing his Plein Aire Essentials if you've never tried painting outdoors before. We are also be having a Judged Art Show and Sale on **October 21**. All members are welcome to enter. Contact [Shirlee Lind](#) for more information.

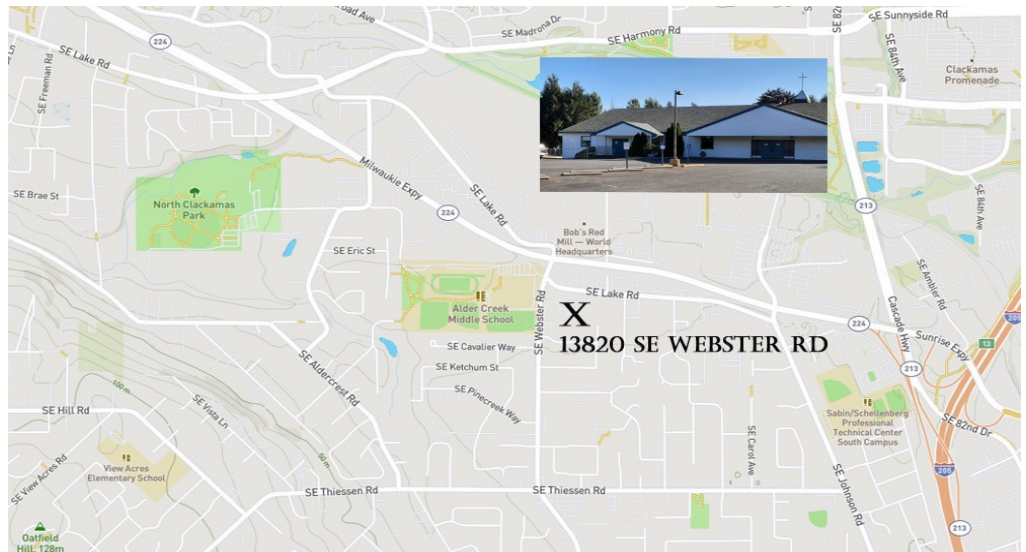
For the past few months we have been realizing the benefits of our hard work on social media and bringing people in to us. Back in June we had 47 members involved and are now coming back to 52 members as of 9/25/2023.

If you have any suggestions of what you would like to do to make our December Meeting special, don't keep it to yourself! Barb

**FOR Plein Aire
painters!**

Would any members care to join Mike Bays in a group to meet at various parks on Thursday mornings for plein aire painting? Contact Mike at mikebays1@comcast.net to get on the mailing list, and to learn where and when. You must bring your own easel, chair, snack and paints. Mike can be also reached at 503-504-2181.

[By the way, it is FREE!](#)



Regular meetings are held at the Saving Grace Church from 11am to 2pm, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Next meeting October 10, 2023**

CRITIQUES



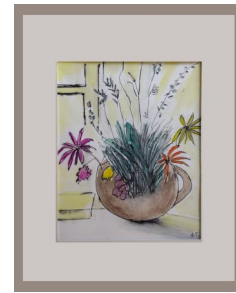
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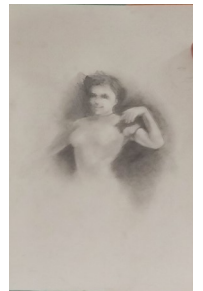
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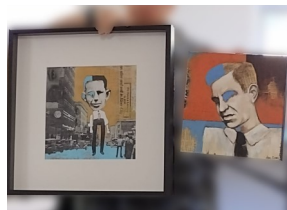
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Connie Emmons

WORKSHOP CANCELLATION POLICY

We have been asked to clarify Cancellation Policies for you:
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,

SOCIALMEDIA - Yes, we ARE connected!

Facebook—www.ncartsguild.com/facebook

You Tube—YouTube.com/www.northclackamasartsguild

Website—www.ncartsguild.com

When signing in for Critiques, please remember to sign in legibly, with full names, so they are correctly

Call to Artists, Revolving Art— Show your art

WHO	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	HOW
Mocha Express (on HOLD for café construction)	Gallery in coffee shop. Serving great coffee and ice	14813 SE Webster Rd Milwaukie, OR	No fee for selling.	Contact Kathy Conrad
Gladstone DMV	Lobby walls. Larger paintings can be displayed	10 82nd Avenue Gladstone, OR	No fee for selling.	Contact Connie Emmons
Fairlane Café	Eastmoreland area café. Can display large paintings as well as smaller.	6647 SE Milwaukie Ave, Milwaukie, OR	Currently showing Kathy Brown and Gary Michael for the next 90 days.	Sara Star is the contact with the café. Call her if you are interested .

*Members with paintings to hang, please talk to Pam for the framing and hanging specifications for hanging pictures in various venues. The Guild looks for opportunities to show our members’ art.

* Oak Lodge Water District will be allowing us back in to hang paintings! Talk to Kathy Brown if you have 6 paintings to show there!



YOUR CREATIVE JOURNEY

At the beginning of a creative journey, most people have an inner critic that is always ready to point out the things that go wrong. The best way of silencing this voice is to trust the process. However, the very fact that you have chosen to create art means you are probably sensitive to aesthetics, and it is important for you to make something beautiful.

The “skill gap” is the difference between your skill and your ability to make something you like. It takes time and practice to close this gap and your first works will not be masterpieces. Many people quit during this stage because they doubt their ability to create something they like, and this is a big mistake. What you really need to do is to trust the process and keep practicing.

So here is a trick that keeps me inspired when nothing seems to go right: create something very simple that can't go wrong. You could just paint circles or vey basic shapes, simply allowing the watercolor to mingle on the paper and enjoying the results. You not only create something good to look at, but these simple experiences will help you experience the fun and joy of painting as you get closer to the execution of more complex shapes and ideas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- On September 30, the Guild will hold a "Pop-up sale, similar to our July 2022 sale, with booths and picture-hanging grids. The location is at the Saving Grace Church, in the parking lot. There will be parking over at the middle school for members, allowing room for customers to park up close! The media promotions have begun, and this location will be more convenient for members. The church has given permission for use of the side yard, too. Paint, frame and get ready. Please sign up to volunteer for help setting up the grids, spacing the tables and policing the site. Check with Jerry to see if he will need help with the signs.



Photos of Kathy Conrad, Connie Emmons and Liz Flinjer at our 2022 Pop-up sale.

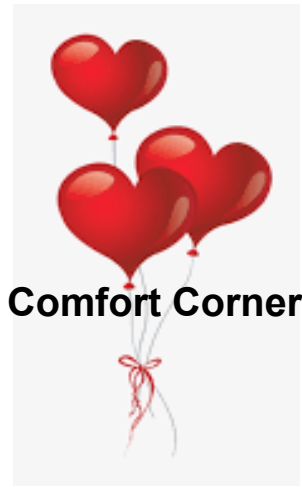
- October 7. Signup online for the October 7 workshop at Gary Michael's residence for a follow-up plein air session. His yard and the Willamette River promise to offer fall foliage in bright colors .
- October 10 we will get a refresh of the proper framing of pictures for our upcoming judged art show on October 21 from Pam Davis. She will review do's and don'ts for pictures to be entered in the show.
- October 14 - 15, 2023 - Open Studios, www.lakeoswegoopenstudios.org
- The NCAAG Annual Show will be on for October 21. This will be an indoor show at the Saving Grace Church. We will be bring in paintings early to allow for our Judge to look at everything and determine the ribbons. Again, bring your questions and volunteer spirit to the October 10 meeting. Shirlee Lind will be there to answer questions.
- December 2 workshop of ornament painting 10-2 at Saving Grace Church. Signup by November, please.



John Kellogg Art

REMEMBER NCAAG regular meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday. Zoom meetings are usually held on the following Thursday evening. NO September 2023 Zoom meeting will be held due to unavailability of the website this month, as of this writing.

After the October 10 meeting it will be time to rotate the paintings at Mocha Express. Be prepared to go after the meeting to take down your old paintings and bring new ones to hang up. Talk to Kathy Brown or Kathy Conrad if you have any questions.



Comfort Corner

If you know of a member who's ailing or in need, please let us know. Contact Connie Emmons at 503-333-0101

NCAG members Kathy Conrad, Sharon Payne, and Shawn van Doren need good thoughts sent their way due to ongoing medical issues.



ARTIST STATEMENTS DUE

One of your privileges of membership is a page on the website where you can refer viewers to your own work.

Send your Statement and images to Shawn van Doren at webmaster@ncartguild.com

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BRING A FRIEND!

Bring a friend to the meeting! Sometimes people feel shut in and lonely because they may have lost contact with pre-COVID friends and events. Who is more welcoming than we are?

If you would like to submit an article and photos for future newsletters, please advise one of our Board members.