



Artists United

HOWLER

March 2021

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 6 — Noon — on Zoom

PROGRAM

Gretchen Evans Parker, an award winning South Carolina Artist, will show her stunning and unique colored pencil art work on gourds.

Her presentation will include tips on growing the gourds, preparing them for drawing and the tools used.

There will be a mini demo of her process from start to finish. A slide show will be included showing the amazing results .

If time permits Gretchen will give us a brief view of her other work in portraiture, colored pencil and basket creations.

Linda Logie

A Point to Ponder

"Art is nothing tangible. We cannot call a painting 'art' as the words 'artifact' and 'artificial' imply. The thing made is a work of art made by art, but not itself art. The art remains in the artist and is the knowledge by which things are made."

Ananda Coomaraswamy

From Patricia Layden

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Artwork of the Month

I hope you have fun with the Artwork of the Month themes for April and May. April's theme is "out my door/out my window" and May's is "eye-candy" – interpret it however you wish

Remember the themes are optional, so if you want to submit something recent, or something reworked, or just something you've unearthed that pleases you, just identify it as such.

The idea is to enjoy arting and share the results!

Patricia Layden

DEADLINE FOR ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

deadline Send your jpeg to the club's email:
artistsunitedclub@gmail.com
by April 4 (earlier appreciated)

Since 1949 — 72 years of promoting art and encouraging artists.



Pain'n Sip — DATE CHANGE!

Paint 'n Sip with Honey Bee is moving to 3rd Tuesdays, which would put it on April 20, 5:30 PM in club Zoom and the theme this time is "Reclaimed."

A Quick Note From Debra

Hey, fellow artists, how are you doing?

Are you bloomin' with ideas for new projects? Are you weeding out your dried up paints and pencil nubs? We are getting closer and closer to being able to gather in person. Remember the CDC states that fully vaccinated folks CAN gather in small groups. My house and deck are available for such gathering.

Will you be participating in our first Farmers' Market Presence on the first Thursday in May? The club will pay the annual registration, and FOR THE MONTH OF MAY ONLY, the club will even pick up the tab for the weekly fee. Questions? Contact me (Debra Valpey) or Tom Fletcher. First come, first served.

There are still opportunities for active members to display their work at the Highline Historical Museum. Email (or call me) if you are interested in getting scheduled.

We have a candidate for president (my term is up on August) and he (or she) welcomes "competition." Your Nominating Team is still looking for a V.P. (relatively easy job), a Secretary (I have found that an easy job), and a

treasurer (much easier job than in the past, as we have streamlined many procedures). Other appointed positions will be available and short term task forces will also need your help and service. See page 3 for another volunteer opportunity.

Our next General Membership Meeting is April 6 and it will be a "doozie."

We have an awesome presenter who will demonstrate three techniques, and we will take nominations for new leadership positions. And, who knows, maybe a joke or two... laughter IS the best medicine! Remember to get Jpegs of your Artwork of the Month ("outside my window or outside my door") to Ron by April 4. Feel free to invite a friend to this Zoom meeting and give Ron and me his or her email address for the link.

I close today with a quote by renowned painter, J.P. Hughston. Please substitute HIS form of art (painting) for YOUR form of art (drawing, fiber art, 3-d, photography, or ????) for message. I think he would have liked that. He said "*For me, a painting is like a story which stimulates the imagination and draws the mind into a place filled with expectation, excitement, wonder, and pleasure.*"

With appreciation and affection,
Debra

P.S. Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 4 PM, via Zoom. Want to join us? Let me know so I can send you the link.



Help Wanted Department.

Artists United needs a new Newsletter Editor/Communications person. Summer, while we are not very active is a good time to get your arms around this position.

Edit and produce the newsletter for email on the weekend following our monthly meeting. Almost all the content is prepared by other people so the editor simply puts it together. (3-4 hours a month).

Edit and produce the Howler (meeting reminder) for email on the weekend before the monthly meeting. Again, most of the content is prepared by other people and a simple email reminder would do (2-3 hours a month)

These are currently produced on Microsoft PUBLISHER but WORD (or PAGES on Mac) would be quite adequate.

Three other tasks yer faithful editor has been doing — but that could quite readily be taken on by a second person or persons are:

Check the club’s email address regularly to respond to mail coming from our website or members. Forward mail as needed to reach the right person in our leadership. The secretary could assume this task.

Maintain the Artists United email list. We keep the email list on GOOGLERGROUPS. Add new names to that list. Learning to do this takes about a half hour. The membership chair could assume this task.

As long as we are meeting virtually, prepare a POWERPOINT (or KEYNOTE on a Mac) show for Artwork of the Month.

Note: While some mentoring and help during the summer transition is available, the clock is ticking on this one. ..

Artists United Club

Our goals are to encourage artistic development and to bring art into the local community.

Meetings are at **NOON** on the first Tuesday, September - June (except when they aren't) at: Normandy Park Cove, npcove.org
1500 SW Shorebrook Dr
Normandy Park, 98166

During the pandemic closures they are conducted on Zoom.

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- Art Fair (Cove Show): Tom Fletcher,
- Newsletter:..... Ron Hammond
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- Facebook Page Tom Fletcher
- Storage: Tom Fletcher, Anita Corby
- Artwork of the Month: Patricia Layden
- Hospitality/Kitchen: Linda Logie

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