



Newsletter
May 2024

The May OAL Monthly Meeting Presenter is Jong Hong Zhong

We are delighted to have Jong Hong Zhong as a Zoom presenter for our OAL monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center. He will be demonstrating watercolor. Our meeting will begin with mingling and critiquing our art from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Business agenda will be from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and then just following our business agenda Jong Hong Zhong will present via Zoom which can be viewed from home or at the Lacey Community Center.



Yong Hong Zhong was born in Canton, China and immigrated to the United States when he was twelve years old. Yong developed a keen interest in drawing at an early age. His determination to pursue his dream of being an artist prompted him to attend La Guardia High School, a prestigious school for music and arts in New York City. Yong continued his education at Pratt Institute in New York to further develop his artistic skills. He majored in Illustration and has a minor in Art History.

Yong started working for the Disney Animation Studios upon graduation. During his fourteen years employment at Disney, Yong had worked on over a dozen theatrical feature films. After completion of Disney's "The Princess and the Frog", Yong was ready to take a different direction and focus on his passion for traditional painting. The knowledge and experiences he acquired from the animation industry continue to be an invaluable influence in his art. Yong has been a fulltime fine art painter since 2009. He participates in plein air painting competitions and teaching painting workshops around the country. For more information about Yong, please visit www.yonghongzhong.com and his Instagram: www.instagram.com/yonghong.zhong.9



The Lacey Community Center is located at Woodland Creek Community Park, 6729 Pacific Ave. S.E. Lacey, WA.

President's Message



Hello Fellow Artists,

I am looking forward to "En Plein Air" painting this summer. En Plein Air is a French expression meaning "in the open air." Google translation "outdoors".

When you paint outdoors, you're engaging directly with the beauty of the natural world. It also teaches you to paint quickly.

PAINTING OUTSIDE

1 Choose a Portable Easel: A lightweight, compact easel or pochade box is necessary for plein air painting.

2 Pack Essentials Only: Only bring the colors and brushes necessary for your painting. A smaller palette can encourage simplicity.

3 Bring a Sketchbook: A sketchbook is helpful for planning your composition before committing it to canvas.

4 Be Prepared for the Weather: The elements can affect your painting process. Know the weather forecast and prepare accordingly with a hat, coat, or umbrella.

5 Embrace Change: The lighting and scene will change as you paint. Instead of fighting it, embrace it.

Happy painting.

If you need to contact me, my email is:
anniebrownie123@yahoo.com

Love and peace and harmony in the universe,
 Anne-Marie Brown, Olympia Art League President

Getting Acquainted Introducing- Kathy Cutlip

OAL welcomes Kathy Cutlip who joined the league in March of this year.

Kathy has been drawing since the age of four when she started with oil, acrylic, and calligraphy.

Currently, she focuses on watercolor and her favorite subjects are landscapes, animals, and florals.

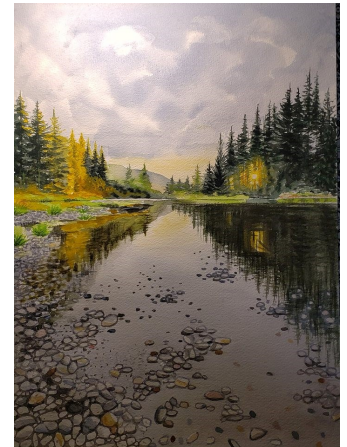


She is inspired by emotions and connections that she has to a subject and appreciates the many ways light affects her work.

Kathy has had success in selling some of her artwork and has been commissioned to paint a few pieces as well.

She says she would paint more often if it weren't for working full-time and remodeling a huge fixer-upper home.

Welcome Kathy!



Contributed by,
 Lindsey Ford

Olympia Art League Art Show and Reception

Olympia Art League Juried Art Show began with members dropping off their work and helping with setup on Sunday April 21st.



Olympia Art League Art Show is number 58 on the Arts Walk map. Anne-Marie Brown put the number on each entry door.



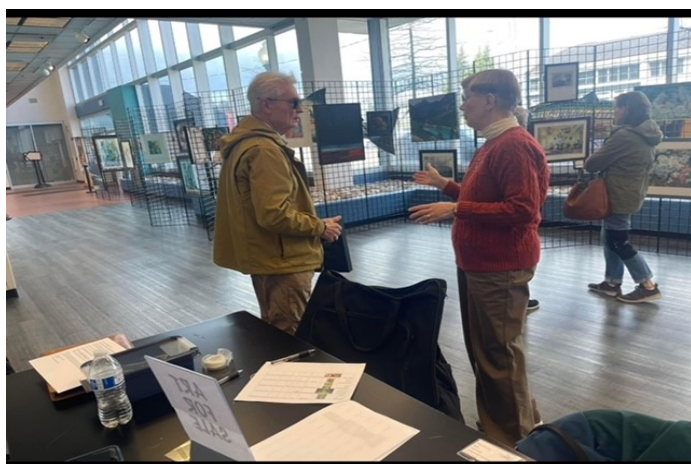
Mary Lepingwell arrives to hang her painting.



Mary Campbell helps to put paintings on display.



Roxana Caples and Heather McDougall Simons help put paintings on display.



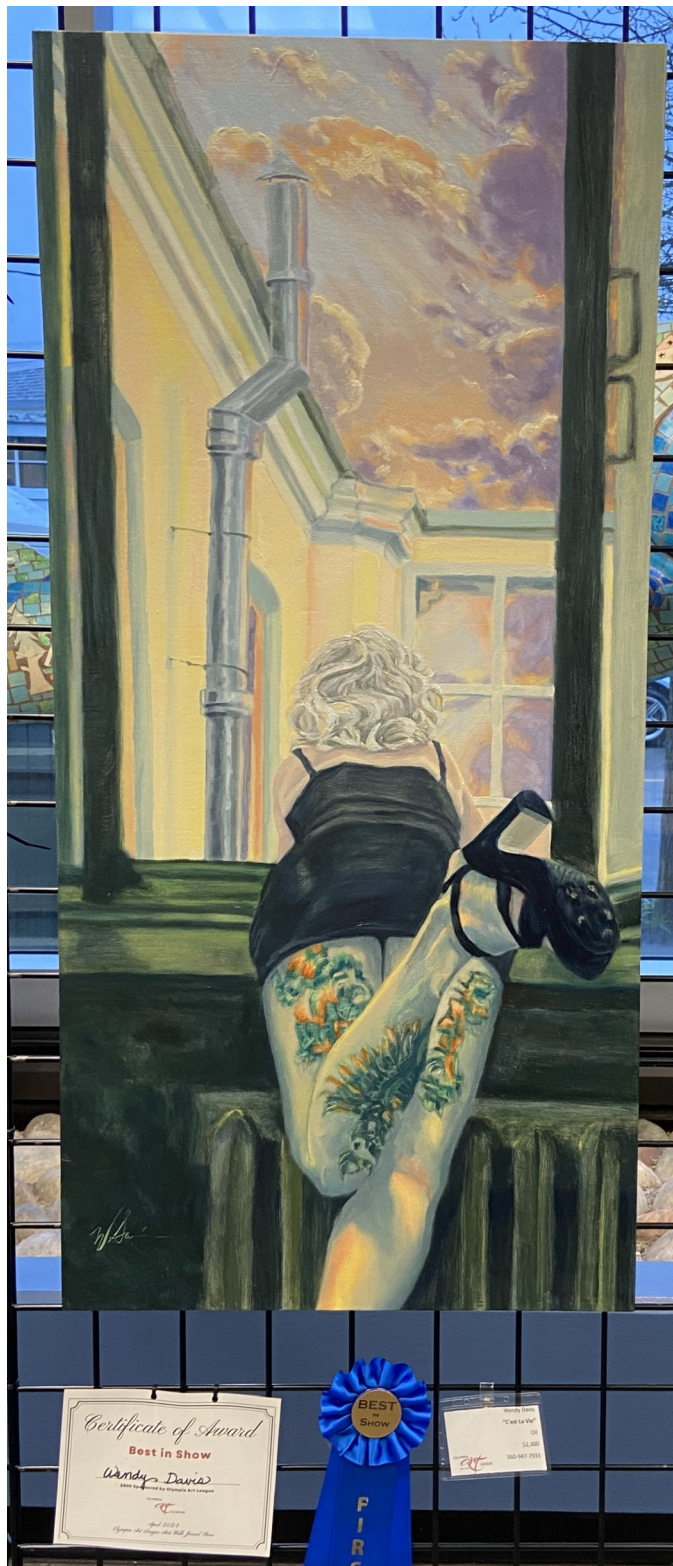
Karla Fowler covered the desk to answer questions and attach the labels.



Nicki Buchanan Weber arrives with her painting to be put on display.

Olympia Art League Art Show and Reception

These are the winners announced by Juror Catherine Gill at the Thursday night reception, April 25th.



Wendy Davis—1st Place—Best of Show
“C'est La Vie”



Carla Estevane—2nd Place
“I Want to be Under the Sea”



Kitty Lindstrom—3rd Place
“Wild Bouquet”

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Steven Scheibe—4th Place
“Lake George II”



Linnie Hodge—5th Place
“Sweet Sweet Symphony #2”



Mark Schult—Honorable Mention
“Aquarius”



Rosalie Thun— 6th Place—People’s Choice
“Foxy Friday”



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Heather McDougall Simons—Honorable Mention
“Great Blue Heron”



Celine Ryan—Honorable Mention
“Mock Orange”



Cynthia Walker—Honorable Mention
“Looming”



Richard Woods—Honorable Mention
“Lake Sylvia Fall Festival”



Evening refreshment servers, left to right: Susan Bosse, Veronica Kessler, Annabel Kirschner, Heather McDougall Simons, and Terri Johnson (not pictured)

The Artists' Gallery

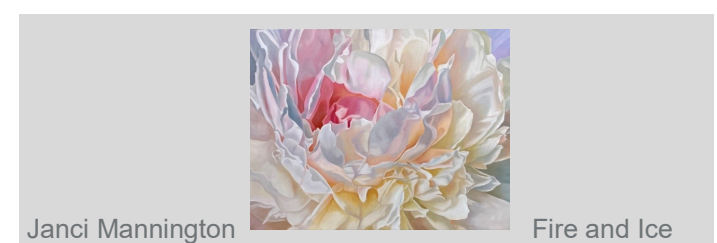
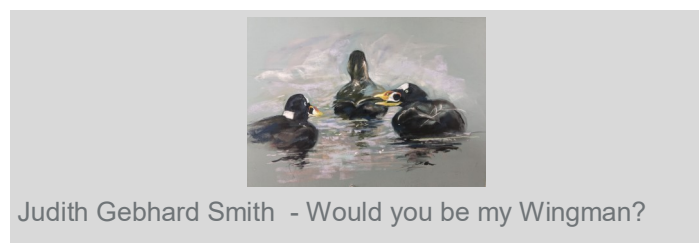
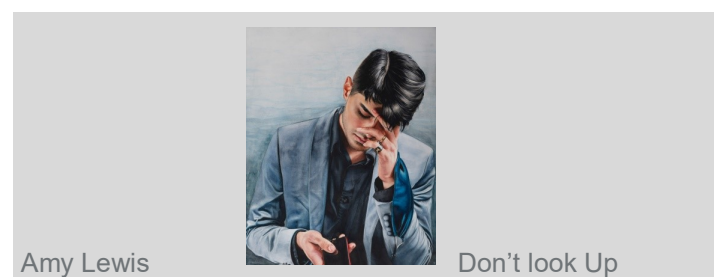
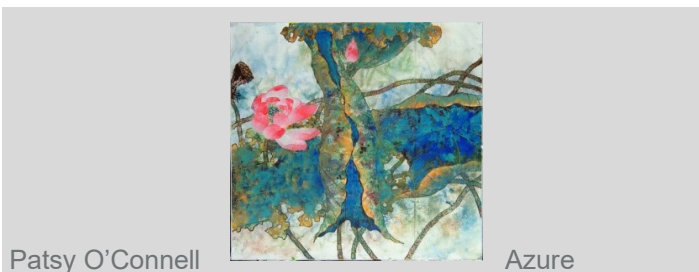
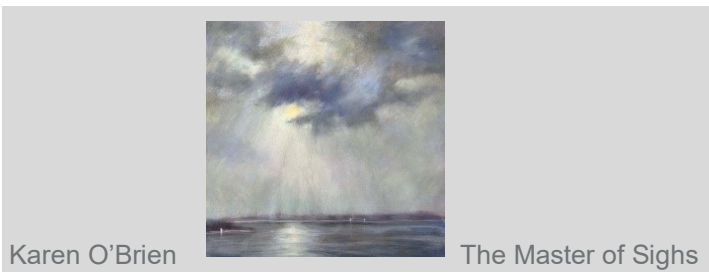
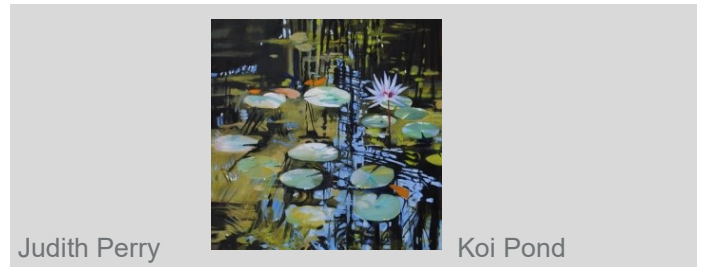
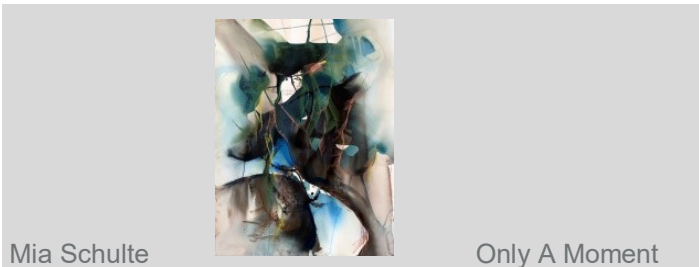
Guest Artists for June and July!
 Southwest Chapter of
 "Women Painters of Washington Exhibition "
 June 3rd – July 31st

Women Painters of Washington was founded in 1930 by a group of six women artists who joined together to overcome the limitations they faced as female artists and to stimulate artistic growth through fellowship. It is now the largest organization representing professional women artists throughout the state of Washington.

In their 90+ year history the organization has had over 1,000 members, many who have had significant impact on the contemporary art world both in the states and abroad. Women Painters of Washington seeks to maintain a high level of excellence and to promote artistic awareness in the community for women artists while consistently providing opportunities to exhibit our work throughout the United States and abroad.

We invite you to visit the gallery to view eight of those artists who will be exhibiting in our gallery during the months of June and July. Their work is exceptional and we are pleased to have the opportunity to showcase their work.

Reception: Friday June 14th 5:00-7:00pm



OAL Artist Support Groups

Join one of OAL's support groups. Bring a work for gentle, constructive feedback and try your hand at the month's challenge. We also talk about classes, books, artists or teachers that have inspired us. All experience levels are welcome. Regular meeting times are listed on our monthly calendar. Check in with the contact person to get more information about the group you are interested in. If you are an Olympia Art League member, watch for emails for group reminders.

Acrylic Group

The Acrylic Painting Group met Friday, April 26th. Members brought their challenge paintings with "Lines and Circles" and then showed current paintings. The Acrylic group is led by Karla Fowler. They will be meeting at the Huntington Apartments Clubhouse in May, August, September and October. They will meet back at Lacey Fire Station #33 for June, July, November and December. **Contact:** Karla Fowler at wnxart@comcast.net for questions and the monthly challenge.



Sherie Balko-Nation



Helen Harris



Shelley Swelling



Karla Fowler



Margaret Lord



Ineke Berhiteo



Marcia Schenkel

OAL Artist Support Groups

Abstract Group

For April the Abstract Group was unable to meet because of a last minute medical emergency. The Abstract Group meets the third Friday of each month at Northstar Church, [6820 Capitol Blvd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6820+Capitol+Blvd+SE,+Tumwater,+WA+98501). The next meeting is May 17th from 1:30-3:00. Contact Sharon Giles for questions at sharongiles@gmail.com. Bring one or two abstract works for feedback. They can be new or old or follow the optional monthly challenge. The challenge for May is "Spring". You can bring what you created for the April challenge as well since the meeting was canceled.

Plein Air Group



THURSDAYS - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. artists will meet at various locations to sketch, paint, take photos, and share our work. We are a supportive group, working in various media. Bring your own supplies, snacks, and camera or phone. If it's raining or if it's very cold, we may meet at an alternative, sheltered location. We will plan to gather at 12:30 p.m. to display our work and invite comments. You will be able to say one thing that attracts you to a piece, and make a suggestion for improvement if you can think of one, or a question to give the artist an opportunity to talk about their art. Questions? Contact Jean Stewart 360-463-2997 or Jane King 360-522-3765 Our first location is: MAY 16 - OLYMPIA FARMERS' MARKET – 700 CAPITOL WAY N. Beautiful flowers and produce in the market, people, musicians, etc. There is also a lovely garden, or paint or sketch nearby at the Port Plaza Park behind the buildings facing the waterfront.

Here is a link to the schedule: <https://www.olympiaartleague.com/paint-outs-paint-ins>

if it doesn't work by clicking, you can copy it and paste it into your browser.

Questions? Contact Jean Stewart at 360-463-2997 or Jane King 360-522-3765

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Oil Group

The Oil Painting Group met on Thursday, April 4th. Karen Bush spoke on arranging your paint on a palette and working with limited paint colors. Mary Campbell spoke on mixing paint colors and combinations. Everyone showed their current oil painting for friendly critique.

The group meets the first Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Lacey Fire Station #33, 6500 Mullen Road SE.

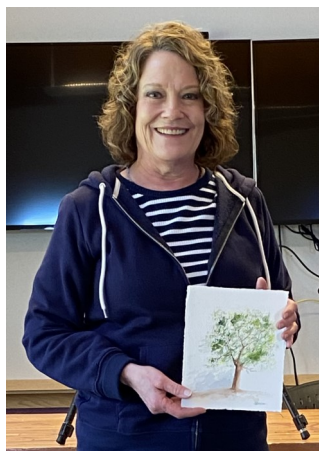
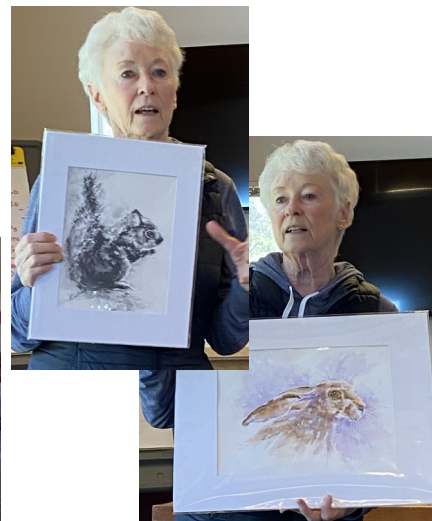
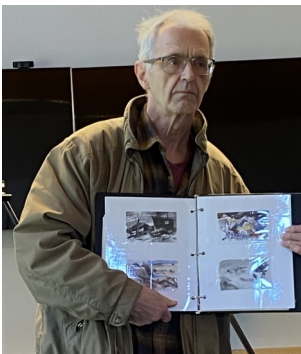
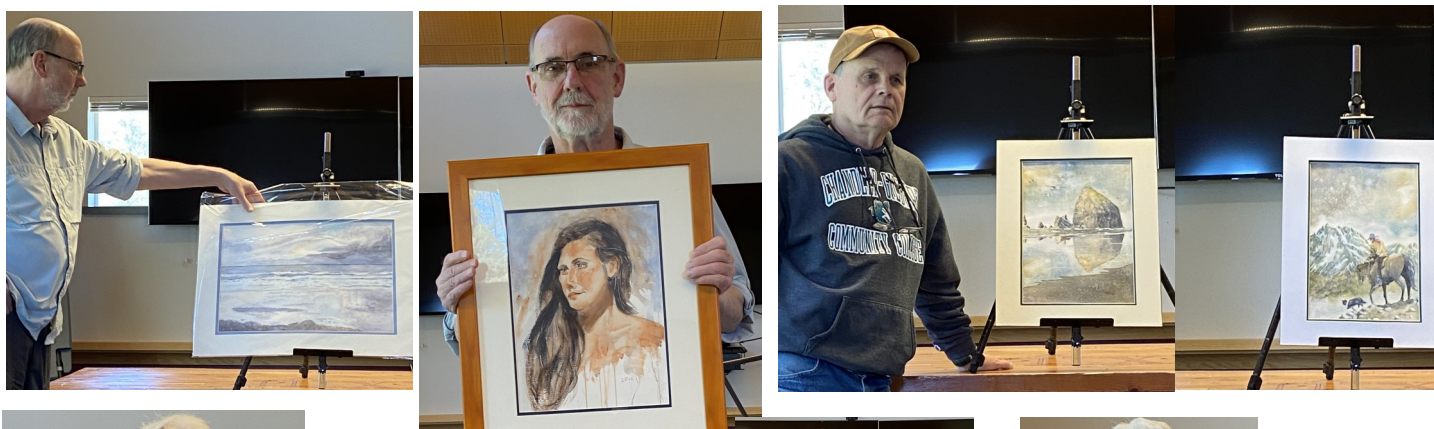
Contact: Jill Jacoby at avrio1@hotmail.com (360) 477-3675 or Mary Campbell at mariellec@yahoo.com



OAL Artist Support Groups

Watercolor Group

The **Watercolor Group** meets the second Friday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Lacey Fire Station #33, 6500 Mullen Road SE. Contact Heather McDougall at 2stanheather@gmail.com for questions. The May challenge is "something white." The April challenge was "dry brush."



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Weekly Figure Drawing Group

The figure drawing group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9 :00 PM at Diana Fairbanks studio, 1230 8th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. The studio is located behind her house. Participants contribute \$20.00 per person. Contact Mary Campbell for questions at sailmaryc@gmail.com.



Weekly Morning Paint—Ins

The Thursday Morning Paint-Ins meets Thursdays 9 AM-Noon at the community clubhouse in Thunderbird Village - 716 Dennis St. SE Space #10, Tumwater 98501.

Bring your art supplies and what you are working on. There are eight - 8ft tables for you to use. If you are interested or just want to check it out, come by on Thursday mornings. Join other artists at work in a large and well lit creative area. Call or email for more info: **Karen Crate** wkcrate@comcast.net 360-943-1827.

Oil Painting Class with Cal Capener

Focus on color and knife work. Painting landscapes and florals. Date: Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 until 3:30. Location at Diane Fairbanks Studio 1230 8th Ave., Olympia, WA . Cost \$65. Materials furnished for those without for an extra \$5.00 To register email Cal at cccnac@msn.com.

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Send your kudos, photos, announcements and ideas for the **SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER** by Saturday August 24th to Terri Johnson via email—mtjpublishers@msn.com. If you have questions give Terri a call or text at (360) 280-4617.

OAL Monthly Calendar at a Glance

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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***Figure Drawing** questions? Contact Mary Campbell at sailmaryc@gmail.com.

***Haggen's**, 1313 Cooper Point Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98502

***Lacey Community Center**, 6729 Pacific Ave SE. Olympia, WA 98503

***Lacey Fire Station #33**, 6500 Mullen Rd SE, Lacey, WA 98513

***Northstar Church**, 6820 Capitol Blvd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501

***Olympia Community Center**, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501

***Thunderbird Village Clubhouse**, 716 Dennis St. SE, Tumwater 98501

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Bonsai Wok: Anne-Marie Brown

Painting Get Togethers:

Paint-Out Day: Jean Stewart &
 Jane King

Paint-Out Night For Summer: Karen Bush

Paint-In Night: Karen Bush

Paint-In Day: Karen Crate

Support Groups:

Abstract: Sharon Giles, Gretchen Ouweleen

Acrylic: Karla Fowler

Figure Drawing: Mary Campbell

Oil: Mary Campbell, Jill Jacoby

Pastel :

Watercolor: Heather McDougall

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The Artists' Gallery is seeking artists with professional quality art to apply for membership in our cooperative. Located on the Promenade level of Capital Mall, the gallery offers a wonderful exhibition space with natural and interior light.

Our members work in a variety of media. Functioning as a cooperative provides our artists an opportunity to grow and share enthusiastic encouragement to each other.

Members are allotted equal opportunities to display their work. Every other month the art is rotated and members are encouraged to display new work. Artists whose work can't be hung (potters, jewelry, wood carvers, etc.) are displayed on pedestals or shelves. The Display Committee oversees arrangement of artwork within the gallery on an ongoing basis.

Members share duties of staffing the gallery and managing the business.

Please visit our website: APPLY TO JOIN | The Artists' Gallery Olympia WA (theartistsgallery.com).

<https://www.theartistsgallery.com/apply>

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