

Palette Palaver

December 2006 – January 2007 Edition

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

It was a very satisfying year for me personally to have been your president. It was a busy and exciting year with many gains but some losses. We experienced the sudden passing of Pam Cooper and Nick Conicella. Both are greatly missed. Best wishes to Sue Rayman on her retirement and a full recovery of her health.

There are many to be thanked for a job well done, who dedicated their time and energy to make this a great year. Thanks to the board, the office staff, to Rose and the 40th Anniversary committee, and to each team for hospitality, shows, meetings, workshops and classes.

I especially want to express my gratitude to Casey and Linda for keeping things running through a very busy summer during my absence.

Best wishes to Linda, our new president, and the new board as they lead us into the future.

Liz Ghormley

HOT NEWS !!!!

Casey Siewieski has been notified that the city has approved our plans for remodeling and the Board will meet with the contractor Monday, December 18, 2006. More info will follow as we learn what happens next. The plan at this point is to have full crews working so that the process is sped up and the job will be finished sooner. Originally we had thought to do the work in phases, but since we are in season too much time will be lost if we went that route.

As of this date, all shows are cancelled until further notice. The fate of Arts Of March is still undecided and will be announced as soon as the Board makes a decision. The English Tea will be postponed until Spring.

CALENDAR:

Dec. 29 – 3-4 pm	Remove paintings Boys Night Out
Monday, January 8, 2007	General Meeting 9:30 am
Tuesday, January 9, 2007	Lian Zhen Workshop
Monday, January 22, 2007 9:30 am	Board Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2007 – 9:30 am	General Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2007 – 9:30 am	Board Meeting

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ARTS OF MARCH TBA**

CATCH UP

CAPE CORAL ART LEAGUE 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA was held on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at La Venezia Ballroom. The Ballroom was beautiful, as were the ladies in attendance. Music provided by Carmine Lombardo was wonderful and dancing was enjoyed by all. The silent auction provided attendees with great opportunities for some real bargains. Our thanks to all who provided the prizes. The program will be published shortly as due to a glitch in printing it was not available for the party. All in attendance will receive a copy along with the sponsors and donators. Special recognition goes to Rose Sapecky and her committee for producing such a stellar event.

The Men's Show, "Boys Night Out" opened with a wine and cheese reception on Friday, December 8, 2006. Chairman, GREG EHMANN, with the help of several involved artists hung a great show with 7 participating artists. Tom Werdin, Stephen Mitro, Charles Vermeyen, Skip Weber, Casey Siewierski, James Pay and Greg Ehmann are the artists in the show.

Awards are as follows: First Place, Greg Ehmann for Split Wine, acrylic; Second Place, Greg Ehmann, Florida Morning, acrylic; Third Place, Skip Weber, Springtime, w/c; Honorable Mention: Casey Siewierski, Day Dreamer, Acrylic; James Pay, Poppy Fields, acrylic; Casey Siewierski, Shoemaker, acrylic.

The show will hang until Friday, December 29, 2006. Gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday from 1 to 4, Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 23rd. The gallery is closed Christmas week.

Our Annual Holiday party was held on Monday, December 4, 2006 at the Palmetto Pines Country Club in Cape Coral. The attendance was 41 members and 2 guests. Patty Sole and Arlene Glazier were co chairs and did a wonderful job in putting our party together. Ellen Leslie made arrangements for the room and menu. Holiday decorations made the country club very festive and a good time was had by all.

Installation of Officers and the Board was held at the party. New Officers are Linda S. Wildman, President, Karen Weeks, 1st Vice President, Greg Ehmann, 2nd Vice President, Debbie Du Pont, Treasurer, Marjorie Ewell, Recording Secretary, and Jan Werdin, Corresponding Secretary. Board members are Lisette Ghormley, Casey Siewierski, Jr., Mildred Klindworth, Dena Shepherd, and Kathleen Bogdan, term expiring in 2007; Jan Werdin, Linda Wildman, Lois Johnston, Wanytta Hinsdale and Florene Weleneby, term expiring in 2008; Debbie DuPont, Gail Dale, Sam DuPont, Sr., Karen Weeks, Marjorie Ewell, Greg Ehmann, term expiring in 2009. A special group of mentoring board members are Rose Sapecky, June Sommerfield, Nancy Nichols will be available to assist new board members in their learning experience. Thanks to all for serving the Cape Coral Art League so willingly.

GREAT OFFER: I am looking for local artists interested in displaying their art work in Commissioner Hall's Fort Myer's office. If you know anyone, would you please pass along my contact information? Thank you.

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Executive Assistant to Commissioner Tammy Hall
Lee County Board of Commissioners
District 4
239-335-2226 office
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MEMBERSHIP:

The by-laws change of membership date is now in effect. As of January 1, 2007 our dues of \$35. for Individual, \$25. Friend of the League and \$45. for family membership are due. If you haven't gotten around to sending in your dues, you now have another option of payment. As of mid November the League has the ability to accept VISA AND MASTERCARD credit card payments. Preferably, you can stop in and pay using your credit card. You also could use the form below and mail it in to the office.

Name _____

FL Address _____

Telephone# _____ Email address _____

Summer Addr. _____

Telephone # _____ Email address _____

Your Media Interest _____

Your level: Beginner _____ 2+ years _____ Professional _____ Teacher _____

Please make check payable to CCAL and mail to: 516 Cultural Park Blvd, P.O. Box 100707, Cape Coral, FL 33910 or fill in the credit card info on the form below.

Name on card _____ # on card _____

Expiration date _____ Type of card Visa _____ MC _____

The Art League is a volunteer organization. Members are asked to serve on at least one committee. **Please circle** the opportunities below that interest you, and we will contact you with further information.

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| Gallery Attendant | Building & Grounds | Classes/Workshops | Hospitality | Newsletter |
| Publicity/Outreach | Scholarship Program | Show Committees | Fundraising | Office volunteer |
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KUDOS:

CLARE CANDELORI reports: I just received the poster design of my painting that will be used for the Cape Coral Festival of the Arts poster and marketing campaign and wanted to share it with everyone. Posters and t-shirts will be available at the festival, as well as all of my art work. Please mark your calendar for the dates next month, Jan. 13th and 14th, from 10am to 5pm, and come see me at the art festival. I don't know where my booth will be positioned, but I will be there among 300 other participants and it will be a very exciting event. Hope to see you there

Two weeks later is my solo art show and wine tasting event at WineStyles in Naples, located in the Riverchase Plaza, corner of US 41 & Immokalee Rd. The wine tasting and show is on Jan. 27th, from 12 noon – 6pm. RSVP is requested by calling Wine Styles at 239-596-1320. Cost to attend is \$5.00 and you will receive \$5.00 off your purchase with the postcard.

Congratulations to Clare!

FLORENE WELNEBY reports: : "I received a merit from CCAG " Faces & Figures" show open to all league members. My winning piece "Tropic Heat " (from Cape 's show last month) will be the image used on the post card for Bert's gallery on Matlacha. Also my work was accepted at Sanibel Art & Frame on Palm Ridge Rd., Sanibel. My art work is hanging at Cape Coral Community Bank on Hancock & P.I. Rd. for the month's display."

Florene also won 3rd place at the Art League of Fort Myers current show. *Congrats, Florene. You are one busy woman*

LINDA WILDMAN reports: "My paintings are hanging in the newly reopened FRAME GALLERY & GIFTS store gallery at 1830 Del Prado Blvd, Cape Coral, FL". Linda attended the Grand OPENING party recently to find her paintings on the gallery's walls along with some very famous artists. *We are very proud of your achievements, Linda!*

MARY WIDMER is achieving national recognition in CAT FANCY MAGAZINE. She said, "One of the pictures that was included was Swimming Lessons that had won an honorable mention in the Aquarium Show held at the Cape Coral Art Studio in September. Also I was pleased when the News-Press picked up my comments about the Aquarium Exhibit. The picture that was mentioned was my other entry of the mother manatee and her baby. I was very happy when I went to pick up my pictures to find out that that picture had been sold." Now Mary has been notified that all three of her paintings will be published in the February issue of "Cat Fancy". Mary's website is www.artworkbymary.com *Way to go, Mary!*

LOIS JOHNSTON reports that her new business, "Rising Stars Art Studio", has opened at Cape Harbour Marina (near Rumrunners) and is open Thursday through Sunday and special occasions. Merchandise includes beautiful glass jewelry and art. Gift Certificates are also available. This week, Wednesday evening is Sip & Shop for the area....\$15 for wine tasting and food provided by "The Joint" restaurant. Lois' shop will be open Wednesday evenings until Christmas. Other hours are by appointment; just call 210-1318 or 458-8319 to schedule a time. *Best wishes to Lois on the launch of her new shop.*

From JAMES E. PAY: Another award for James E. Pay! An acrylic painting of a pheasant called "Blending In", painted by Canadian artist James E. Pay won \$100.00 for an eighth place finish at the 26th annual art contest for Ducks Unlimited Canada on October 5, 2006. Other works by this artist can be seen on their website, www.theartofjamesepay.com.

R.W. CAREY reports: The first 2 months on the "Art Fair circuit" are under my belt and things are off to a great start. I've been fortunate enough to participate in successful shows in Thomasville,GA, Naples,FL, St. Petersburg,FL, and Winter Garden, FL.

Upcoming shows are:

Centennial Park Art Show, January 6-7 in Ft. Myers

The Cape Coral Festival of the Arts, January 13-14

The Edison Celebration of Art in Ft. Myers - January 27

Later in the winter and early spring, I expect to be included in many other shows throughout the state of Florida and the southeastern United States.

If you're in the area on any of these dates, please stop by. There are some truly talented and amazing artists at these events and I feel fortunate to be included in their company.

Happy Holidays to all!!

Bob (RW) Carey

<http://www.rwcarey.com>, www.artsforactgallery.com

CLASSES:

Monday:	1 to 4 pm	<u>Pastels</u>	Becky Gregg	Fee: \$50/70 for 4 week session
	10 am to noon	<u>Portrait Sketch</u>	Jeanine Jackson	Fee: \$30/35 for one week \$60/70 for both weeks
	1 to 4 pm	<u>All Mediums</u>	Betty Wedeles	Fee: \$36/56 for 4 week session
	6 to 9 pm	<u>Hooked on Watercolor I</u>	Donna Maves	Fee \$80/100 for 4 week session
Tuesday:	1 to 4 pm	<u>Acrylic Painting</u>	James E. Pay	Fee: \$72/92 for 4 week session
	9 am to 12 pm	<u>Jewelry Making</u>	Lois Johnston	Fee: \$20/25 per week
Wednesday:	9 am to 12 pm	<u>All Mediums</u>	Betty Wedeles	Fee: \$40/60 per 4 week session
	1 to 4 pm	<u>Open Painting</u>	Non instruction	Fee: \$1. per week
Thursday:	1 to 4 pm	<u>Hooked on Watercolor II</u>	Donna Maves	Fee: \$80/100 per 4 week session
Friday:	1 to 4 pm	<u>Traditional to Abstract, Creative Watercolor</u>	Pat Johnson	Fee: \$65/85 per 4 week session

Specialty Classes:

March 16 & 17, 2007

Friday & Saturday 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Drawing & Water media – Painting the Easy Way with Julie Olander
Fee: \$120/140
Saturday, January 13, 2007 9 to 3 pm Faux for Furniture Connie Clymo Fee: \$55/75 \$10 materials fee
Saturday, February 10 9 to 4 pm Faux Textures for Furniture, Wall & Décor Fee: \$55/75 \$15 materials

More classes may be added. Call Gail Dale at 239-543-5333 to reserve your spot. You may use our Visa/MC to pay for your class or mail your check to CCAL, 516 Cultural Park Blvd, P.O. Box 100707, Cape Coral, FL 33910. Inquiries can be made at the CCAL office. Call 239-772-5657 for more information.

ART FEST:

Once again ART FEST is happening in Fort Myers waterfront district. Dates are Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4, 2007. Carolyn Halo, Adult Volunteers Coordinator, is looking for volunteers to work the show as relief people, go-ffers, etc. You can choose what shift you want to work from three different ones; 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, 11 am - 3 pm, and 1 – 5 pm. If we have 10 volunteers from our League we can have our own tent to publicize our league from. Then we can have our people sit and talk to visitors, hand out league information, and maybe even paint as demonstrations. All in all, everyone always has a great time, comes home with a super specially designed Tee Shirt for free and has a good feeling of accomplishment for doing something worthwhile. So far we have FIVE signups....we need you to flesh that out. If you are in the league between now and the next General Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2007, sign up on the sheet in front of the computer desk or call the office at 772-5657 and ask to be signed up. You will be so glad you did.

DON'T FORGET – GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 9:30 AM TO BE HELD IN STUDIO 2 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION.

THE CCAL DIRECTORY WILL GO TO PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007. PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS, EMAIL OR TELEPHONE # CHANGES SO YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT DIRECTORY.

Send your news items, announcements, kudos to Marjorie Ewell, Editor by January 15, 2007 for the next publication. Email to strgazzr39@swfla.rr.com, ccartleague@earthlink.net, phone to 239-945-3158 or mail to 3316 SE 22nd Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904

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