

Calendar of Events

November

Nov 1, 2 (Wed/Thurs)

Pick up work from Members' Show
and bring in work for Members'
Show: "Artist's Choice"

Nov 1 (Wed) 7 – 9:30 PM

Keep It Simple Workshop

Nov 5 (Sun): 1 – 4 PM

Reception: **Leslie Ovechka**,
"Traveling Through China"

Gallery II: **Ninetta Nappi**, watercolor,
"Poetry in Paints"
Studio Gallery Members', "Artists
Choice"

Nov 10 (Fri) 7 PM

Photo Club

Nov 17 (Fri) 7 PM

Concert Series: Bob Andrews Trio

Nov 24 (Fri) 1 – 4 PM

Drop off work for Gift Shop 1 – 4 PM

**Nov 28, 29, 30 (Tue, Wed, Thurs)
1 – 4**

Receiving of Members' Show
Theme: "Your Spring Garden"
also receiving of boutique Items for
Galleries I & II, priced under \$50.00

December

December 2 (Sat) 10-4

Holiday Show and Open House

Dec 8 (Fri) 7 PM

Photo Club

Dec 15 – (Fri) 7 PM

Annual Holiday Concert: OCA
Concert Musicians

Dec 24 – 31

Guild is closed

Ocean County
Artists' Guild
Ocean & Chestnut Aves.
Island Heights, New Jersey 08732



**November
2017**

Letter From The President

Dear Fellow Members,

As we welcome in the month of November I can't help but wonder where and how time is swiftly going by. You'll be happy to know that we've had a very active and successful couple of months with classes, workshops and ongoing groups. By the time you read this November Newsletter we should have our new Website up and running, so please take advantage of viewing it. In addition our monthly Newsletter just keeps getting better, so please take the time to view it both on Constant Contact via email, and on our Website.

I am aware that by the time Members read this our bus trip to the Brandywine River Museum, home of Andrew Wyeth, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, will have already taken place and we are all looking forward to a grand time and hopefully a beautiful Fall day as well.

I would like to add a short note about being a good neighbor. We have a very unique situation at the Guild as we are surrounded by residential homes with families who have been very tolerant of all that we do at the Ocean County Artists Guild which includes parking for all our Openings, Classes, Events, and arriving and leaving the Guild in general. Please, be aware of where and how you park your vehicle so it does not infringe on our neighbors property and blocking driveways. Good neighbors are hard to find, as we all know.

"Creativity Is Not A Hobby, It Is A Way Of Life"

With the Warmest of Wishes,

Carol Ann Oporto – President OCA

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Concert Series in the Studio

**BOB ANDREWS
TRIO**
IN CONCERT

Friday November 17 • 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Galleries open @ 7:00 pm

A donation of \$5 is suggested - non profit venue.

Intermission with refreshments. www.ocartistsguild.org 732-270-3111

In the Galleries

November 2017 • Reception November 5, 1-4 PM



Gallery I Leslie Ovechka
“TRAVELING THROUGH CHINA”

Leslie Ovechka is an oil painter, watercolorist and printmaker. She is a native of New Jersey and has shown her works throughout the state as well as in Massachusetts and California. Recently she had the good fortune to travel to the Middle Kingdom. The experience was wonderful and now she invites you to take a journey with her through the bustling cities and rural countryside of this remarkable country. Her years of living in San Francisco sparked her interest in the Chinese culture where it is a huge part of city life. Touring China was an awesome experience. All the wonderful sights and sounds, not to mention the delicious food, left a good impression on her. Leslie's unique perspective is apparent as she incorporates her artistic skill with her beloved mediums, oils, watercolors and prints, to bring this exciting exhibit to life. She would like the viewer to enjoy China through her eyes. Her feelings and sensitivities lead you into a world brimming with the old traditions of China and the freshness of its modern age.

Gallery II Ninetta Nappi “Poetry in Paints” © The Eclectic Collection

Painting her lifetime, her work has been described as poetic and romantic. Ninetta paints wherever she goes and gets her inspiration as a plein air painter. In three seasons her “slice of heaven” locations have been: Sunsets of Barnegat Bay; Parks -Central & James Braddock; Venice, Italy (where she has sojourned solo several times to paint); Santa Fe, New Mexico and most recent Wrangler Brook, Toms River. During the winter months still-life becomes her subject - vase portraits & botanicals. The diverse works in this show are a few examples of a greater collection of its genre found on her website: www.ninettanappi.com. Her philosophy of plein air painting is “Painting outdoors, impressionistically captures the life-essence of my subject to transcend the atmosphere of that one optimal and ephemeral moment in time. Inspiration is at its height thus cultivating a connection with my subject achieved further through contemplation yielding a heightened sense of aesthetic awareness and in this fleeting romantic moment of time, the poetry of her subject is created, almost love at first sight!” The purpose of her art is awareness to beauty. Aesthetics is a necessity of the world we live. She believes looking at beauty can erase sorrows, ease tension and give us peace. Ninetta has been a lifetime art educator teaching at Passaic



and Hudson Community Colleges and will be teaching a plein air class in James Braddock Park, October, through Guttenbergarts.org. She is a recipient of a grant from the Puffin foundation titled: Mystic Trees; Awareness of Global Warming from which this show is partially funded. She received her MA in art at New Jersey City University and post MA study abroad program, New York University in Venice, Italy, the Academy of Art, NY & Instituto di Tintoretto, Venice, Italy. She has received several awards namely best in show by Edgewater and Pasack Council of the Arts.

Collectors Choice

Collectors Choice, our special fundraising event on September 24, was concluded with the drawing. This event's success was guaranteed by our artists who donated 27 pieces of work. The collection of work was outstanding and a joy to view. Those attending enjoyed the anticipation of receiving their favorite painting, each ticket drawn brought many different fun reactions. All and all it was a wonderful event and we need to thank the following artists:

Diane Schultz
Ellen Scharfenberg
Betty Lou Cox
Richard Kusinsky
Carol Colvin
Susanna Anastasia
Debra Kurt
Elizabeth A DeGregorio

Beatrice Humphris
Sheila Long
Arlette Malivernier
Iris Schlager
Marie DeVenezia
Sheila Mickle Soyster
Bob White

Pauline Mickle
Tamara Woronczuk
George Chosich
Joanne Zezula
Mary Jo Austin
Elsa Herrmann
Shirley Le Quier
K.T. Cuneo

If you are showing your art work in our monthly Members' Show, please remind yourself to bring in a food item for our Reception Table.

Workshop Highlights



Keep It Simple Workshop:

Create a simple object using a variety of collage materials.
Wednesday, November 1, 7-9:30 PM at the Guild.

All supplies included. \$50.

Presented by Creative Spirits Workshops.

Holiday Events in the Galleries

Our Holiday Season here at the Guild has always been a good success thanks to our members who participate. All our galleries will be ablaze with holiday spirit. Our artists and crafters will fill the walls and tables with their offerings. This year we are requesting that the studio display larger paintings, priced to sell. The theme suggested is "Your Spring Garden". Galleries 1 & 11 will display gifts under \$50.00, sure to please all buyers. Here will be handcrafted gift items seasonal and non-seasonal. Our Gift Shop, as always, will shine with wonderful artful gifts. The receiving of this work will be November 28, 29 & 30. Our opening reception is Saturday, December 2, 10-4. There will be light refreshments. Come and celebrate the Season with your good friends here at the Guild and do a little gift shopping.

In January the holiday art will remain up until January 31th. There will be no Reception this month.

Welcome New Members

Rita Costa

Renato (Ron) Esposito

PARKING AT THE GUILD

We would like to remind our Members and those who come as guests, to keep in mind you are parking in a residential area of Island Heights. Please do not block driveways or park in yellow marked curbing. Sometime our car alarms go off if our keys are mishandled, and this can be quite annoying for our neighbors. All we ask is you please be aware and considerate. Let's be good neighbors.

Volunteers Needed

Together We Can Make A Difference

Please call or email the Guild for description of any committees available.

WORKSHOPS 2017

Keep it Simple Workshop:
Wednesday, November 1, 7-9:30PM.
All supplies included. \$50.

Presented by Creative Spirits Workshops.

For any Workshop information please contact:

Tamara Woronczuk

732-998-8286

tworonczuk@yahoo.com

Yes! Sign Me Up For A Workshop! Please fill out the entire form and *put the instructor's name on your check.* Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Instructor _____

Class _____

Start Date _____

**Make checks payable to : Ocean County Artists' Guild
PO Box 1156 • Island Heights, NJ 08732**

**Questions? Call the Guild @ 732-270-3111
or email info@ocartistsguild.org**

Dues Increase:

We want to inform our membership that we are increasing our dues for 2018.

While our operating expenses have increased over the years, we have not raised our dues.

This increase is necessary and we hope that you all understand. Applications will be going out mid October or early November.

Attention All Artists

If you plan on dropping off new work for the Gift Shop PLEASE notify Kath Gregitis first. Kath will then come in to inventory your work into the book.

Thank You

Kath Gregitis – 732-244-6296 • Aisha745@aol.com

Important Notifications: Change of information - Please notify the Guild of any changes; ie. telephone number, address or email address. We must have these in order to get up-to-date information to you. This could be the reason some of you have not been receiving information.

Our New Online Format: www.ocartistsguild.org

Some images of Jamie Wyeth paintings we saw at the Brandywine Museum in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania on October 17th, 2017



Enjoying a lovely Victorian Tea at 600 Main Street in Toms River on October 24th, 2017.



Highlights of OCAAG Executive Minutes of October 2017

1. New across the board \$5 increase in yearly Dues.
2. Several Chair people would like to give up the positions they've had for years.
3. More publicity needed for upcoming events & workshop in order to satisfy matching grant.
4. Better communication is needed at the Guild, example: Also, a Constant Contact has gone out searching for a replacement on the Newsletter Staff or Mary Jo Austin, as her job was only temporary.
5. Helen Webster will be handling the Victorian Tea.
6. It was suggested that people who have pictures in the membership show should bring in a snack for the opening.

STAFF

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Leslie Ovechka	Proofreader
Zina Van Strien	Proofreader
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Sally Dracikiewicz	Newsletter Designer
Faga Fiorino	Mailing
Sonia Schories	Mailing
Ellen Derion	Mailing

Please address any news items to: newsletter@ocartistsguild.org

OPEN STUDIO WORKSHOPS

For MEMBERS and GUESTS

Print Class

Tuesdays, 12:30-4:00 pm \$7 Guild donation + materials
Reduction printing in all forms— In the Studio

Do Your Own Thing

Thursdays, 10:00-3:00 pm. Come paint or sketch
\$3 Guild donation—In the studio.

Life Drawing Studio

Saturdays, 10-12:30pm
Model fee \$10 in the Studio

Clothed Model Studio

Sundays, 2-4 pm Portraits & Figure
Model fee \$7 in the Studio

Nude Figure Drawing, Long Poses

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-9pm
Model fee \$10.00.

In the Studio

Questions: call Gerry Batkay 732-350-6160

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