

Brush Strokes



Newsletter of the Corvallis Art Guild

November 2011

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Jennifer Richter, a poet, artist and teacher, will be speaking at the November 7th meeting of the Corvallis Art Guild. She will be speaking about using poetry and words in visual art works, as well as about her experiences using poetry and art in therapeutic settings.



Jennifer Richter's poetry collection *Threshold* has been a national bestseller and was selected by Robert Pinsky as a 2011 Oregon Book Award Finalist. Richter's work has appeared in *Poetry*, *Poetry Northwest*, *The Missouri Review*, and *A Fierce Brightness: Twenty-five Years of Women's Poetry*. She was awarded a Wallace Stegner Fellowship and Jones Lectureship in Poetry by Stanford University, where she taught in the Creative Writing Program. For four years, Richter led poetry workshops for recovering substance abusers at the Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco; she has taught for various poets-in-the-schools organizations in California and Oregon, and she currently teaches at the Corvallis Arts Center and for Stanford University's Online Writer's Studio.

The meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of 8th and Monroe, just north of Central Park in Corvallis. Meetings start at 7:00, with a social half hour, and the business meeting begins at 7:30.

Presidents Message:

ART COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE

At our last meeting with Arts Center Director David Huff, Carol Selberg raised the idea for an Art Cooperative in Corvallis. She suggested that it could be a place where artist could create art with other artists and friends. Others chimed in to say that there could be large work tables, lockers for materials, areas for chatting and meetings, and wall space to display art. Other guild members might like to participate.

I'd like to suggest that we form an EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE to investigate the feasibility of an Art Cooperative in Corvallis. I'll ask for volunteers to serve on this committee at our November 7th meeting.

A few areas for investigation might include:

- a. possible buildings to rent
- b. possible interest of other members of other guilds
- c. legal questions related to liability and fire insurance, ADA provisions, lease terms, etc.
- d. possible member responsibilities for the operation of the facility, dues, schedules, etc..

We would ask the Committee to launch its investigation this fall and report its findings at a Guild meeting in the early spring.

If an art cooperative in Corvallis interests you, please volunteer at our next meeting.



Sarkis Antikajian Workshop Review

This was a great 2 day workshop. Seven Guild members attended including Mike Bergen, Edith Harrison, Doyle Leek, Sue Noel, Joyce Canan, and Earl and Cherrill Boissonou. In addition we were joined by eight others from Eugene, Salem and Portland. Some were members of the Lane County Plein Air Group.

Sarkis has a large property just outside Cheshire. It has a walnut grove, koi pond, vegetable garden and lots of green vegetation. Each day Sarkis gave a demo and then we all painted on our own. The first day we did a landscape and the second day a still life. Since it rained the second day we painted under his carport. Both of the demonstrations were in oil. He gave everyone individual attention.

Sarkis has an interesting loose style that he describes as "clumsy". This is a highly refined form of wonky. After toning his canvas he uses a three stage process including an abstract stage in which he paints his major shapes in local color using thin paint, followed by a modeling stage using thicker paint, and finally a finish stage for accents and calligraphy. The interesting part is that there is never an "ugly phase"! I didn't know that this was possible. He also showed me the correct way to paint in oil using mediums. Now I have to do them all over again! Oh well.

Overall I think we all enjoyed the workshop. Mike Bergen

IN THE NEWS:

Richard Helmick has won 3rd place in the Colored Pencil Society of America Seattle District chapter 207 "Celebrating Colored Pencil" show. The juried show was open to artists living in WA, OR, ID, and MT. The show will run until Dec. 11 at the Semantics Gallery in Edmonds, WA.

Maureen Frank's art is on display at Fireworks Restaurant for the months of October and November.

Festival of the Guilds Holliday Sale and Performance Nov 7-20 Opening reception Nov. 6th 4:00-6:30 pm.

Philomath Open Studios Art Tour and Sale Oct 29/30 Nov 5/6 12:00 to 5:00
Maps at Philomathopenstudios.com and The arts Center

Linda Humphrey has show currently hanging at Tyee Cellars Tasting room. It will be there until Nov. 21st.

Jean Bubak and **Alice Tetamore** have an exhibit of their watercolor paintings in the Key Bank lobby in Lebanon. The show is open for viewing during bank business hours October 15 through November 15.

The Arts Center presents the third annual, theme-based exhibit during the holiday season. Almost one hundred artists will be represented in the 2011 exhibit, each creating work based on this year's theme: PORTALS.

The Winter Show & Silent Auction will take place during a time of year when we reflect on the past, present, and future, as well as our place in the world. We hope this theme evokes the atmosphere of this transitional time of year, and has potential to represent the unique character of the Willamette Valley – a place vibrant with a mix of nature, spirituality, creativity, and technology.

Show Calendar:

- **Nov. 25, Fri:** Silent Auction begins @ 5:30pm during the Opening Reception
(This is the day after Thanksgiving!)
- **Dec. 17, Sat:** Silent Auction ends! (End of Auction party, 5-7pm)
- **Dec. 11 – 24:** Remaining items remain for sale at stated retail price

Work Shops and Business Opportunities

Tools of the trade show The Duck Store (U of O) 25% off Art and School Supplies. Kristi Mitchell and Debby Sundbaum-Sommers will be demonstrating their art techniques. Nov. 9&10

The Drawing Board: Art supplies and graphic design 541.224.3797

David Paul Bayles workshop 541-929-7979 c 541-760-9696

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Hanging Around Town Schedule

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Contact the program chair Mike Bergen if you have questions (mike@creativdialog.com)

See Hanging Around Town Site Details for site information.

2011	Qty	September	October	November	December
Central Willamette Credit Union (2 months)	10	Judy Findley	Judy Findley	Bob Stebbins	Bob Stebbins
Copytronix Hendersons (2 months)	6	Harold Wood	Harold Wood	Molly Perry	Molly Perry
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Corvallis Caring Place (2 months)	10	Regina Berman	Regina Berman	Paul Rickey	Paul Rickey
Corvallis Chamber Coalition	12	Mike Bergen	Mike Bergen	Laura Crosby	Linda Edwards
Darrell's Restaurant (hang between 2pm and 5 pm)	6	Gail Ann Blagg	Beatrice Rubenfeld	Kristi Hager	Laura Crosby
Fitness Over 50	7	Private Event	Desray Lithgow	April Fisher	Linda Humphrey
Grace Center	10	Earl Boissonou	Earl Boissonou	Ernie Richter	Kristi Hager
Montessori School	8 to 10	Sabine Miner	Paul Rickey	Carol Selberg	Linda Edwards
Samaritan Internal Medicine (call to schedule hanging) (2 months)	10	Claudia Weintraub	Claudia Weintraub	Sandra Strohmeier	Sandra Strohmeier
Samaritan Regional Cancer Center (call ahead)	10	Doyle leek	Sabine Miner	Earl Boissonou	Carol Selberg
Samaritan Village	9	Peggy Sharrow	Ernie Richter	Doug Squires	
Timberhill Athletic Club	11	Jean Lawrence	Molly Perry	Joyce Canan	Sue Noel
	11	Kristi Hager	Hope Meados	Jane Ann Werkentin	Ellen Borowski
Timberhill Physical Therapy	5	Connie Ash	Philis Johnson	Lois Bottomley	Mike Bergen

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