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April 2023 Newsletter





Fran Caldwell and Shannon Pagano working on the restroom collage in the Studio Building.

President's Letter

This has been another incredible month for the Art League.

- The 2023 ArtScape banners are up downtown and our first Junior Artist banners are up in Jackson Park. These banners make an ongoing and very visible contribution to the cultural atmosphere of Hendersonville.
- The League seized the opportunity to lease the building adjacent to Art Place and convert it to working studio spaces for 25 artists. This was so popular that only a few spaces remain. Those artists who rented spaces have been doing their own creative renovations. The big room at the back with overhead door and loading dock could accommodate artists who work in clay, glass, wood and other messy mediums. Anyone interested should contact me. Thanks to Jerry Pagano, the utilities are all working, the floor has been transformed, and the major heavy duty cleaning has been done. In addition to the studios, the large front room will give us much-needed space for larger workshops and meetings. Parking in front and back of the building will serve us well for receptions and other events at both locations. The address is 2015 Asheville Highway.
- The League now has a Fund Raising Committee chaired by Judith Kolva. They have jumped right in and scheduled a private performance of "Stories from the MOB" (Mothers of the Bride) for May 7 in the Club House at Carriage Park. See the details in the Invitation that was emailed to members this past week.
- Community Exhibits chair Norie Sanchez has been overwhelmed with wonderful contributions to three overlapping events. Running simultaneously are the Grace Church "Spring" exhibit and the Henderson Library exhibit of "Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle" which continues through June. Coming at the end of this week is the third "Fabulous Fakes" event which will take place at Art MoB and the Gallery at Flat Rock as well as at our own Art Place. Receptions at all three galleries on April 16th noon to 4:30.

Distressing News on Grass Roots Grants

In the state budget approved by the NC House, funding for Grass Roots grants through the NC Arts Council has been discontinued for Henderson and 19 other counties considered Tier 3. We depended on Grassroots funding for several of our activities and these grants have been awarded to many of our artists over the past years, so this is very disappointing news. More information and an action message format can be found at <https://artsnc.org/advocacy/action-center/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f103454%2fRespond>

Volunteer Opportunities

With so much going on these days, there are lots of opportunities to be involved:

1. Volunteers are needed to staff our booth at Earth Day Hendo on April 22. If you have an arts activity that would engage children in an art project, please get in touch with Robyn Crawford at centralartery@gmail.com
2. Volunteers to clean up the Art Place grounds. Contact Robyn Crawford at centralartery@gmail.com
3. The Studio Building has been transformed into a wonderful space, but there is more to do:
Finish collage in the bathroom.
Paint the doors.
Paint the vanity.
Wash the windows.
Plant the outdoor planters

Teach a Class or Workshop

With a second (and larger) workshop space now available in the Studio Building, we are able to schedule twice as many classes and workshops. Submit your idea for a class by following the instructions on the "Teach a Class" drop down menu on the website.

Art League Officers:

Diane Dean, President
Jim Boyd, Vice President
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Robyn Crawford, Art Place
Norie Sanchez, Community Exhibits
Shannon Pagano, Open Studio
Denise Harlan, Workshops
Judith Kolva, Fundraising
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[Click here to join!](#)

May 7 - Mother of the Bride Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee has launched its first event. Attend the "Stories from the MOB" theatrical event at the Carriage Park Club House. The production is a comedy, with a little drama and adventure mixed in! Just as each dress has a story to tell, so does every Mother of the Bride!

This delightful performance consists of several short monologues that will make you laugh, cry, nod in agreement and steal your heart as the women share the stories of their dresses and their expectations for the big day!

Written and directed by Doreen Blue and performed by the Pass the Hat Players, Stories from the MOB has become an audience favorite and a joy for the cast of performers!

Plus: Refreshments and Auction

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$25/each. Proceeds will benefit the Art League.

Volunteers are needed for various assignments.

Contact Judith Kolva, judith@legacies

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)



*Stories from the MOB
(Mothers of the Bride)*



Bill Abel's Fabulous Fake version of Starry Night.

Community Exhibits

Fabulous Fakes begins April 15 at three participating galleries: Art MoB, Gallery at Flat Rock and our own Art Place. Visit all three galleries between April 15 and 23 to participate in the Passport drawing and see some very clever versions of masterworks produced by member artists.

The Grace Church "Spring" exhibit continues through May 8th. Address is 495 Cardinal Drive, Mills River.

"Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle" continues at the Henderson County Library, 301 N. Washington Street, Hendersonville through June.

Art Place

Art Place has been very busy lately. The original artwork for the ArtScape banners was on display from March 11 to 31, followed by half of the works submitted for the "Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose" exhibit. (The other half are at the Henderson County Library.) This exhibit will close on April 13 and be followed by the Fabulous Fakes for the rest of the month.

Jean Greesom's "Best Friends" sculpture was among the ArtScape works on exhibit.



Member News





At left. Michele Sparks was featured on the 10th anniversary of her Art MoB business in the April edition of Arts and Culture along with Art MoB artists Robyn Crawford, Sharon Richmond, Ruth Ellen Boerman and Vanessa Segraves. There are additional profiles of Laura Yates Adams and April Johnson. League members are getting lots of good press coverage!

Ann Murray has received a Regional Artist grant from the NC Arts Council which she will use to purchase equipment for making very large marbled papers. Look for Anne's future workshops.

Karen-Eve Bayne had two pieces of her work on display in the Appalachian Women's Fine Art Show in the Dairy Barn Venue in Ohio. This is her fabric "Pitcher Plant" sculpture.

Al Juneke has a one-man show on the second wall in the Henderson County Library.



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The Junior Artists at the Banner Reveal event in Jackson Park.



Thomas Dunn's "Deep Space Research Neutrino Detector" was a show stopper for the "Repurpose" exhibit.



Picture of Potential! Elbow room for League events in the Studio Building.



A happy Dale Loren enjoys her space in the Studio Building.



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