

CAPE MAY COUNTY ART LEAGUE

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Featured Artist

Christine Peck



Christine Peck won first prize at this year's CMCAL Fine Art Show in the Washington Mall & adjacent Rotary Park. She is a Board member for both CMCAL and the Cape May Artist's Co-operative. Her work can be seen at the West End Garage on West Perry Street in West Cape May.

CMCAL: At what age did you start "making art"?

Chris: It was in high school, when I was about 16 or 17. I enjoyed painting in acrylic and watercolor. As a matter of fact, all the artworks in my high school yearbook were my watercolor paintings. The paintings had a "Lord of the Rings" theme – a popular trilogy at the time. The high school had a darkroom, so I started taking black and white pictures and developing them. This was the beginning of my love for photography.

CMCAL: Why is photography your favorite medium?

Chris: I started college as a Fine Arts major, so, of course I was exposed to many media. But photography is the medium that makes me feel most satisfied. The world is such a big place. It's inspiring to be able to record what I see and experience. It gives me huge satisfaction. My son, Matthew, was my inspiration to get back into photography, after having a family, going back to college to become an optician and working. He became interested in photography and started doing amazing things with it. This inspired me to get back into it. In the past 15 years, I have accumulated 27,000 digital images. I have used nothing but digital for the last 10 years.

CMCAL: What are some of your other favorite pastimes?

Chris: I love to travel! My husband and I travel as much as we can. Our two sons, R.J. who is 24 and a field engineer, and Matthew who is 21 and a senior at West Virginia University majoring in broadcast news, provide many wonderful destinations for us.

CMCAL: Have you always lived in New Jersey?

Chris: I was born in Sea Isle City. Born on January 5th, I was actually the first baby born in that year (not telling you which year) in Sea Isle City. My family lived in Connecticut for a short time (I was age 3 – 6), before moving back to Sea Isle City. Eventually my parents built a house in Cape May Courthouse, right next to my great-grandmother's house. Later, after marrying my husband who is native to West Cape May, we moved into my great-grandmother's house which had been abandoned for a few years. We had lots of work to do. I attended Glassboro State for a short time, and got my optician's degree at Camden County. People who don't know I'm an optician often say I have an 'eye' for photography. Pretty funny.

CMCAL: What is the most interesting place you've been to in the last five years?

Chris: In 2007, we went on a tour to Italy. We ended up in a hotel in Priano (near Sorrento) which was next to my family's ancestral church. I'm 50% Italian, both on my mother's and father's sides, but this family was directly related to my maternal great-grandmother – the same one whose house we live in. We met these long-lost relatives, and through a genealogy chart which my brother researched, we identified members of my newly found Italian family. It was incredible. I wish we were able to spend more time with them, but we had to continue with the tour.

CMCAL: What do you consider your best accomplishment?

Chris: I've done a lot of things, but I don't feel that I've had my best accomplishment. I'm waiting for it. I'm a work in progress.

CMCAL: What are your goals for the future?

Chris: Aside from fame and fortune? Seriously, I think I'd like to see my photography reach new levels and expand beyond Cape May County. I take workshops. I'd like to take some photography travel workshops, maybe.

Note: Chris started selling her work only three years ago. This year she has earned 1st place at the Avalon Fine Arts Show, 1st place at Wings and Water, and 1st place at the CMCAL Fine Art Show. Her son calls it her triple crown.

A Message from the President



I do hope that you and yours have enjoyed a pleasant, albeit hot and dry, summer. As I write this, cooler weather has arrived and this is most welcome.

By the time you get to read this it is likely that our September Mall Show has already taken place and I have total confidence that Anne Gibboni and her team will have done an outstanding job in bringing to you what is our League's signature event. And Jean Nazarow is developing a December New York Bus trip - details will follow.

Our Annual Meeting is set for October 28 at the Olde Court House in Cape May Court House. Look for details in this newsletter and make an effort to attend - we look forward to seeing you at this meeting!

I want to take a moment to salute all of our Board members who have given so graciously of their time and energies to create what has been a very successful 2010 program. All of the administrative work and everything that you enjoy from the Art League comes from these unpaid volunteers - thank you Board!

And be sure to keep an eye on www.capemaycountyartleague.com

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Cape May County Art League

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2010

The Olde (Historic) Court House
West side of Rte. #9
North of Mechanic Street
Cape May Court House, NJ

Refreshments @ 6:30 PM
Business Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Agenda

Treasurer's Report
Scholarship Report
Membership Report
Election Results
Summary of 2010 Activities
Looking Forward to 2011
President's Report
Open Forum

Guidelines for Submitting Digital Images for the Prickly Pear Weekends at the Gail Pierson Gallery in Cape May

1. Submissions for PPW are juried into the Gallery.
2. Submissions must be made by sending a digital image of your work by e-mail to piersonandassoc@aol.com. Prickly Pear and the month of the PPW should be in the subject line. Gail Pierson will reply by e-mail about the status of acceptance for PPW.
3. Submissions for PPW can be made at any time during the month. The cut-off date for a specific month's PPW is the Monday of that week.
4. Delivery of all work for the second PP weekend each month is the Thursday afternoon prior to that weekend, between 3 and 5 PM, unless other arrangements are made with Gail Pierson.
5. All work will be signed in and out of the Gallery, with the same arrangements used for the June 2010 Juried Show.
6. Commission terms are 60/40 as was used for the June 2010 Juried Show.
7. Pickup of your work will **not be the Tuesday immediately following the PP Weekend** as in previous shows, but rather the Tuesday after from 10 AM -12 N, unless other arrangements have been made with Gail Pierson.
8. Please note that in order for your work to be considered for any ads, promotions, etc., you must be able to provide a 300 dpi jpeg image of your work as a separate attachment to an e-mail - close up, without a frame, and clear.

Welcome New Members!

Linda E. Chambers, Peter Ehlinger, Donna Elias, Katherine Haskins, Barbara Hoepp, Walter W. Kuemmerle, Carole McCray, John Reilly, Carol Roth, James Ryan, Mark Scott, Marc Shenfield, Sharon Wilkens, Gregory Young



Chair Anne Gibboni (center) with judges Cheryl Knowles-Harrigan and Amy Iverson (Robert Stack not present for pic)

THE SHOW'S THE THING !

The 28th Annual Cape May County Art League Fine Art Show took place on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 & 26, in the Washington Street Mall and the adjacent Rotary Park. Over thirty artists participated in the show, which saw sunny skies on Saturday. Clouds gave way to rain on Sunday, but several artists didn't let that dampen their spirits and many even had better sales on Sunday than the day before. Many thanks to our hard-working chair, Anne Gibboni, and her helpers, Sue McIntyre, John McIntyre, Muriel Iurato, Art Joblin, Donna Maxwell, Dorsie Kerlin, Roger Barnsby, and Dani Barnsby.



2010 ART SHOW WINNERS

1st - Christine Peck

2nd - Tom Dougherty

3rd - Mike Sperlak

Honorable Mention - Joe Milligan

Hon. Men. - Anna Marie Zabielski

Honorable Mention - Chuck Law

Member Happenings

For **Stan Sperlak's** workshops, access his website: <http://www.stansperlak.com/pastelworkshops.shtml>

Peg Dittmar will be showing her work at the Noyes Museum Associate Artist Exhibition on December 3, 2010 thru January 1, 2011. Also will be showing at the Art & Music Festival on 96th St., Stone Harbor, Oct. 9th & 10th. Sat. & Sun. 10:00 to 5:00.

Richard N. Jacobson of Cape May, NJ and Exton, PA has been accepted into the Philadelphia Water Color Society's 110th Anniversary International Exhibition of Works on Paper. His painting titled "The Guitar" will be on display at the Goggle Works Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street, Reading PA, September 26 through November 14, 2010. An awards reception will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Charlotte Carney, along with private instruction, teaches oil and acrylics on Thursdays 12:30 to 3:15 year round, as well as after school children's fine art classes (Monday & Wednesday) at the Ventnor City Cultural Arts Center, at the Ventnor City Library building, Atlantic Ave. in Ventnor City, NJ - 609-823-7952. Her miniature marine art is shown year-round at the "Art of The Sea Gallery" in South Thomaston, Maine - www.artofthesea.com. Her miniature paintings, along with several of her students' paintings will be in a show at the Sheraton Convention Center in Atlantic City in February.

Carmela Pallotta received a first place for her pastel painting of "The Bay in Moonlight," from the Ocean City Art League summer contest Beach to Bay.

Carol King Hood was hired by Grumbacher, through Chartpac Art Supplies to teach for Michaels. She is now teaching Fine Art classes at Michaels in Rio Grande, including acrylic, floral and landscape. Interested students can call the store for more information. Ask for Kat...609-465-7014

Karen Frattali just installed an exhibit at the Buttery Restaurant, Lewes, DE for the months of September and October. Ongoing are two similar exhibits at Marco Ristorante, Wilmington, DE (through the remainder of 2010) and Iron Horse Inn of Strasburg, PA, which also runs through the rest of 2010. She is currently participating in the Lancaster County Association member show at the Center in Strasburg, PA, and in the New Hope juried exhibition which starts in November in Lawrenceville, NJ. She is also teaching fall classes and workshops: Avalon Free Library, Lancaster County Art Association and York Art Association. Classes range from: Watercolor Basics, Art and technology and creating customized greeting cards from watercolor paintings.

Anna Marie Zabielski continues to exhibit her watercolors at the Gail Pierson Gallery in Cape May, and will be teaching a watercolor class at the CMI library during late winter into spring



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Metropolitan Museum of Art Bus Trip: Thursday, December 2nd

The Ocean City Arts Center has invited the Cape May County Art League to join them for their December NYC bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. See the annual Candle-lit Christmas tree with Neapolitan Baroque Creche, 18th Century Nativity figures and silk-clad hovering angels. New exhibits include 225 items from The World of Khubilai Khan, Chinese Art Yuan Dynasty on international loan as well as 135 paintings, drawings and prints by Netherland's Artist Jan Gossart.

Bus leaves Ocean City Arts Center at 8:00 a.m. & leaves New York at 4:00 p.m. – Cost per person is \$38.00, no refunds after 11/23/10. Reservations by Check, Cash or Credit Card

Mail Reservation Form to: (BUS TRIP)

Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, NJ
08226 (609-399-7628)

Please make checks payable to OCAC. Thanking you in advance for
your participation

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