

# CAPE MAY COUNTY ART LEAGUE

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Featured Artist

#### Jennifer Smith



Jennifer Smith is one of CMCAL's newest Board members. Her formal training is in interior design, but she surprised the Cape May area with her original mixed media collages, which have been very successful. You can see Jenn's creations at her business workplace located in the Red Schoolhouse on route 9 S in Cape May Court House, just north of Shellbay (exit 9 off the Garden State Parkway).

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

Jenn: I was in high school, at Lower Cape May Regional. I grew up as a dancer, but having Patty Neville as an art teacher opened up new avenues of creativity for me. I won several art awards in high school, which gave me more confidence and incentive. I started rearranging my room when I was eight years old (much to my parents' chagrin) so by the time I reached high school I knew I wanted to be an interior designer. I wanted to stay close to home for college, so I chose Drexel in Philadelphia. In my junior year I had to do an internship. Missing the beach, I was lucky enough to find an interior design firm in Linwood. The internship led to a full time job after graduation. I worked at Design Studio Interiors for five years, until their closing.

CMCAL: How did you come to choose your favorite medium?

Jenn: Well, that's a funny story. When Design Studio closed, they had hundreds of wallpaper samples. I couldn't bear to throw them out, so I kept them and started the creativity process of what I might do with the samples. I made some cards for family, but

eventually came up with the starburst design you see in the picture. I put three of these collages into a show and sold them all! Then I had a solo show at the Mad Batter in March. Recently, I sold both of the two pieces I entered into the June Juried Show at the Gail Pierson Gallery.

CMCAL: What are some of your other favorite pastimes?

Jenn: I'm an avid cyclist. I do indoor spinning and as a matter of fact I used to be an instructor. As I stated earlier, I grew up as a dancer and danced until four years ago. Also, I'm a bookworm! I am a voracious reader who particularly likes the classics. I've just finished "Pride and Prejudice". I was really thrilled to get a Kindle for my birthday.

CMCAL: Have you always lived in New Jersey?

Jenn: I was born in Bricktown, New Jersey, and moved to Cape May since my dad was in the Coast Guard. I've lived in Cape May all my life except for a year and a half when I lived in Charleston, South Carolina. I moved there to prove to myself that I could support myself without my parents' help. At the time, I was working two jobs, for Carolina Kitchens in Charleston and remotely for Design Studio Interiors doing kitchen and bath design. I love Charleston. It's a beautiful city and I still return every year to visit friends I made there.

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

Jenn: I'd have to say seeing the Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Wisconsin. He is one of my favorite architects. Another special time was having a best friend of mine and her mother take me to "Falling Water", a Frank Lloyd Wright house outside Pittsburgh.

CMCAL: What do you consider your best accomplishment?

Jenn: Owning my own company. There is so much more to it than I anticipated. That is why I've gone back to school at Atlantic Cape Community College for my Small Business Management Certification. I'm taking courses in marketing, accounting, and quick books. Val Driscoll is my partner in business. She took me on as an intern when I was in high school and I was able to put "internship" on my scholastic record. Val Driscoll has been my mentor, we've stayed in touch over the years, and now we're partners.

CMCAL: What are your goals for the future?

Jenn: Well, I'd like people to know my name! Career wise, I'd like to be as successful as I can be. Personally, I'd love to meet that special man, marry and have a family. It's important to me that I live close to my family so that we can share all those important events in life, and lots of everyday experiences too.

## A Message from the President



### CMCAL Scholarship Winners !!!

Each of the following high school seniors was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from CMCAL.  
Congratulations to all!

Danielle Breckenridge,  
Ocean City  
Ocean City HS  
Montclair State University  
Animation - Illustration

Carly Crisanti,  
North Cape May  
Lower Cape May Regional HS  
William Patterson University  
Art Education

Lauren Ashleigh Dinan,  
Sea Isle City  
Ocean City HS  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Fashion Design

Breann Jae McGovern,  
West Wildwood  
Cape May Tech HS  
School of Visual Arts  
Cartooning

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A gentle hello to all of our CMCAL members. As we enter the half-way mark in the year I would like to share with you some personal thoughts regarding our Art League Board of Directors.

True, we now indeed DO have a strong Board ... yet boards of all non-profit volunteer-driven organizations are fragile in that they are very susceptible to downward turns due to (1) unforeseen changes in the ability of board members to continue to serve and (2) a general malaise that can easily set in as excitement in volunteering begins to wane ... what to do? ... well the antidote is a continuous infusion of (1) new board members and (2) fresh new ideas ... to this end we currently have four new first-year Directors who are fully engaged in League operations ... and at our most recent meeting we talked about a facebook presence for the League, a new way of thinking about our scholarship program and a new and dynamic approach to marketing and public relations for the League ... the facebook and scholarship ideas are under study and any action will require Board approval so nothing has yet been set into motion ... what is important is that the facebook, scholarship and PR programs are NEW thoughts and this is what is needed for us to maintain vitality ... and our approved 2011 budget, which is a fluid living structure, gives us solid guidance for proper management of fiscal affairs.

We are currently thinking about the possibility of adding another member to the Board with a specific responsibility to serve as Assistant Treasurer ... interested? ... just pop me a message to [arthurjoblin@gmail.com](mailto:arthurjoblin@gmail.com) ... I'll quickly get back to you.

And I wish for you and yours a pleasant, relaxing and safe summer season.

*Arthur*

### Welcome to our NEW Members

Claudia Burzichelli  
Marge Carter  
Richard Casamento  
Carol Hammond  
Scott Manns  
Cindy O'Connor  
Mike Papale  
Janis Quiggle  
Mary Ellen Spruell  
Mary Stewart

## Member Happenings

**Carol King Hood** - Soma New Art Gallery will be featuring new oil paintings and two new Limited Editions prints of her "Nun" series this Summer and Fall.

William Ris Gallery in Stone Harbor will be celebrating the popular September Surfing Event at "Nuns Beach" featuring Carol's original Nun paintings the last weekend in September.

She will be teaching classes for the Center of Community Arts this Summer, her classes will begin Wednesday, June 29th and classes will run through August 10th. Oil Painting Class...Wednesday... 9 to 12 Pastel Painting Class..Wednesday ...1 to 4 Open to all levels. Contact our Director John Safrit at 609-884-7525 for more information.

She was hired by Grumbacher last August to teach Acrylic painting for Michale's in Rio Grande. Classes are a great success and soon Grumbacher and Michael's will be adding other mediums and longer classes for both beginners and intermediates.

Children's Art Class... Monday, 1:30 - 3:30 and 4 - 6; Adult Art Class...Tuesday, 10 -12. Contact Kat at Michael's...609-465-7014 workshops@grumbacher.com

Just finishing another of my "Live Event paintings" This one took to me to a wedding in Long Island New York. "Live Event painting" is a new trend, and quite the challenge.

**John Safrit** received Best in Show at the National Arts Program juried show in Southern New Jersey, an Honorable Mention in the Annual Members Show for The Philadelphia Water Color Society. His paintings have been accepted into the William Ris Gallery in Stone Harbor. He is teaching CCA's Summer Camp this year in Cape May and ia now the Associate Director of The Adult Art Program for the Center for Community Arts of Cape May, NJ. His work is being featured during June at The Cape May Artists Cooperative in the West End Garage on Perry St. He will be going to Italy in September for 3 weeks to eat, sight see and paint.



CMCAL "Really Big" June Juried Show  
Opening May 28<sup>th</sup>, until June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Gail Pierson Gallery, Washington St, CM  
39 Art League Members  
80 pieces of art  
200 patrons at reception  
Depot Market Caterer, Gino White jazz  
Really Big Show = Really Good Time



Cape May County Art League's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Art Show, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Washington Street Mall and Rotary Park, 10 am - 6 pm, \$1000 in prizes awarded. Many Art League members featured. New to show, Chris Borkowski. Don't miss it!



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### Member Happenings

**Judy Ballinger** will be teaching silk painting at the Cape May Point Firehall this summer. There are 2 formats: 1) Intro to silk painting, learning basic techniques and painting 12" suncatchers and a choice of small items. Weds, 6/29 1-3:30pm, 7/27 12:30 pm, or 8/10 6:30-9pm. 2) paint a silk scarf : sat 6/25 9:30-1:30pm. Paint a scarf : Thurs 7/28 6:30-9pm (prereq an intro class....)  
Sponsored by CCA. Fee \$20 for each class, \$ 40 for Sat workshop, materials \$5.00. contact Judy Ballinger 609-898-9647 or CCA 884-7525.

**Linda Crane** is interested in getting a Saturday morning "Plein Air Painting" group together. (7-11 a.m.) She will volunteer to get the first one started, but would like each interested person will take a turn to choose a location and announce the location to the group. She works full time as an Art Teacher in PA but comes to Cape May on weekends and summer. If you think this would be a good idea, interested persons can contact her at her e-mail address: LCrane108@verizon.net.

**Peg Dittmar** An award at the Ocean City Fine Arts Flower Show, 2nd Place, June Show, & in April an Honorable Mention in the Creature Show.

**Lynda Fellenbaum** took first place in the professional category for her pastel, Summer Breezes., at the National Arts Program Show in April.

**Rosalie Hettenbach** currently has a Solo Exhibit at A Ca Mia. The reception on June 12<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Show runs thru September. Upcoming shows: Avalon Art Show & Sale, Avalon Community Hall, 30<sup>th</sup> and Avalon Ave, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm. St. Barnabas Group Show, Bay Ave, Villas, August 6 & 7, 9 am - 4 pm. Rosalie also won 1<sup>st</sup> prize from the Ocean City Fine Art League for her painting, "Play ball". She teaches oil painting privately in her studio, and is taking new students Contact her at 609-465-6008.

**Victoria Papale** will be teaching Portraiture in Earth Tones at the Atlantic Cape Community College's Court House Campus on August 8th from 10 to 3 pm. Join this engaging "Art Picnic" and learn to draw the face in its correct proportions and blend the four earth tones to create rich and subtle colors. Bring a bagged lunch! Please phone 343-4829 to register, or e-mail Victoria at [vpapale@yahoo.com](mailto:vpapale@yahoo.com) for more information. She will be instructing a 6 week Portraiture course at ACCC's Court House Campus starting October 1st. This unique technique of painting which was used by the artists of Classic and Hellenistic Greece, produces rich yet subtle colors. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 PM on Saturdays. This class is for the beginner and experienced artist. Please call 343-4829 to register or e mail Victoria at [vpapale@yahoo.com](mailto:vpapale@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Christine Peck** will be exhibiting her Wetland and Marsh Series at the Sluice Creek Gallery through July. The opening reception is June 25th from 7-9. She will also be exhibiting at both Art in the Parks, and the Art League Mall Show.

**Betty Campbell** will also be exhibiting at the Sluice Creek Gallery.

**Carol Roth** will be participating in the Brigantine Beach Fine Arts Festival-June 26 to July 17 at the Brigantine Historical Museum-Atlantic Brigantine Blvd, Brigantine, NJ. The "Meet the Artists" Event is June 26 from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Museum.

**Reta Sweeney** is presently showing in a two person show in the downstairs Gallery at The Plastic Club, 247 Camac Street, Philadelphia, PA, & received Honorable Mention from the MCGOPA Annual Spring Juried Show, Juror Richard Rosenfeld, owner Rosenfeld Gallery, Philadelphia

**Anna Marie Zabielski** has recently been invited by designers to include several of her paintings in the Show Houses at Stonebridge Mansion in Chadds Ford, PA and at Osprey Landing in Cape May, NJ as well as the Consignment area of the Show House at Osprey Landing. The William Ris Gallery in Stone Harbor has accepted Anna Marie's "abstracts" for exhibit and sale.