

Annual Report  
October 20, 2019

Welcome to the Annual Meeting for 2019. We thank you for coming. First, I would like to congratulate Susan Guill for being renominated to her third term on the Board of Directors. And I would like to officially welcome two new members, Jane Reed and Kristen Boyd who were nominated to fill the terms of resigning Board Members Johanna Fiske and Sue Simon. We sadly say good bye to two members of the Board: Past President Louise Foster and Alyssa LaMora. We will miss their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work and thank them for their service.

Our Board of Directors have been responsible in their decision making to help the art center grow and continue to offer the programs that our members enjoy. Of course, they cannot do it alone. Volunteers, you the members, are the backbone of this organization. There are so many people who give so many hours to contribute to the success of CCAA. I would personally like to acknowledge some key people who are instrumental in bringing about the many programs that we offer.

Thanks to our Office Staff, Kate Walls, Rachael Shetler, and David Maloney, who have done countless things to support me, the Board and our members. They work together as a team and I appreciate what they bring to CCAC and I know that members enjoy working with them.

Our Gift Gallery has been a successful entity for our artists. The income has increased by 55% from last year and that is due to the beautiful original pieces that are now displayed in our Lobby and throughout our galleries. Our committee of Sallie Raymond, Dotty Dominicelli, Joan Mackenzie, Elaine Giberti and Candice Ronesi were responsible for jurying works in, creating the displays and keeping the inventory up to date. Their displays, which are now easily accessible, are what have made this a great year and we hope the holiday season increases this total.

Thanks to the organizational skills of Kate Walls, our Plein Air Painters Group has doubled in size to about 150 painters, and they have been active all spring, summer and fall. Some volunteers from this group were also on the committee to write our newest Plein Air Book. The first book was published in 2011 and sold out. We reprinted 50 copies of it this year and are selling it with the new book. ...each book has been selling quite well and making a profit for CCAC. Thanks to the committee of Catherine Berson, Phillip Bergson, Marian Colman, Betsy Payne Cook, Louise Foster, Ann Gagnon, Sparky Nelson, Sallie Raymond, Candice Ronesi, Mary Smith, Liz St Pierre, Victoria Templeton and Kate Walls, so far we have sold about 70 books and they are also being sold at Books by the Sea in Centerville and Titcomb Book Store in Sandwich.

Our fundraisers were successful this year. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Village, went well, thanks to Ann Canedy and Alyssa LaMora at the helm and the many volunteers that assisted. We are so

thankful to the musical entertainment from the Barnstable Public Schools. Thanks went out to the many businesses and individual donors who gave items for our Silent Auction.

Special thanks to our committee that hangs exhibits. Ann Chmara, Judy Cournoyer, Linda Emerson, Maureen Grandmont, Margaret Mason, Nancy Minnegerode, Ken Northup, Lynn Richards, Katya Rosenzweig, Kathy Berry, Linda Wolf, Patricia Driscoll and Joan Siteman. They come in laden with hammers and ready to hang each exhibit with a smile. Peggy Richards stepped up to help with curating the exhibits with the staff and we appreciate her dedication. Also special thanks to Karen Pinard and her husband Paul, and who have spent many hours to coordinate every Entry Day. This is a long and arduous process to mount exhibits fifteen times during the year and these people have our appreciation for helping to make it go very smoothly.

Mastering Your Mark 2019 Art Conference was held on Sept 28 at the Doubletree Hotel. We invited 22 inspiring presenters including Keynote Speakers, Catherine Kehoe and Nancy McCarthy, instructors at Mass College of Art. Their presentations were informative and insightful. We thank our committee Chair Louise Foster and the many volunteers who helped on that day, Ruth Kane, Margaret Nowak, Pat Lanning, Patty Calkens-Martin, Mary Crowell, Laura Lincoln, Karen Kelly, Ginny Morse, Kate Walls, Rachael Shetler, Lee Hawkins, Don Fleet and Peter Schaible, for presenting a successful conference, paying attention to every detail.

We will be holding the 6th Annual Click! Photography Conference on November 2 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis. Registration is going well and we hope to exceed last years' count. Our keynote speaker will be Charles Needle from California. Thanks to Chair John Tunney, and his committee of Bob Singer, Don Fleet, Jim Pennypacker, Sue Simon, Judy Skolnick, Lee Hawkins, Louise Foster and Kim Novino and all the other people who have helped to plan and run this conference. We hope it will be a huge success!

Membership last year was up to 926, with 377 Associate Members, 453 Juried Artist Members, 42 Master Artists, 29 Family Members and two Students. This accounts for over \$54,000 in dues we received to offset our overhead. Over 1077 Dues bills went out a few weeks ago for the 2020 year.

This year we had a very successful educational program, bringing in new instructors, classes for the beginners as well as the advanced. We provided popular classes in all media for those emerging artists looking to jury in, as well as those selling in galleries who want to constantly improve their skills.

We now have 2-3 classes every weekday in the big studio, and night classes that run on three different nights. We are also holding classes in the small studio and offering more Beginners classes in watercolor and oils and offer more classes in Photography as well. Our new Digital Art Program is off and running. Classes and workshops are being held in iPhone

Photography, Painting with your iPad, using the apps Snapseed, iColorama and Procreate and more classes are being planned for next year. We have a Digital Art Group that meets twice a month, with guest speakers and demos. Thank you to Barbara Braman and Rita Colantonio for working so hard on building this popular program. Workshops in painting and photography and Digital Art ran throughout the year. Thanks to Susie Littlefield, Education Chair and Kate Walls and the Education committee for booking the workshops.

An exciting new lineup of classes and workshops are planned as well for 2020.

2019 again saw a growth in our Photography Program. Thanks to John Tunney and Susan Simon for leading groups of walks, tours and outings. A series of PhotoTours at different Hidden Harbors and locations and a series of exhibits, contests, portfolio reviews and seminars saw great numbers in participation. We again partnered with Captain Bob of the Bay Spirit to offer opportunities to shoot the Figawi Race on Memorial Day weekend and we offered trips out into the dunes in Provincetown and to Race Pt Lighthouse. Instructors came in to teach both in studio and on location photo workshops: winter outings, flowers and gardens, nature outings, on and off Cape scenery in Maine and Rockport and Gloucester too. We took a few groups out to the Sandy Neck Halfway House. We had several in house workshops teaching Photoshop and Lightroom. We continued a series of online photo competitions which have increased our visibility across the nation and offered Digital Art competitions online as well. We have

started the National Association of Digital Artists and are now working on a website which should be published by year end.

Our Camera Club is growing and now shows a roster of over 120 members. They meet twice a month at W Barnstable Meetinghouse Church in West Barnstable and bring in programs and guest speakers for photographers at all levels. Thanks to Fran McDermott and her Board for running the club and making it so interesting.

We have plans to convert the upstairs gift gallery into a Digital Classroom for all classes that don't use paint. We will outfit it with a conference table, a large screen TV and the high-speed Open Cape network so all students can be on the internet at the same time. This will happen when we get the funding through donations and grants.

The exhibition committee has been hard at work producing an exciting new schedule for next year. Thanks to Exhibition Committee of Kate Walls, Ginny Morse, Rita Colantonio, Jim Walczak and Louise Foster. The 2020 schedule will be published shortly and you will be notified when you can pick up a book explaining the details of every exhibit.

This year we held a plein air event called Barnstorming which was spearheaded by Susie Littlefield and her committee. Twenty artists went out to paint or photograph seven local barns in the Village and the wet paintings came back to CCAC for an evening of auction, food and fun. This was the first of

many of what has become artists connecting with the historical sites in our community.

Cape Cod Art Center is involved in other community events and participates with partners and organizations. We work with the Barnstable Village Association, this year holding a design contest for the new bulletin board on Main St; we belong to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce as well as the Greater Hyannis Chamber and we have participated in the Village Holiday Stroll by doing face painting and photography of kids with Santa. We have partnered with the Town and Sandy Neck Beach management and have sent out several groups of our members to the Halfway House to paint, take pictures, write and reflect on how art and nature come together. We have two groups of artists who hold an open studio in our building. The Pastel Painters of Cape Cod rent our studios about four times a year to hold their workshops and meetings and the Printmakers of Cape Cod occasionally use our facilities for their meetings as well. We partner with the Town of Barnstable Arts and Cultural Department and their Harbor Your Arts program which was awarded the Cultural District Designation in Hyannis by the MA Cultural Council. Barnstable Village has received its own Cultural District designation in March 2014, which just celebrated its 5 year anniversary and CCAC is serving as the lead partner in that effort with the Sturgis Library, Tales of Cape Cod, the Barnstable Historical Society and the Coast Guard Heritage Museum. We again held an annual high school exhibit for all public HS's on the Cape and gave out over \$2000 in awards and several scholarships. We continue to hang artwork

in the Nirvana Coffee Shop in the Village and many artists have been very successful in selling their work there. We are also partnering with the Probate and Family Court and hold many exhibits in their hallways. We host meeting of the Cape Cod Culinary Incubator group as well as a group hoping to start a Barnstable Village fund through the Cape Cod Foundation. We give talks and tours to groups coming into our galleries and hold a very popular Brown Bag Lunch series of demos, critiques and talks on popular subjects for artists once a month. This year, Susan and I were invited to speak about the history of art on the Cape and our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book that was published last year. We had a large audience, some of whom have started attending our Receptions.

Cape Cod Art Center will hopefully build out the ground floor in 2020 to add two new classroom spaces and an elevator going up to the third floor.

This project will include an elevator which will service all three floors. This will solve our handicap accessibility issues and be a convenience for all to reach our downstairs bathrooms. We will also be expanding the two studios, making the smaller studio the same size as the current big studio and expanding the big studio so it will be more spacious and we will install a portable wall, so that it could be dividable into two spaces to hold more classes at the same time if the schedule dictates.

As we start envisioning the new spaces, we will redecorate the bathrooms, modify and update the “kitchen” area and give the downstairs a whole new look.

We are hoping that our members and the community all contribute to this building plan, so we can modernize, expand and provide our educational space with the facelift it so desperately needs.

We applied for the MA Cultural Council’s Facility Grant and received \$150,000. We have the match but still have about \$225,000 to raise before we can build. We appreciated that the owner of the yellow building on Main St let us use that building so we could have weekend art sales of donated works in the month of August. That helped us to raise money toward our goal and we hope to do that again as our downtown presence really helped us to connect with the community.

The Board has applied to several other grants for this expansion and are now in conversations with Rep Tim Whelan and Sen Julian Cyr for funding help from the local and State budgets. We are hoping to hear about these funds in December and hopefully will be able to order the elevator, which takes 4-5 months to build, and then we will schedule the expansion to begin. In the meantime, we will continue to solicit donations and write grants to meet our goal.

A Strategic Planning Committee was formed several years ago and have identified goals for the future of CCAA. Susan Guill,

Ann Canedy, and I have met quite often to map out a plan that will take us into and beyond this building project. This year we will review our goals and tweak our Plan to submit with grants.

Thanks to our Facility Comm, consisting of Troy Walls, Alyssa LaMora, Bob Vesprini, and Dan MacClellan who helped with projects in and around the building. Many volunteers came in during the December shut down to paint walls, ceilings and floors. This year we have replaced our emergency lighting system and painted our bathroom and thank Kate Walls for the beautiful garden at our entrance, with plants donated by Home Depot and Mahoney's Flowers.

We will hold our fifth annual Holiday Luncheon at the Hyannis Golf Club on Friday, Nov 22 at noon. We always give out great door prizes, a slide show and some other surprises as well. A prize will be given to the class who has the highest percentage of attendants... let's see if one of the other classes can rally their fellow students for the prize of coffee and pastries during their next class.

Our Camera Club will hold their banquet in December. Members will enjoy a slide show of the winners throughout the year. Door prizes will be given out as well. Under the leadership of President Fran McDermott, her board will be planning their twice a month schedule for 2020.

At the conclusion of this meeting, our Board will convene to elect its new officers and discuss the year ahead.

Thank you all for coming today, for voting and for supporting CCAC.

I now call upon our Treasurer, Laura Lincoln, to make some comments about the financials that were handed out today and to entertain any questions you may have.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Roberta Miller  
Executive Director