

# Annual Report

## October 16, 2022



Welcome to the Annual Meeting for 2022. Thank you for coming. I would like to officially welcome two new members to the Board, Christine Parent who will take over as Treasurer and Eric Ennes, who will serve on our Finance Committee. Also returning to the Board from one year as Ex Officio members are Ann Canedy and myself. I would like to thank and wish farewell to Mary Crowell who has moved to Florida. She has served as our Treasurer for many years and helped us navigate our financial situations during this difficult time and we certainly appreciate her dedication.

This has been a busy year. Construction began over a year ago in June, and our classes, workshops and events had to be reworked to meet the space and Covid issues. Part of the year we held classes and workshops at the Old Selectman's Building in West Barnstable for which we thank the Town of Barnstable for allowing us to rent this space at a nominal fee. When we moved back into our newly renovated studios, our educational program ramped up slowly. By January, after we reopened following the holiday shutdown, more classes started filling and students began to register and we only held one or two online Zoom classes

2022 started off having changes to our educational program, bringing in new instructors, adding 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. Now, almost a year later, we have been getting over 90 students a session and new courses have been started. Since our space capacity has enlarged, more students can attend the most popular classes, increasing our income and providing a better salary for the instructors.

Our Exhibition Schedule for 2022 included online exhibits but most came into the Galleries. We were excited to finally hold our Thursday night Receptions starting last January, bringing many people back into the building for the first time in a long while. We thank Jane Reed for organizing the Receptions, buying the food and getting others to host with her.

A special thanks to our committee that hangs exhibits. Ann Chmara, Eileen Casey, Linda Emerson, Maureen Granmont, Nancy Minnegerode, Ken Northup, Lynn Richards, Katya Rosenzweig, Kathy Berry, Linda Wolf, Patricia Driscoll and Joan Siteman. Again, Peggy Richards stepped up to help with curating the exhibits with the staff and we appreciate her dedication. These volunteers have our appreciation for helping the process go very smoothly.

Our new Exhibition Schedule for 2023 is ready. We appreciate our Exhibition committee who met during the Summer to produce a new schedule for next year. Thanks to Stuart Cooperrider, Lori Mehta, Rita Colantonio, Pat Driscoll, Jude Bartlett, and Kate Walls. The 2023 schedule will

be published shortly and you will be notified when you can pick up a book explaining the details of every exhibit.

Our Gift Gallery has been a successful entity for our artists. Chairs Reenie Dwyer and Jane Reed and their committee of Sallie Raymond, Dottie Dominchelli, Karen Kelly, Annette MacAdams, Lynn Richards and Margot Mancinelli looked at every work in the shop, reworked the inventory and returned items to artists, asking for new works to replenish the shelves. They also went out to the community to seek out new work for the gift shop, providing new members on our rolls. The number of pieces sold have increased and the income from our Gift Gallery is at a very high level.

We couldn't hold the 7th Annual Click!Photography Conference on November 7 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis but are planning for it for November 2023. We will form a committee and start the plans for next year. We may be adding a Digital Art component as well, which will add to the numbers of attendees. Our organization, naDA (National Assoc of Digital Artists) is up to over 400 members and growing all the time. We will be looking to getting some help to update that website and we will start the New Year by having an exhibit in the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, entitled Pixels.

Among those planned activities for 2022 was a Plein Air Conference. Unfortunately, enrollment was low and we had to postpone it. Our committee of Chair Mary Smith, Kathy Berry, Betsy Payne Cook, Reenie Dwyer, Susie Frost and Kate Walls worked hard and we appreciate all of their efforts.

Membership last year was down a bit , with 503 Associate Members, 298 Juried Artist Members, 52 Master Artists, and 13 Students. Dues bills went out a few weeks ago for the 2023 year and we thank everyone who have paid and sent in donations.

2022 saw changes in our Photography Program. John Tunney successfully held one trip to Iceland in September and will take 9 people to Acadia National Park in Maine to stay at the Schoodic Institute on October 21. Our newer Photography instructors—Stephen Haines, who also teaches at Boston University and a former Boston Globe photographer; Bob Wheaton who taught at Harvard, Lawrence Brown, a retired Cape Cod Academy teacher, who holds Digital Art /Photography Class for teens and our newest instructors, Jason Hart, a full time instructor at St John Paul II HS who held walks on the Dennis beaches, and Nancy Orbe, who did many large group photography tours to different harbors and trails.

Our Digital Art Group has been meeting on Zoom and their attendance has been increased. They eventually will start in person meetings in our third floor conference room.

The CCAC Camera Club is growing and now shows a roster of over 120 members. They meet on Zoom four times a month and still have speakers, competitions, critiques and mentoring. Thanks

to Bernie Smith, their President, and his Board for presenting an active group of activities. They are thinking of holding meetings in our new studio and hopefully we will see them this winter.

Cape Cod Art Center is involved in other community events and participates with partners and organizations. We work with the Barnstable Village Association participating in the Village Holiday Stroll by doing photography of kids with Santa. The next stroll will be on December 7. We belong to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce as well as the Greater Hyannis Chamber, The Pastel Painters of Cape Cod rent our studios 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 and with permission of the Ranger, we send many groups out to Sandy Neck Beach, to paint, draw, take photos and be close to natural settings. Barnstable Village has received its own Cultural District designation in March 2014, which just celebrated its 8th 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, Barnstable Pottery and the Coast Guard Heritage Museum. We also hold our annual high school exhibit for all public HS's on the Cape on our website and will hold it online again, next March.

Construction was completed with the elevator being the last to get permitted. We held a Dedication Ceremony on May 7, renaming the construction as the Roberta Miller Art Education Center. A lovely reception was held, for members, community members, friends and families. Again we appreciate Jane Reed for the beautiful table of refreshments. I personally would like to thank our Board of Directors for bestowing this honor on me. The time I have spent as the Executive Director has been a labor of love and the addition that was built, thanks to many donations and support from our community and our Members has brought this 50 year old building to a beautiful modern structure of which we are very proud. I would like to mention all of the members who donated their time to help with finishing touches to the building: Kathy Berry and her husband Eric, Peggy Richard and her husband, Denise Zompa and her husband Mike, Lynn Richards, Jane Reed, Lee Hawkins, Sallie Raymond, Susie Frost, Pat Driscoll and her husband, Heather Brenzel, Troy Walls and his crew of carpenters, Eileen Casey, Nancy Minnigerode, Willow Shire, and Mary Ann Bross. If I left off names, I apologize. The most sincere gratitude goes out to the many members and friends who donated to make this expansion project possible. Your names will be included in the book that we will publish shortly.

The current environment with the pandemic has been difficult for everyone, perhaps especially for non-profits. In speaking with my fellow Directors, this "recovery period" has been challenging, as some people are not attending events, some are still isolating and not taking classes as regularly as before and many events all over have been cancelled, effecting everyone's bottom line. We are grateful to those who have returned to regular visits to our gallery and gift shop and to our students who feel that we are providing a safe environment. It is our hope for 2023 that we can adjust our activities to capture greater attendance and involvement in everything that we offer.

Sales have been very successful this year. From the last two exhibits, we sold nine pieces each exhibit and the Gift gallery has seen a tremendous increase in sales. Besides the Committee and Staff who encourage the sales, we are seeing a wonderful increase in quality, creativity and uniqueness. We are hoping to see this trend increase during the holiday season.

We are fortunate to have opportunities working with other art institutions whom we admire. We are currently in discussion with the Cape Cod School of Art in Provincetown to share some workshops and classes. We have been invited to share some exhibits at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth and we will have one exhibit at the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis. These collaborations increase our visibility, marketing and participation.

For 2023, we have started Committee discussions to have a 75th Anniversary event, we are hoping to continue our new Demo Series, we are working on live streaming classes that we can sell widespread subscriptions, we are continuing our fun-filled night of art with Victoria Templeton, we are working on lodging arrangements to host groups coming in for an instructed Art Escape Week, we are looking forward to restarting our Life Drawing with models. We are planning several new locations for Photographers/artists to visit with an instructor. Look out for our new schedule of exciting events.

We are happy to announce two new awards for members....one for acrylic and oil painters to be given out at the All New England Exhibit next week in memory of Jack T. Ahlin, a longtime member who recently passed away and another award which will begin in 2023 going to the CCAC Artist of the Year. This will be awarded to a Juried Artist who successfully wins awards in our exhibits, who successfully sells work from the gallery or Gift Shop and who wins People's Choice Awards. The full explanation is now on our website under Membership info. We will give this award out at the All New England Exhibit starting in 2023.

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

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

I now call upon our Treasurer, Mary Crowell to make some comments about the financials and entertain any questions you may have.

The Annual Meeting is Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Roberta Miller  
Executive Director