Annual Report

October 15, 2023

Welcome to the Annual Meeting for 2023. Thank you for coming. I would like to officially welcome two new members to the Board, Barbara Panico and John Schiraga. Thank you to Marcia Dalbey for serving for three years and supporting us whenever we needed assistance. I appreciate all that she contributed to make these pat years succesful. I also want to thank Willow Shire, who is handing over the reigns of Presidency to Christine. She will assume the role of Vice President, so the transition can go smoothly.

2023 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 2023 included online exhibits, but most exhibits came into the Galleries. We thank the Board of Directors for sponsoring our beautiful Receptions and also recognize 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. Eileen Casey, Nancy Minnegerode, Ken Northup, Jane Reed, Lynn Richards, Margo Mancinelli, Denise Zompa, Carol Slevin, and Marjorie Crabtree.   Again, Peggy Richards stepped up to help with curating the exhibits with the staff and we praise her dedication. These volunteers have our appreciation for helping the process go very smoothly.

Our new Exhibition Schedule for 2024 is ready. We appreciate our Exhibition committee who met during the Summer to produce a new schedule for next year. Thanks goes to Stuart Cooperrider, Lori Mehta, Pat Driscoll, John Schiraga, and Kate Walls. The 2024 schedule will be published 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. Chair Jane Reed and her committee of Sallie Raymond, Margo Mancinelli and Lynn Richards approved all entries into the shop, and asked members for new works to replenish the shelves. They also went out into 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.

The 7th Annual Click!Photography Conference will be held on November 4 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis and has been planned for a registration of 200 people. Our Keynote speaker is Lisa Langell from Colorado, who is a nationally known Nature Photographer. So far our registration is up to 140 attendees.

Our organization, naDA (National Assoc of Digital Artists) is constantly seeking members and growing all the time. We thank our intern Alexandra Jannello who updated the website, wrote new documents for the administration of this program and marketed all of our events and programs. This fall we will hold an exhibit in the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, entitled Pixels, whose call for entries was international. Our plans are to open an online Museum in 2024 for naDA members to show their work.

The Off the Wall fundraiser in September was a huge success! We sold out of tickets, sold everything from our Silent Auction and Live Auction and sold most of the donated 8” x 8” works by members. It was a wonderful event that brought in neighbors and friends and members are still talking about how much fun the evening was. Thanks to our Committee of Deb Kennedy, Kathy Berry, Cindy Ennis, Koneta Hurlstone, Barbara Panico and Anita Parker for their creative ideas, contributions and hard work.

Membership is up this year, with 741 Associate Members, 430 Juried Artist Members, 61 Master Artists, and 3 Students. A total of 1249 Dues bills went out in September for the 2024 year and we thank everyone who have paid dues and sent in donations.

2023 saw changes in our Photography Program. John Tunney successfully held one trip to Iceland in September and will take 8 people to Acadia National Park in Maine to stay at the Schoodic Institute on October 22. 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 instructor, David Mullen will all be on our schedule during 2024.

Our Digital Art Group has been meeting on Zoom every other week and their attendance has been increased. They use an app called Padlet to post their work so others can see them. Barbara Braman, who moderates this meeting will also hold sessions at this years’ Click! Conference.

The CCAC Camera Club is growing and now shows a roster of over 120 members. They meet in person and on Zoom four times a month and still have speakers, competitions, critiques and mentoring. Thanks to John Schiraga, their President, and his Board for presenting an active group of activities.

Through the coordination of our Gallery Manager, Kate Walls, we have over 200 Plein Air Painters who receive emails every week about locations on the Cape where painters should meet every Monday and/or Tuesday mornings to paint together. They are presenting a selection of their work this year at the Town Hall in Hyannis, which is open to the Public.

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 December 6. We belong to the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce as well as the Greater Hyannis Chamber. We partner with the Town of Barnstable Arts and Cultural Department and their Harbor Your Arts program and with permission of the Ranger, we send many groups out to the Halfway House on Sandy Neck Beach, to paint, draw, take photos and be close to natural settings. We partner with the Barnstable Land Trust where we send out photographers and painters to some of their walking trails to enjoy and capture the scenery. Barnstable Village has received its own Cultural District designation in March 2014, which just celebrated its 9th 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 and the Barnstable Village Association. We also hold our annual high school exhibit for all public HS’s on the Cape and will hold it online again, next March.

Thanks to instructor Angela DeLuca, we ran art projects at the West Barnstable Community Festival and art classes for bi-lingual students. We are hoping to receive funding this year to continue these Youth classes in our studios or in other locations in Barnstable.

Community members gifted us a business condo on Rt 6A in Yarmouthport. The deed will be transferred to us by the end of December. We will be opening as the Cape Cod Art Center Studio. It will provide us extra space for artists, classes, workshops, and other activities.

The Swift Family Foundation has donated funds to us through the Cape Cod Foundation as well. We are grateful to community members who support our programming in such a generous way.

This year we saw an influx of Businesses sponsoring our programs. Open Cape, the Cooperative Bank and Amanda Kundel of Kinlin Grover became Business Sponsors and the Coop Bank, Open Cape and Amanda Kundel of Kinlin Grover sponsored our Off the Wall Event.

Sales have been very successful this year. Both from the Galleries and the Gift gallery.  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 have been invited to exhibit our Plein Air Painters work at the Town Hall in Hyannis and we will have one exhibit at the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis for Digital Artists. These collaborations increase our visibility, marketing and participation.

For 2024, We are hoping to have two successful fundraising events, see profit from activities in our new facility in Yarmouthport, encourage more artists to use our studio spaces for one person shows, hold more workshops, classes and tours, start a series about the Business of Art, and start a series of Art Escapes to the Cape.

We were happy to present two new awards for members….one for acrylic and oil painters that will be given out at the All New England Exhibit in memory of Jack T. Ahlin, a longtime member who recently passed away and another first time award, CCAC Artist of the Year presented to Becky Haletky. This award goes to a Juried Artist who successfully wins awards in our exhibits, enters every exhibit, who sells work from the gallery or Gift Shop and who wins People’s Choice Awards. They notably teach or volunteer and is an integral part of CCAC. The full explanation of criteria is on our website under Membership info. We will give this award out every year from now on.

Plans are in progress for our Holiday Party which will again be held at the Hyannis Yacht Club. Save the date of Thursday, Dec 7 for food, drink and special awards and fun.

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 make a motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Miller  
Executive Director