

Annual Report
October 20, 2024

Given by Roberta Miller, Executive Director

Welcome to the Annual Meeting for 2024. Thank you for coming. I would like to officially welcome four new members to the Board, Kerri Allen, Lauren Connolly, Jesse Ensling, and Jakki Kouffman . I know they will add a new perspective to issues discussed on our Board. I would also like to thank members going off the Board, Ann Canedy, Kathy Berry and Willow Shire, who all worked hard to accomplish so much over the years they served. We appreciate your participation and caring. A special thank you to Christine Parent, our outgoing President. I have enjoyed working with her as we learned many insights from her business experiences.

2024 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 2024 included online exhibits, but most came into the Galleries. We thank the Board of Directors

for sponsoring our beautiful Receptions and also thank Jane Reed for organizing the Receptions, buying the food and getting others to host with her.

A special thanks to our committee that hang exhibits-- Denise Zompa, Marge Crabtree, Carol Slevin, Karen Kelly, Kathy Berry, Nancy Minnigerode, and Lynn Shepard. Again, Peggy Richards and Eileen Casey stepped up to help with curating all of the exhibits with Kate and we appreciate their dedication. These volunteers have our thanks for helping the process go very smoothly.

Our new Exhibition Schedule for 2025 is ready. Hats off to our Exhibition committee, who met during the Summer to produce a new schedule for next year. Thanks goes to Stuart Cooperrider, Pat Driscoll, John Schiraga, Alex Jannello and Kate Walls. The 2025 schedule will be published shortly and you will be notified when you can pick up a book explaining the details of every exhibit. Next year, for the first time, we are partnering with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in a grant project about the warming of the ocean and how it effects the fishing industry and the ocean's environment. The exhibit will be in March and we will invite a WHOI speaker and involve school children to share their art interpretation of the issue as well as our exhibit in the galleries.

Our Gift Gallery has been a successful entity for our artists. Chairperson Jane Reed and her committee of Margo Mancinelli, Kathy Berry 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 from last year and the income from our Gift Gallery is greater than last year as of this date. We should improve these numbers during the holiday season, which we are now gearing up for.

For the first time, we participated in the Hydrangea Festival, sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. We held paint nights, photo workshops and ended the week holding a Hydrangea Soiree. We sold over 120 tickets and had a lot of fun with music, photo shoots, art activities, great food, a silent auction and a live auction, led by Eric Ennes as our auctioneer. It was a successful fundraiser for a first time event. Thanks goes out to Linda Whitcomb, Barbara Panico, Kathy Berry, Jane Reed, Christine Parent and Cindy Ennes, and the many other volunteers who helped to run the event.

The 7th Annual Click!Photography Conference was held on September 7 for the first time at the Cape Cod Community College in Hyannis and we had just over 120 attendees. Thanks to Chair John Tunney and his committee of Bob Singer, John Schiraga, Lee Hawkins, Gene LaFond, Kim Novino, and Peter Schaible with conference day help from Alex Jannello. Our Keynote speaker was John Paul Caponigro from Maine, who is nationally known and very popular all day long. The speakers were very interesting, covering topics on lighting, iphoneography, shooting flowers, Portrait Photography, the Power of Color, Lightroom, and Photoshop and we hosted a

modeling agency, a kung fu studio and beautiful still life set ups, done by Camera Club member Fran McDermott, so the photographers had great scenes to shoot during the day. Thanks to Hunt's Camera for sponsoring the Photo Competition and who also sponsored Martin Culpepper who spoke about photographing owls. On Sunday we held a successful workshop in Provincetown with Jack Hollingsworth.

Our organization, naDA (National Assoc of Digital Artists) is constantly seeking members and growing all the time. We thank Alexandra Jannello who updated the website, and wrote new documents for the administration of this program. We now have 50 Members and have opened an online Museum called The Pix to showcase their work.

The Off the Wall fundraiser, "A Night in a Paris Museum" was held on Oct 5 and was a great success! We sold many tickets, sold everything from our Silent Auction and offered 12 donated works in the Live Auction. Thanks to Karen North Wells, Robin Wessman, Sandy O'Connor, Karol Wyckoff, Victoria Templeton, Anita Reynolds, Robert Mesrop and the family of Judy Beck for their beautiful works for the Auction. We sold many of the 8" x 10" works donated by members, who always step up to help us with our fundraisers. 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 Chair, Barbara Panico, Kathy Berry, Ana Johnson Moore, Ellen Cota, Cindy Ennis, Linda Whitcomb, and Christine Parent for their creative ideas and hard work.

Membership is up this year to close to 1200 members, with Associate Members, Juried Artist Members, 68 Master Artists, and Students. Dues bills went out in September for the 2025 year and we thank everyone who paid dues and sent in donations. This is an ongoing process where the 2nd bills will go out in January to those who have not paid.

2024 saw changes in our Photography Program. John Tunney successfully held one trip taking people to Acadia National Park in Maine a few weeks ago and he held his popular Cape Cod Winterscapes, Creative Coastal Photography, Intentional Camera Movement and Cape Cod Milky Way workshops during the year. 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 also added to our offerings. This program had less participation than last year, so we will brainstorm ideas of how to get more photographers involved.

Our Digital Art Group has been meeting on Zoom and their attendance has been increased. They use an app called Padlet to post their work so others can see them and discuss issues about Digital Art, talking about AI and its effects, social media, entering exhibits, and critiquing. They plan to hold more in person sessions this coming year and will be rotating the moderator every meeting.

The CCAC Camera Club is growing and now shows a roster of over 120 members. They meet in person at the Art Center and/or 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 have been a faithful group, with groups of people coming to all of the locations, painting and critiquing each others' work. You will find posts on Facebook about every session they did.

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 taking photos of kids with Santa. The next stroll will be early December . 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 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 received its own Cultural District designation in March

2014, which just celebrated its 11th 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. Thanks to instructor Angela DeLuca, we ran art projects at the West Barnstable Community Festival. In 2025 we will again partner with Independence House, using our studios as a classroom, and Riverview students taught by Mellissa Morris.

Thanks to community members Lynn and Steve Heslinga, we were gifted a business condo on Rt 6A in Yarmouthport. We opened as the Cape Cod Art Center Studio. It provides us extra space for artists to create all year long and has provided a new source of income to the Art Center. We now have 10 artists renting space.

Sales have been very successful this year. Both from the Galleries and the Gift gallery. Besides the Committee and Staff who encourage and market 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 with whom we admire. We have been invited to exhibit our Plein Air Painters work at the Town Hall in Hyannis, and we held a successful Digital Art Exhibit at the Cape Cod

Museum of Art. These collaborations increase our visibility, marketing and participation.

CCAC was happy to present two new awards for members....one for acrylic and oil painters that was given out at the Autumn National Exhibit in memory of Jack T. Ahlin, a longtime member who recently passed away and another award, CCAC Artist of the Year, this year presented to Photographer Maryellen Stone. This award goes to a Juried Artist who successfully wins awards in our exhibits, enters the most exhibits, who successfully sells work from the gallery or Gift Shop and who wins People's Choice Awards. The full explanation of criteria is on our website under Membership info. This is the second year of this incentive and we will give this award out every year.

Plans are in progress for our Holiday Party which will again be held at the Hyannis Yacht Club. Save the date of Thursday, December 17 for food, drink, special presentations and fun.

Several months ago, I informed the Board of Directors that I will be retiring. I offered to stay until a new director is in place, so that I could help to train the new person. It has been a very exciting time in my life to have been your Director since 2009 and I thank all of you for your assistance, encouragement and your friendship. I am proud of all we have accomplished, in our stellar educational program, in the quality of artwork that now exhibit in our galleries, of all the new programs that we offer and for the new expansion to our building that made this all

possible. Working together has been a wonderful journey and I hope to see the Art Center grow even further in the coming years.

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.

The Annual Meeting is Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roberta Miller
Executive Director