



June 2020

1st Tuesday of the month from September until May

President's Message  
*Alice Champagne*



“The world always seems brighter when you’ve just made something that wasn’t there before.”  
Neil Gaiman

We all need a brighter view of the world, especially now, and we need to keep creating beautiful art! It is both humbling and exciting to be your new St. Charles Art Guild President. Our immediate future may be somewhat cloudy, but I believe we will all get together and see each other soon.

As many of you know, we normally take the months of June, July, and August off from our meetings. However, that does not mean we should stop creating, especially when we are looking forward to our fall Showcase!

Don't forget to mail your dues to Lynn Thompson so you can participate in the Showcase and have your information included in our handbook. I've included a link to the online Application form here. <http://www.stcharlesartguild.com/contact-info.html> if you would like to encourage new people to join or have a changed address or phone number from last year.

To help keep us inspired, I have created a Facebook group called “SCAG Share”. Because it is a Facebook “group”, anyone in the group can post and comment. If you have any questions about joining SCAG

Share, please don't hesitate to contact me and LIKE our regular Facebook page, too. It's a great place to share ideas and to have your paintings critiqued by members of our guild and other artists.

Stay healthy, everyone!

P.S. Our thoughts and good wishes go out to those residents in St. Charles Parish whose homes were flooded in the recent extreme rains.

Vice-President's Message  
**Kerry Allen**

“Nature is always right.” – From Richard Schmid's popular book, *Alla Prima II – Everything I Know About Painting – And More.*

I agree with this artist/author; nature IS always right. Regardless of your artistic style, always believe what nature is showing you, and recreate it as beautifully and accurately as you can. Nature, in this case, can be a landscape, a person, an animal, a building, a still life, or anything you decide to use as the subject of your art. It is challenging and inspiring at the same time. I encourage you to challenge yourselves during this time of isolation when we cannot meet as a guild. Since we all have more time at home, let us take this bunch of lemons and make some artistic lemonade! Try something new, finish some old projects, reorganize your studio, or learn a new skill you have been putting off.

I am looking forward to September when hopefully, we can have our regular guild meetings. I have compiled a list of guest

artists to schedule for the coming year but will wait a couple more weeks to start making contact to allow our parish to get through the first phases of the re-opening. There is still time for our members to send me names of artists you would like to have visit our guild to present a demo. Drop me an email or text anytime. As we get closer to the fall, there will be discussions about our next Art Fair, workshops, and other activities, and we will keep everyone informed about that. It will be great to get back to our regular activities!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in me by allowing me to continue as Vice President of our wonderful guild. I especially enjoyed working with our outgoing President, Ann Clement, and I am equally excited to begin working with our new President, Alice Champagne! There is a great year in store for our art guild! Enjoy your summer and stay safe and healthy.

**2020 Rules for St. Charles Art Guild's SEPTEMBER Juried Art Showcase**  
**Laurie Abadie**

**Crescent City Brewhouse, 527 Decatur Street (French Quarter), NOLA, 70130**

**Entry fee = \$30.**

Only members (paid 2020-21 dues) may hang work.

**INSPIRATION:** At least one entry must be Louisiana themed.

**1. DELIVER WORK, ENTRY FORM, AND \$30 FEE TO LAURIE ABADIE BY noon WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

To: 21 Weinnig Drive, Luling, LA 70070  
(504)913-4738

**YOUR WORK WILL BE WRAPPED FOR TRAVEL AFTER IT IS DELIVERED TO LAURIE.**

2. All work must be **original**, conceived and created independently by you or your own photography.

3. Work must be **DRY, clean, wired properly WITH LOOPS**, and sale ready.

4. On the back: **secure your name, contact information, and the piece's name**. On the front **WE will secure a SCAG card** with your name, the piece's name, media, the price (or NFS), and your phone number.

5. **Enter as many as 4 pieces downstairs to be judged, if they have NOT been previously exhibited in one of our Showcases. MAXIMUM WIDTH, INCLUDING FRAMING = 36 inches for only one; the other entries must be less.**

6. **Submit up to 4 pieces upstairs for "Sale and Show."** Can include quality reproductions or art hung previously downstairs and must be prepared for hanging in the same manner as those downstairs.

7. **All media, as long as it can be successfully hung from the ceiling hooks **with fishing line that we will provide and secure on your work by the loops on the back.****

8. No nudes or sexually suggestive art.

9. **A designated committee will hang all of the art and take it down at the end of the show, to be distributed at the October meeting.**

10. **All artwork must remain hanging throughout the entire course of the exhibit, no swap-outs or exchanges. Sales transactions will be conducted between the artist and buyer. A 10% sales commission is recommended to be given to the CCB staff member if one promotes the sale of the artwork.**

**An Opening and Awards Reception will be held at the Crescent City Brewhouse one**

**evening soon after the hanging. Bring your cameras and enjoy!**

**CASH PRIZES AND RIBBONS**

- Best of Show - \$125
- For Under Glass and Not Under Glass
  - First - \$100
  - Second - \$50
  - Third - \$40
- Hon. Mention - \$30
- For Photography
  - First - \$50
  - Second - \$40
- For People's Choice
  - \$30 Gift Certificate

**Membership**

Please send your \$25 yearly dues for 2020-2021 to my home address: **Lynn Thompson, 23 Belle Grove Dr., Destrehan LA 70047**

We have begun collecting dues for the new year. So, you can send your checks at any time. You'll want to send them in time to be eligible to enter the Showcase (see Laurie's directions). We also collect early so we can make a Membership book and distribute it at that first meeting

**St. Charles Art Guild Meetings**

Meetings are held 1st Tuesday of the month at: St. Charles United Methodist Church 1905 Ormond Blvd Destrehan, LA 70047 Time: 9:30-noon.

**May Minutes**

Please see the last page for the May Zoom Meeting Minutes

**Social Media**

Remember that Facebook is a great way to showcase our art and activities. Text or email Alice Champagne at [alicechampagne@yahoo.com](mailto:alicechampagne@yahoo.com) or 504-559-3580 if you have photos or news about upcoming art events. If you are on Facebook, "LIKE" **St. Charles Art Guild**.

The SCAG Facebook page has offered a way to combat boredom and spark creativity during these stay-at-home times. It's a great place to share information. If you would like to post something on the page, tag Alice Landry Champagne on Facebook or send a text or email. This is just one of the FREE lessons shared on Facebook recently.

**2020-2021 SCAG Officers**



- President..... Alice Champagne
- Vice President.....Kerry Allen
- Rec. Secretary..... Donna Nassar
- Treasurer.....Lynn Thompson
- Grants Treasurer..... Ann Clement
- Cor. Secretary..... Shirley Colomb

**Newsletter Information**

Email Shirley Colomb at [stcharlesartguild@gmail.com](mailto:stcharlesartguild@gmail.com)

Check out our website: **Newsletters are posted on our website-** [www.stcharlesartguild.com](http://www.stcharlesartguild.com) or ctrl click on logo.



**ST. CHARLES ART GUILD**  
**Minutes May 5, 2020**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the May meeting and annual installation of officers was conducted via Zoom at 10am on our regular meeting day. All old business was presented in the newsletter. Treasurer Lynn Thompson reported a balance of \$379.63 and indicated that dues were starting to be received. New President, Alice Champagne, mentioned that \$25 dues are payable each June and are being collected now via mail to Lynn Thompson at 23 Belle Grove Dr.; Destrehan, LA 70047. Laurie mentioned that the Showcase is still being planned; only members who have paid dues will be allowed to enter. Details are in the newsletters. The board will consider alternate plans for the Showcase if the Crescent City Brewhouse is not available in September.

Laurie Abadie, Ex-Officio President delivered the oath to the St. Charles Art Guild officers for 2020-21. They are as follows:

President—Alice Champagne  
Vice-President—Kerry Allen  
Secretary—Donna Nassar  
Treasurer—Lynn Thompson  
Corresponding Secretary—Shirley Colomb  
Grants Treasurer—Ann Clement

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Champagne, Recording Secretary  
2019-20

