

# NEWSLETTER

## JCAA Annual Meeting

New Board of Directors and Officers Elected May 17, 2016

New officers and members of the board of directors were elected at the May 17 Annual Meeting. Officers are elected for 1-year terms, members of the board of directors are elected for 2-year

terms. Five of the nine board members who provided leadership to the Association, including three board members who had served multiple terms in office, stepped down. They have been replaced with a promising group of determined members who now look to continuing the success of the previous board.

A special thank you to our outgoing officers and members of the board of directors - **Julie Highlen**, Vice-President; **Nyla Arvy**, Secretary; **Sylvia Wymer**, Treasurer; and Board of Directors members - **Linda Alyea** and **Lori Swope-Sten**. Each of these members gave of themselves for the good of the Jackson Civic Art Association, and their contributions are very much appreciated.

And, a special thanks to the Nominating Committee comprised of Julie Highlen and Gary Willcock for a job well-done.

### 2016-17 JCAA Board of Directors

Charles Reisdorf (vacant position)*	President
Cindy Clark	Vice- President
Phil Chaban	Secretary
Terry Kamila-Cheney	Treasurer
Carrie Joers	Director
Kellison King	Director
Gary Willcock	Director
Fordine Williams	Director
Connie Wolin	Director

\* A vice-president will be selected from among the directors to serve as the Vice-President.

### What Did Heiner Hertling Say? (Or, Rules to Follow, Except When They Should Be Broken.)

Nyla Arvy summed it up, referring to Heiner Hertling in the minutes of the May 6 meeting of the Jackson Civic Art Association Board, "Heiner was impressed with all the art, and was very knowledgeable, tactful, and gracious." That, he is. He exudes a compassion for people equal to his passion for art. And, he employs a wonderfully contagious sense of humor. Heiner critiqued JCAA members' art, offering a short course in principles in art, describing what to do, and why, to enhance each painting. Some of the recommendations gleaned from his critiques were as follows:

- Portraiture - for dark areas, use a warm color (red), for highlights use a cool color.
- In the distance, go to blue.
- Avoid using a color in only one spot in a painting, put it also somewhere else in the painting.
- Avoid placing the focal point in the center of the painting.
- Avoid tangents.
- Sometimes it is better to avoid a posed look, have the subject doing something.
- One advantage to mixing colors on the canvas is that you can see the color immediately in the context of the painting.
- Use warm color near the horizon, and a cooler blue as you go up. (He likes "manganese blue" for sky.)
- For water and sky: light sky - dark water, dark sky - light water.
- You have problems in paintings when something doesn't explain itself right away.



Heiner Hertling Critiques Julie Highlen's acrylic painting of Pictured Rocks at the JCAA meeting on May 3, 2016



### Artist of the Month

Carrie Joers, Artist of the Month for May, 2016 poses with her acrylic portrait, *Madelyn*. The theme for the month is "Portraiture" Congratulations, Carrie.

### Membership Fees Due

JCAA membership fees are now due. Membership fees are \$40 for individuals, \$34 for seniors, \$52 for couples, \$46 for senior couples, \$58 for families (same home), \$100 for supporting members, and \$225 for patron members. Checks made out to JCAA may be mailed to Phil Chabon, Treasurer, Jackson Civic Art Association, 3225 Fourth Street, Jackson MI 49203; or may be paid at the June 17 meeting of the JCAA. Thank you for the renewal of your membership.

### Informal JCAA Meetings Planned, June - Sept. 2016

Additional JCAA meetings are being offered on June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6. These are intended as informal gatherings in various locations for member sharing and discussion.

The June 7 meeting will take place at the Sandhill Winery. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. Guests are welcome.

For those interested in a Plein Air experience, arrive at 3:00 p.m. or so, and paint or sketch prior to the meeting. We'll discuss more about JCAA Plein Air meet-ups over dinner.

Come and enjoy the beautiful setting, and see your JCAA friends.

## What's Up in June?

Aside from the **informal meeting at the Sandhill Winery** (see article at bottom left) we've got the following:

On June 4 the Ella Sharp Museum will hold its annual **Art, Beer, & Wine Festival**. The JCAA will have a booth. Numerous artists will attend and display their work. There'll be food, and of course, beer and wine. So come on out and enjoy the afternoon. And while you're there, check out **JCAA's Square & Circles exhibit** in the museum galleries. The exhibit will open that very day.

Later in the month on Tuesday, June 21, Artist **Sharon Griffes Tarr will do a Landscape demonstration** at our JCAA meeting at the Ella Sharp Museum. If you would like, visit Ms. Tarr's website, [www.sgtarr.com](http://www.sgtarr.com). She describes herself as a "Contemporary Impressionist Oil and Pastel Painter."

We still offer **open studio opportunities** at the Ella Sharp Museum on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If no one is there when you arrive, feel free to enter the studio and get to work.

We will be offering some **Plein Air opportunities**, too. These will be determined at our meeting at the Sandhill Winery on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m.

### Thanks...

...to all the volunteers and attendees at our annual meeting. The food was just wonderful, and the centerpieces gorgeous. As noted at the meeting, the food itself is worth the cost of membership in the association.

### Upcoming "Artist of the Month" Themes

- Jun. 21 - Waterscapes
- July 19 - Windows and/or Doors
- Aug 16 - Animals
- Sep. 20 - Self Portraits
- Oct. 18 - Autumn

## CALENDAR

**Fri. June 3, 2016**

JCAA Board Meeting - 1 to 3 p.m.  
Location TBD.

**Sat. June 4, 2016**

Ella Sharp Museum's Art, Beer & Wine Festival. JCAA participation.

**Sat. June 4 - Thur. June 30, 2016**

JCAA Squares & Circles Exhibition at the Ella Sharp Museum Gallery

**Tues. June 7, 2016**

Informal JCAA Meeting at the Sandhill Winery. Plein Air at 3 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays, June 7, 14, & 28, 2016**

Open studio for JCAA at the Ella.

**Tues. June 21, 2016**

JCAA Meeting. Artist Sharon Griffes Tarr - Landscape demonstration. Artist of the Month - Theme "Waterscapes."

**Fri. July 1, 2016**

Deadline for registration for Larry Blovits workshop, *Color and the Application to the Landscape*.

## NOTICE

Life drawing and portraiture sessions have been postponed for the summer months. Sessions will resume on Friday, September 9, 2016.

The Jackson Civic Art Association (JCAA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which promotes the visual arts, and the skills of individual members in the greater Jackson, Michigan community through lectures, discussion, and mutual association. Membership is open to artists and those interested in art. Opinions expressed are the views of the editor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the JCAA.

The JCAA may be contacted by mail at 3225 Fourth St. Jackson, MI 49203, or through our website at [www.jacksoncivicart.org](http://www.jacksoncivicart.org).