



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS - 1989 - 2014

July 2014

*"To draw, you must close your eyes and sing."* Pablo Picasso

## The President's Message

June has been a busy month. We started with the Paint Around at the monthly meeting and what fun we had. Then there was the plein air painting over at Paradise Park. We got our pictures in the Daily Sun and the Villages-News online newspaper. All the pictures are on the web site.

There was the registration for the Summer Art Festival. If you weren't there you missed a lot of fun. What? You say that you were there? Well of course all of you weren't there, but it sure did feel like it. I have never experienced what happened in all the years I have been doing the registration. Read more about the registration on another page.



Nancy Dias



Wendy Lahey-Paradise

The raffle for the Art Festival this year has 4 award winning artists that donated one of their paintings to help raise money for the club. Thanks go out to Susan Donohoe, Wendy Lahey, Fran Naughton and Lisa Woodward. Their paintings have been put up in the lobbies of Paradise, Saddlebrook, Laurel Manor, La Hacienda, Colony, Lake Miona, Sea Breeze and Eisenhower to help promote the Art Festival.

Happy Painting,  
Nancy



Lisa Woodward-La Hacienda

## Mark Your Calendars

In the coming months there will be many opportunities for everyone in the Art League. Plans are underway now to have an Exhibit in the Eisenhower Regional Center. The Art League has an invitation to hang at Gallery East and you definitely should start thinking about what you want to hang at La Galleria in September. Three exciting venues to look forward to. What a year of celebration The Villages Art League is having.

*The Villages Art League's  
Eighth Annual Summer Art Festival—July 12, 2014 at Lake Miona Rec Center*

**Publicity** for the Summer Art Festival is in full gear. Flyers were given out to all the artists present who will participate and it is important to get the word out to friends and neighbors. Take them to your other activities; leave them in doctor's offices, restaurants, public places out there that have bulletin boards like TooJays and Starbucks, put one on your golf cart, get creative and spread the word. If you have a neighborhood email or another club email ask to get it on there. The flyers are available to anyone on our web site on the Home page. The 4-to-a-page flyer has a map that goes on the back so you can leave them anywhere -Leesburg, Ocala, anywhere.

Every member benefits when the art shows are successful. That means we raised money so there is food at the meetings and good artists coming for our programs. We have the ability to have special events, like the plein air picnic, that strengthens our friendship with each other. We need every one to pitch in and help spread the word.

Postal Stations will have the ad starting June 30. Due to demand they say postings are 2 weeks prior. We should be on all the calendars of the magazines you see out and around The Villages. Billie Edwards started early contacting area publications and has been working fearlessly to get the word out.

Not much is getting into the Daily Sun. Believe me we are trying. Lots of changes there that we have no control over. We can get some things in the club Rec News and for the last 2 weeks there has been a large ad that will continue until the Art Festival. We had a nice article in the Villages-News on line newspaper about the plein air painting at Paradise Park. There will be more. There was a nice article in the Daily Sun on Saturday about the Art League with a photo. Let's try to keep our club in the news and remember to mention the July 12 Summer Art Festival every time you talk to a reporter.

**Registration** for the Summer Art Festival was June 14 and there was an avalanche of members resulting in a sellout and 24 people on the waiting list! Never has that ever happened. Ever. There have been sold out shows but never that many artists who missed out.

Giving up the private lunch room was an easy choice to make to allow more artists to participate. However, the real problem was the number of tables available to use. More accurately it was the lack of tables available. Many thanks go out to the Recreation Department and Special Events for fulfilling our request for more tables.

The waiting list was long, but we have managed to get thirteen 12'x5' spaces in the Courageous Room and an additional 4 slightly smaller spaces in the other rooms. We are out of tables and so the last remaining members on the waiting list will have to wait for any late cancellations.

Our club is growing and that is certainly a contributing factor to the many artists wanting a spot. I am sure there are many opinions on this and time will be available at an upcoming meeting for constructive dialogue. This cannot happen again in 2015. We were rescued this time with the additional tables brought in but that did not solve the real problem we are facing. You will hear more about this subject as we move forward and anyone interested should be there.

### Bookmarks

Thanks go out to all who came the last few Monday mornings to cut up failed paintings and turn them into wonderful bookmarks that the Art League is giving away to anyone attending the Art Festival on July 12, as our thank you for their support over the years. More than 3000 bookmarks have been made, way surpassing our goal of 2000!

## Artists Demonstrations

There are going to be artist demonstrations all day at the Art Festival. Helen Gromadzki has arranged for a variety of mediums and that will be a wonderful addition for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all the artists who are participating.

Each demo will be 30 minutes and will be held in the Stars and Stripes Room.

10 am—Margie Picard, Hand Dyed Silk Scarves

11 am—Jack Otilige, Types of Line Strokes to Express Value and Form in Pen and Ink

12 pm—Diane Andrus, Watercolor Portuguese Water Scene

1 pm—Roger Sherman, Decorating a Clay Object

2 pm—Jo Magram, Oil Painting of Humming Bird and Flower

**Door prizes** are still needed. Nothing framed, maybe cards or a small matted print, and the public will be told which room you are in. A little bit of publicity for you to enjoy. Bring them to the July meeting for Nan Kohr. No drop offs the morning of the Festival please. It will be arranged on the tables the night before and name signs need to be made ahead. Make your decision now and bring your donation with you July 7.

**Volunteer** for a few hours if you are not in the Art Festival. There's still time to join in the fun. We will have a new room opened up and Bonnie Canning will need a few more room monitors.

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We mourn the passing of two members. **Rich Davis** was a regular at all of the meetings and art shows until recently. Rich passed away June 21 and will be missed very much. His humor was infectious.

**Pat Whipp** came to us having a very successful career but loved being in our art shows. She was a quiet, soft spoken lady who loved to talk to people about art. Pat passed away on June 7.

Our condolences to their families. They will be missed.





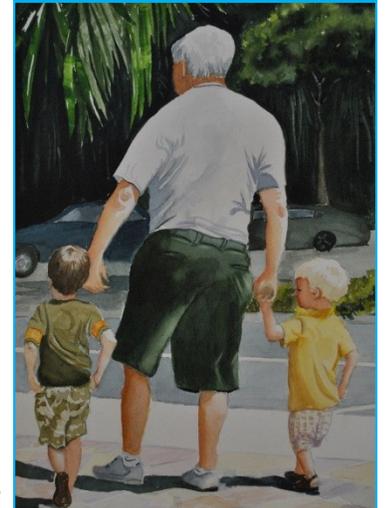
## Artist of the Month—Lois Mayo

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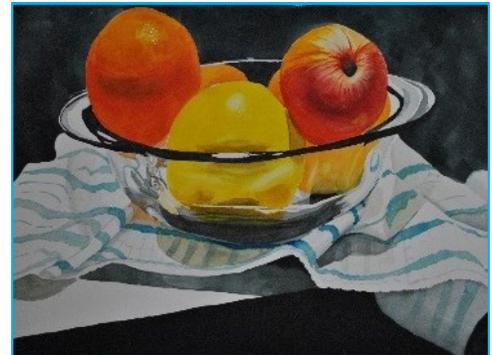
Lois began painting with oil 30 years ago. Her art had many interruptions due to career, family, etc.

She is a retired Registered Respiratory Therapist and worked most of her career at Munroe Regional Hospital in Ocala. She moved to central Florida from Miami in 1973. Lois joined the Leesburg Art Association around 1986. She enjoyed some success with oils, gave up painting for a while, then changed to watercolor when she moved to The Villages. She is a long standing member of Wet-N-Wild.

Lois finds watercolor to be a challenging but exciting medium to work with. There are a lot of surprises and mistakes, but she claims to be an expert at fixing or removing most any problems. Lois's favorite is still life. She finds controlling the resource and lighting makes everything easier. Many still lifes are set up on the ironing board with flood lights attached to a stool. She has discovered that if she loves her subject, her paintings will turn out. Lois is grateful for all the encouragement she has received here in The Villages.



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### Thank You!

Thank you Joan Galantha and Norma Parcell for providing today's refreshments.  
To help with snacks for a future meeting, contact Judy Kimmel 259-5781.

### Newsletter Submissions

Deadline 20th of month: [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com)

## July Program—Carrie Ann Knupp, Encaustic Artist

Carrie attended Art Instruction Schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Rollins College, Winter Park. She graduated in 1983 with a Major in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Art. She has also studied with National and International Artists, both in the United States and abroad.

Carrie's love of Encaustic painting has grown over the years. She has won numerous awards in juried and non-juried shows throughout the Country.

Most recently, 250 Encaustic Artists throughout the country entered the "Big, Bad, Wax" juried show at the Mt. Dora Center for the Arts. This show ran from January 2014 through March 2014. Of those 250 artists, 36 were juried into this show, of which Carrie was the only Central Florida Artist. Because of that, she was asked to demonstrate how to paint in Encaustic, Live on Fox News, "Good Day Orlando," on February 13, 2014.

Her most current piece titled "Never Again" was to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Holocaust. This piece won the Award of Excellence and the Peoples' Choice at the Maitland Jewish Center, December 2013. It also won a Blue Ribbon and the Peoples' Choice at the Mt. Dora Art League Spring Show, April 2014 and was Juried into the "Big, Bad, Wax" gallery show at the Mt. Dora Center for the Arts in Mt. Dora, Florida. In June it won the Judges Distinction Award in a Gallery Show in Ft. Lauderdale titled "Antidote to Hate." Next stop will be at the Villages Art League on July 7, 2014.

One of Carrie's Encaustic paintings titled "Blue Indigo," which was in the Leesburg Art League Spring Show, will be featured in an Encaustic book entitled "Encaustic Revelation, Cutting-Edge Techniques," by Patricia Seggebruch. Carrie and her daughter Kristi will both be featured in this book, published by North Light Art Books in July 2014.

Carrie is currently teaching and doing demonstrations upon request. Go to: [Encausticguru.com](http://Encausticguru.com).



"ART COMES FROM YOUR HEART, AND IS A WAY OF SEEING THE WORLD IN A WAY VERY FEW PEOPLE EVER DO, BUT I WOULD HAVE IT NO OTHER WAY."

### Lifelong Learning College Art Workshops

For details or to sign up for the monthly Brush Strokes newsletter, visit [www.thevillagesartworkshops.com](http://www.thevillagesartworkshops.com)

#### Fall Workshops:

Libit Jones "Addicted to Texture" October 14-15

Jeanette Robertson "Pet Drawings" October 16

Melissa Miller Nece "Secret Weapon of Color Pencil" October 20-21 [www.millernernece.com](http://www.millernernece.com)

Kate Carney "Wild Child" Acrylic Abstract October 23 [www.katecarneyfineart.com](http://www.katecarneyfineart.com)

Anne Abgott "Taking Ordinary and Making Extraordinary" Oct. 27-29 [www.aneabgott.com](http://www.aneabgott.com)

To register, call Lifelong Learning College 753-3035  
Questions: Beverly Hennessy 753-1383



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

**Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am  
the first Monday of the month  
at Saddlebrook Rec Center.**

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## Art League Places to Exhibit

The Villages Art League has 2 art shows a year where you can show and sell your own artwork during a one-day event:

- 1) The second Saturday during July is our **Summer Art Festival** held at Lake Miona Rec Center.
- 2) The Saturday after Thanksgiving is the **Artist Showcase** at Savannah Center.

Last year the Art League introduced an exhibit at La Hacienda in **La Galleria** in September. That exhibit hangs for 3 months.

There is a monthly exhibit at Citizen's Bank in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month** program that started in 1998.

To display a painting at the **Citizens Bank** on **Rt. 466** or on **Rt. 441** contact Diane Andrus 751-4824.

The **Florida Blood Center** at Spanish Plains Shopping Center has a 3-month exhibit open to all Village residents. Art pick-up and hanging-new-paintings day is always the first Tuesday of March, June, Sept. and Dec. at 10 a.m. For information call Fran Naughton 350-2169, Vivian Chaska 750-5367 or "Freddie" Venturoni 259-2577.

**The Villages Art League Show Dates -  
For details: [www.thevillagesartleague.org/](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org/)**

July 12	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center
September 6	La Galleria Exhibit	La Hacienda Rec Center
November 1	Registration-Artist Showcase	Savannah Center
November 29	Artist Showcase	Savannah Center

## Free Art League Workshops

MONDAY 9:00-NOON SADDLEBROOK REC CENTER

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

## July Calendar

7-Art League business meeting  
12-Summer Art Festival