



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"The painter's obsession with his subject is all that he needs to drive him to work."*
Lucian Freud

Word of the Month: **Chiaroscuro**...'.kee ar e sk(y) oo row'
An effect of contrasted light and shadow created by light falling unevenly or from a particular direction on something - *the chiaroscuro of cobbled streets*

Co-President Diane's Message

Well, the July meeting is upon us.

When planning an event, it always seems so far in the future, it's just an abstract idea. There is always plenty of time. Then, suddenly, it's upon you, just around the corner.

All our meetings and emails and phone calls are paying off. The Enchanted Tuscany show is really ready to take place. By the time you read this, I'm sure we will have the full complement of entries. Our entertainments, programs and promotions have fallen into place; however, we still need more volunteers to help out with the show. I predict a busy and fun Saturday, July 11th, will be had and hopefully will be profitable for all as well.

Since the last meeting we have had a successful change-out of the artwork displayed at the One Blood Center. I'm sure John is pleased with the generous donations of artworks to Cornerstone Hospice. Additional art will always be welcomed.

We will soon hear from the recreation department about whose designs have been chosen to decorate the French doors in the Rohan Rec. Center. Then the painting "fun" will begin for a lucky few.

Well, this is all for this month. (I do hope the demo person is good-sounds like a pretty dry subject!)

Diane and Jeanne and the best officers ever.



Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

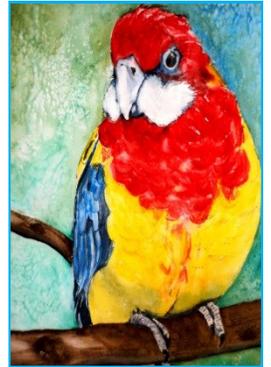
Eisenhower Rec Center Exhibit Change-out is July 13th

New artists are encouraged to enter artwork. Contact Shirley Jerez (750-2439) or Irene Wantroba (753 9182) to let them know you are interested. Entry forms and rules for eligibility are on the VAL website - <http://www.thevillagesartleague.org> - under the tab titled VAL Shows.



Artist of the Month—Mildred “Milly” Bruno

I moved to the Villages in Sept. 2007. My husband and I worked for the golfer, Jack Nicklaus and his wife Barbara, as their personal property managers and lived on their estate for 12 years before we retired.



My mentor was my Father. I was born in Rotterdam, Holland. In 1940 WWII, all of Holland was occupied in one day. All the fighting men from 16 to 60 yrs. were rounded up and taken to a holding area and then put on trains. My Father saw, by the signs, that they were going to Germany, and he knew he didn't want to go there. So, he jumped out of the train's window that night. He laid there till dawn and saw a farmhouse close by. He knocked on the door and the farmer's wife told him to come in. They hid him, with their son, up in their attic for about 3 weeks. The farmer took my Father back to Rotterdam to my Mother by hiding him under potatoes for a 3 hour journey. From then on, my Father hid in their attic for 4 plus years. During that time my Father was so bored he taught himself how to oil paint. My Mother would take the paintings and hide them in the bottom of the baby carriage and trade or sell them for food.

I CALL MYSELF A CRAFTER,
ARTIST, HOME DECORATOR,
JEWELRY DESIGNER AND
ENTREPRENEUR.

I was 2½ yrs. old when we moved to America. I was a sickly child with acute Asthma. I would be bored in bed and miss a lot of school each year. My Father worked nights so he was able to be with me during the day and show me things to do. He would show me how to draw, and I would watch him oil paint for hours on end. He also showed me all kinds of arts and crafts. He took a 4 yr. art course through Norman Rockwell and I always watched when he did his lessons.



I taught ceramic classes in the 70's in Michigan. I make decorated egg shells, sugar panoramic eggs with scenes inside. These are just some of the 3-D art that I do. My husband tells me I have to live to 150 years old to do everything that I want to do. My asthma went away 6 yrs. ago and now I feel reborn. I say the Villages cured me! I want to do all the things that my health prevented me to do all my life. I have taken classes with some great teachers, Laura Miller, Maria Wright, Rebecca Schwartz, drawing class with Frank Zampardi, and workshops with Janet Rogers. I started with acrylics and then with “my love” water color when I moved here.



I taught art & craft classes here. I invented and have obtained a full designer U.S. Patent for a "Tee-twirl" for decorating apparel. I sell them and Fabric "Circle of Life" necklaces at the Villages' Farmer's market at Brownwood and Spanish Springs. I did a casting call for Shark Tank and look at other avenues to market them.



Thank You to Charlie Clayton and Cindy Ewing for providing refreshments for the July meeting. To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

July Program—Diane Andrus

Diane started out picture framing many, many years ago.

She has a BS in art education from Kutztown State University and a BFA in graphic design from the Maine College of Art, also from many years ago.

She was teaching painting in a little gallery in Missouri that sold art supplies, gave lessons and provided picture framing. She was asked to help out in the back between classes when the owners took a vacation.

Some years after that, and a few other retail "day jobs" and relocations, she applied for a manager job at a "Frame It Yourself" franchise store in Rhode Island. She worked there for 16 years and at another gallery for 6 years, retired and then moved to the Villages full time.

Months after moving she started to work at the "Kings Gallery." She has been there for 11 years. That's a lot of custom framing!

Highlights of her framing: She framed an official portrait of a state governor. Most recently, she framed much of the artwork in the Eisenhower Center, most of the shadowboxes in particular.

She is going to talk about selecting matting and framing, conservation framing, shadowboxes and "Do as I Say, not as I do" techniques.



DIANE WILL
EXPLAIN HOW TO
FRAME PAINTINGS.

Lifelong Learning College Fall 2015 Art Workshops Overview

Kate Carney acrylic "Wild Child 2" October 14-15. www.katecarneyfineart.com

Gene Rizzo watercolor "Florida Land and Seascapes" October 21-22-23. www.generizzo.com

Cynthia Knox colored pencil "Serenity" October 26-27-28. www.cynthiaknox.com

Lyn Ferris watercolor "Capturing the Light" November 5-6-7. www.lynnferris.com

For details or to sign up for the monthly Brush Strokes newsletter, visit www.thevillagesartworkshops.com

To register, call Lifelong Learning College 753-3035 Questions: Beverly Hennessy 753-1383 email: bbaug97@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners of the **VAA summer exhibit at La Galleria** are:

1st-Marge McQueston, 2nd-Linda Linham, 3rd-Vivian Chaska.

Award of Merit: Bud Leonard and Sue Franz.

Honorable mention: Roger Sherman, Jan Jones and Nancy Dias.

Photography: 1st-Jerry Sundin, 2nd-Eileen Sklon.

All Villages Art League members are invited to participate in the next La Galleria exhibit, **Inspired by the Masters**, running from September 12th through December 5th. Information, rules and entry forms are posted on the VAL website. Contact Catherine Sullivan, Exhibit Chair, if you have questions.



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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

Officers:

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| Co-Presidents | Diane Andrus | 751-4824 |
| | Jeanne Willette | 753-6488 |
| Vice President | John O'Hara | 751-0780 |
| Secretary | Bonnie Canning | 259-9553 |
| Treasurer | Gail Parker | 751-0200 |

Chairpersons:

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| Artist of the Month | Jo Magram | 845-807-7489 |
| Bank Exhibits | Catherine Sullivan | 259-4308 |
| Eisenhower Exhibit | Shirley Jerez | 250-4751 |
| | Irene Wantroba | 753-9182 |
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| Newsletter Editor | Leda Rabenold | 259-1918 |
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| Sunshine | Charlie Clayton | 750-4110 |
| Volunteers | | |
| Webmaster | Leda Rabenold | 352-1918 |
| 50-50 Raffle | Shirley Jerez | 250-4751 |
| | Irene Wantroba | 753-9182 |

Visit www.thevillagesartleague.org/calendar-by-month.html
for the 2015 calendar of art events in The Villages.

Art League Places to Exhibit

New in 2014: the **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a new fine art exhibit every 2 months that is not judged.

The Villages Art League has a fine art exhibit in **La Galleria** at La Hacienda every year from September to December that is judged.

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

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.

New paintings are displayed each month at **Citizens Bank** on Rt. 466 or on Rt. 441.

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, Margie Picard 750-1965 or "Freddie" Venturoni 259-2577.

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

Upcoming Art League Show Dates

For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org

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| July 11 | Summer Art Festival | Lake Miona Rec Center |
| July 13 | Eisenhower Exhibit change-out | Eisenhower Rec Center |

Newsletter Submissions: Deadline 20th of the month: leda.rabenold@gmail.com