



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President Fran Naughton:

Hello , Fellow Artists,

Well, I am back from Alaska, Wisconsin and Cape Cod and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting. I have to thank Diane and Janeen for doing a wonderful job running the meetings.



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

We have a lot of things to keep us busy in the next few months, the Masters' Show on September 8th, the Fall Fine Art Show on October 26th, the 30th year anniversary celebration on November 15th and our Christmas party (whew)! So take your vitamins and get ready for an exciting few months.

Please check the website for the dates for information about the two shows. Tickets for the 30-year anniversary celebration will be available for you to pick up at the September, October and November meetings. You must pick up your ticket at one of these meetings and you must present it at the door of the party. I have to give a count of people attending to the caterer after the November meeting and, I'm sorry, but we don't have room in the rooms to invite spouses or significant others.

Remember, we will be meeting on September 2nd, Labor Day, and it is the fun Member-to-Member share, so drag your favorite "show and tell" to the meeting and prepare to be wowed by all of our creativity.

See you at the meeting, Fran

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Inspired by the Masters" - VAL's Fall Exhibit at the La Hacienda Rec Center is coming up with registration deadline by September 7th. The exhibit starts September 14th and runs through December 7th.

The Eisenhower Art Exhibit changes on September 9th between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m.

Artist of the Month—Julie McGlone



Julie McGlone is an *artist, author, and avid cook*, depending on what day it is and how much mess she wants to make. Fifty years ago, she married her childhood sweetheart. That's not a milestone in the Villages, but for Charlie it means 18,250 days of living with paint dripping from tables and counters, along with found objects and stacked up "art" supplies. Propped up on Julie's computer desk is the warning, "A creative mind is rarely tidy."

Julie is a member of the Villages Art League and Visual Arts Association. She enjoys teaching watercolors at Colony Cottage. *"I joined the Future Teachers of America Club in 1963 and have been torturing students ever since."*

Her latest passion is photography- observing shadows, light, animals, and plant life in the world around her. The lily pads and proud heron photos were taken at the Sharon Wiechens Preserve on Moyer Loop.



A bright blue sky and sandy beach, along with the wooden boardwalk of Jekyll Island were captured on a recent trip.

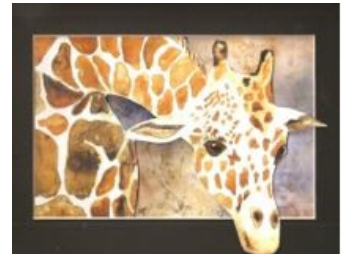


Her Nosey Giraffe is one of her most popular watercolor paintings at art shows.



Julie is the author of [Life Takes Detours](#). The memoir reminds us that life's meaning is found not only in notable occasions but in the tiniest moments as well.

Her favorite quote is from Erma Bombeck: *"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"*



VAL Directory Correction

Linda Bourassa's correct email: linda@bmooninc.com

Free Art League Workshops

9:00-NOON

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is listed on our website here: www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html.

For inclusion and to update, send your info to leda.rabenold@gmail.com.

Register for the Villages Enrichment Academy art classes: [online](#), call 352-674-1800, or at any regional rec center.

September 2—Member-to-Member Exhibit

September Meeting Program is "THE MEMBER-TO-MEMBER" with members showing their art work in the member-to-member display. Again, tables will be set up on the perimeter of the room and you can bring a piece of art to display. If you have a 2-dimensional piece of art, please bring an easel on which to display it. Also, please put a business card with your name and title of your art next to your display. We love seeing what you have been doing! You are a talented group of artists.

Congratulations for Members' Achievements in Art!

As seen in Tatler Magazine -A London based publication featuring the royals and high society, **Arrachme's** painting from her "Peaceful World Series."

In July **Nancy Dias'** painting "Short Circuit" was awarded first place in the Abstract/ Experimental category of the *Artists Magazine Annual Art Competition*. In addition to a monetary prize, as a first-place winner she and her winning painting will be featured in the January/ February 2020 issue of *Artists Magazine*. Entries were submitted from all over the world and numbered in the thousands.

In July **Nancy's** painting "Kaleidoscope" was juried into the *2019 Georgia Watercolor Society's Member Exhibition*. This was her first entry with this organization. The exhibit will run from August 20 to October 17 at the Lyndon House Arts Center (LHAC), Athens, Georgia. The opening reception is September 5th.

In August two of **Nancy's** paintings, "Tilting at Windmills" and "Energy" were accepted into the *Tallahassee Watercolor Society's 2019 Brush Strokes Juried Water Media Exhibition* which qualified her for Signature Member in that organization. The exhibition will be held at the Tallahassee City Hall Gallery from September 25 to November 18 with the



The Village Art League Fall Fine Art Show

Our Fall Fine Art Show is just around the corner! This event will be held at the **Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center on Saturday, October 26th from 9am through to 3pm**. All VAL artists who are current members are encouraged to participate in this fun, all-day event. This show is open to all 2 & 3D artists that meet the requirements of the eligibility (*the rules are listed on the 2nd page of the registration form*). Please note that this is our Fine Art show and no crafts are allowed during this event. I hope that everyone plans to participate: as an exhibiting artist, volunteer or just to come and enjoy the art while supporting your peers.

The members of the show team will be:

Diane Weekley & Ellen Hellwege – Registration - Lisa Melcher – Publicity
Gail Latta – Day of the Show Volunteer Coordinator - Janeen Whetstone – Chair

For those who are interested in exhibiting at this event, the registration form will be on our website September 1st. Early registration for members who have volunteered for the club throughout the past two years may register on September 6th and general membership may register on September 13th. Registration will be closed on October 12th.

We will also be looking for members who do not plan to exhibit at the show to help us as greeters, room monitors and to man the VAL Information Desk. If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, please contact Janeen Whetstone at 352 459-1952 or janwhet@gmail.com.

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



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Art League Places to Exhibit

Eisenhower Art Exhibit in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is not judged. Exhibit dates for 2019 are: Jan. 14, Mar. 11, May 13, July 8, Sept. 9 and Nov. 11.

La Galleria at La Hacienda from September to December.

Citizens Bank on Rt. 466, Rt. 441 or in Pinellas monthly exhibit. Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month**.

Summer Art Festival held at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 13. **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 26. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.