



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Fran Naughton:

Hello fellow artists,

Well, the weather is beautiful, and it energizes us to think of new projects to create!

Speaking of that, some of you may not realize that we have three opportunities in our club to meet other artists and have a space to work on our creations:

- ♦ Saddlebrook recreation center from 9 am- 11 am on the Mondays that we don't have a meeting
- ♦ Thursdays at Mulberry recreation center from 1 pm - 5 pm
- ♦ Saturdays at Paradise recreation center from 8:30 am - 11 am. It's great to work with other artists sometimes, rather than muddle through on your own.

Funny story, one time a member came to Saddlebrook loaded down with art supplies, saw that a meeting was in progress, and went to the back of the room and sat down to paint anyway, a very determined artist!

Thank you to Steve Friedman who has volunteered to finding artists who would like to share their techniques as well as handling the technical part of setting up the demonstration. Phyllis Speicher (miss her) has already booked several people for this year.

Bye for now, see you at the meeting on April 4.

Fran (and Jeanne)



2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette



Artists of the Month—Annie Dotzauer & Rhonda Waters



Annie Dotzauer and Rhonda Waters have very different styles but both seem to make it come altogether when it comes to producing AnnaRhonda artwork. Both Annie and Rhonda were professionally trained in art as both of them have art degrees. However they came to this artistic venture from two very different paths.



Born in Petoskey, Michigan, Rhonda was born to be an artist, as both of her parents were artists. She learned welding at Stephen's College in Columbia, MO. while getting her fine arts degree. Rhonda has been a professional artist her whole life. She started her career working with her dad making art for hotels. She has been a metal artist for over 50 years. As you can tell art has always been a part of her life.

Born in northern Ohio, she lived on a farm until she went to Siena Heights College in Adrian, MI. to earn her fine arts degree in visual arts and art history. Annie was a former art teacher and had taught art as well as various other subjects during her professional career. She worked with all levels from kindergarten, to post graduate level. She earned two masters and 45 semester hours towards her doctorate. She had been an educator all her life teaching art and educational leadership.

After moving to The Villages she met Rhonda three years ago and wanted to work on a combined piece. That was all it took. Since that time Annie and Rhonda have completed more than 100 pieces of combined work. Every Tuesday it is a studio day for the AnnaRhonda designs. Both Rhonda and Annie enjoy creating with each other as they compliment each other's style of artwork. Both artists feel that they are creating art that no-one else is doing in The Villages. Each of the two artists still do independent artwork but always make time to collaborate. They each feel that it is a great team effort.



Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto:

A get-well card was sent to Charlie Clayton for his fall and pneumonia.

Eisenhower Exhibit News:

A new show was hung on March 14, 2022. Winners were: Kathy Karol first place, pastel titled Foraging Ibis, Adeline Curlett second place, watercolor and yupo, titled Blue Lagoon, Lois Kamp third place, Mixed Media-Wax Batik with metallic watercolor and paper, titled Flamboyance, Darlene Hayes honorable mention, watercolor titled Cycling in Croatia. Congratulation to all the winners!!

A new show will be hung on May 9, 2022. Get your registration forms in early because I can only take 26 paintings. All info and forms are on the VAL website.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson —352-633-5428

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunday, March 20 was a fine day for VAA's art show at Lake Sumter Landing. People's Choice Winners were:

- ◆ 1st place—Gigi Polk for "Red Truck"
- ◆ 2nd place—Mary Tadic for "Girls' Night Out"
- ◆ 3rd place—Betty Eich for "Red Twirl"



On March 12, VAA's new exhibit at LaGalleria was judged by David Fithian, artist and gallery owner from Deland. Ribbons were awarded to:

- ◆ 1st place—Victoria Peterson for "I Love the Ground You Walk On"
- ◆ 2nd place—Kathy Karol for "Star Gazing"
- ◆ 3rd place—Rosie Brown for "Lunch Time"
- ◆ Honorable Mention—Norma Harding for "The Chief"
- ◆ Honorable Mention—Janine Motto for "Joy Ride"



Wolfgang Mueller, Artist of the
Month in March



Wolfgang explained his glass Fusion projects.



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

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Art League Places to Exhibit in 2022

- ♦ **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for 2022 are: Jan. 10, Mar. 14, May 9, July 11, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 10 to December 10.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** on July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Show** on October 22 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.