



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Jeanne Willette:

To our Awesome Artists...

The first quarter of the year 2022 has come and gone as we spring forward. In 3 months we've seen "Artist of the Month" featuring paintings, glass art, sculpture and computer altered photography. Where can you see so much information in less than 2 hours?!

We are still seeking a "Program Chair" - someone to line up our Demonstrations. If you like to satisfy curiosity about new artists or techniques - this is your special gift to the VAL!

Plans are underway for a new Directory for the club....woohoo! Our Membership Chair Dore Dumas and Secretary Marilyn Wright will be announcing when all the information will be gathered. Make sure you are up to date with your dues.

Looking ahead to the VAL Summer Art Show coming up on July 9th at Lake Miona Rec Center. This is a major and successful event that breaks up the summer months and gives all of us a chance to show what we are working on. The chair person for this event is Gail Latta who will be giving more information about registration, etc. We will need many volunteers to be room monitors and greeters. Call Gail at 352-444-1025 if you have questions.

Our May 2 meeting will feature a program entitled "How to Wow the Judges." The Artist of the Month will be Debbie Lyttle, who represents the STARS art group, creating art with fibers and art programs for children in the Leesburg area. Thank you, Jo Magram, for seeking and finding great artists to entertain and inform us.

Please pass on your condolences to our Co-president, Fran Naughton, for the passing of her husband, Patrick. Fran came from New York many years ago to The Villages, and has been active in leadership and fundraising at many events.

Don't forget the Eisenhower changeover will be coming up soon, per Lois Kamp, chairperson for that bi-monthly exhibit. It is now a judged show, with ribbons and cash awards.

Many thanks to all who make our meetings interesting and outstanding! If you have any good information you would like as a program suggestion, please see one of the officers and give them details.

Artfully speaking, Jeanne Willette for Fran Naughton

PS: Thoughtful reading is "The Art Spirit" by Robert Henri. The book is full of his lectures and ideas pertaining to art, but more importantly to the process of thought and philosophy that unfolds when we create!



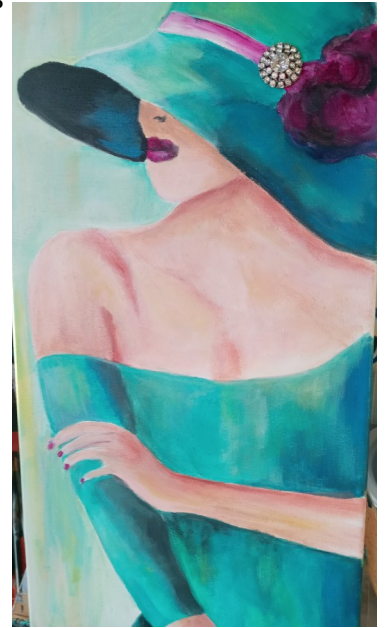
2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette

Artist of the Month—Debi Lytle



I was born in Baltimore Maryland. My mother was very artistic but never pursued any type of art career. As a child I loved to do table settings and flower arrangements. One of my favorite pastimes was wearing and decorating hats. I would decorate my mother's old hats, hats for girlfriends and all types of party hats.

I was married at 18 and we lived on a small farm. I grew and canned all of our vegetables, had a large flower garden and two children. There was really not much time for anything else. Eventually, I went back to work as a benefit specialist. In 2014 I retired and we moved to The Villages full time. I took a Wine and Design class and discovered my passion for painting. For the past 7 years I have been taking classes with Diane Knight at El Santiago. I have no professional training in art. I have married my love for hats with my paintings. Many of my pictures are ladies and hats. But, I do not limit myself to this.



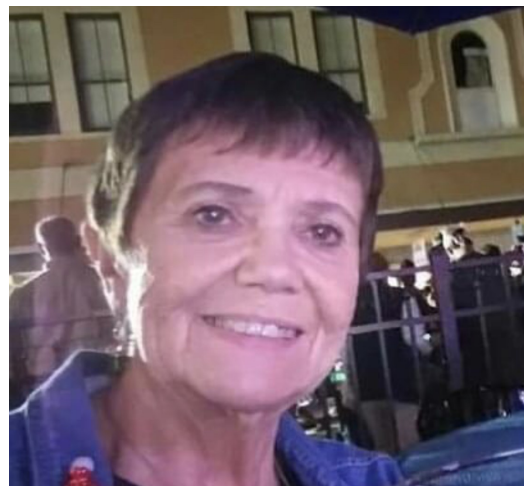
Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

Cards were sent to:

- ♦ Fran Naughton as encouragement for her husband's illness.
- ♦ Jan Kasma in sympathy for the loss of her husband.
- ♦ Irene Wantroba as encouragement for her husband's illness.
- ♦ Sandra Dillon for recovery for her broken thigh.
- ♦ Dore Dumas as encouragement for family illness.

Program—Shari Wallis Williams

Shari Wallis Williams is a retired high school art teacher with her BSE and MSE from Henderson State University, Arkansas. She is a Leesburg resident and local artist who specializes in mixed media and photography. Shari has been judging the VAL Eisenhower exhibit and will explain, **“How to WOW the judges,”** in her presentation.



Eisenhower Exhibit News:

A new Eisenhower exhibit will be hung on May 9, 2022 at 1:00pm. This exhibit will be judged with ribbons. All information and forms are on the VAL website. Registration form is due by May 6, 2022. Forms can either be mailed or dropped off at my home at 867 Greenwich Place in the Village of Charlotte. I can only accept 26 paintings so apply early.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson

Call Lois with question 352 633 5428.



Annie Dotzauer & Rhonda Waters
April Artists of the Month



Steven Friedman
April Program Presenter



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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.