



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Fran Naughton:

Hello fellow artists,

Well, it's finally Fall, and I know that many of you are working diligently to get ready for the upcoming show. Good luck to all of you. Janeen Whetstone and her team have been busy getting things in place so that the show is successful. With all of you artists cooperating, it should be wonderful!

We have a very busy few months left before Jeanne and I "retire," and we're planning a fabulous holiday celebration for the December meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting, Fran



2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette



Eileen Sklon, Program
Presenter, & her visiting sister

September 5
VAL meeting
photos taken by
Dave Boege.



Judee Norton, Artist of the
Month

Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

A sympathy card was sent to Betty Bouck for the loss of her grandson.

Art is not what you see but what do you make others see.... Degas

Artist of the Month—Cheri Ptacek



Upon retiring as Director of Operations in Heme/Onc/BMT at the University of Minnesota Medical School in the Twin Cities, my husband and I made the huge decision to move to The Villages, leaving our 4 kids and grandkids behind. We do spend quality time together through visits, so we still believe it was a good decision. We have lived in the Village of Duval for the past 5 years.

As soon as we moved here, I began taking watercolor classes and workshops. I had no

previous experience, but have always loved the look of watercolor paintings.

I decided to devote all my artistic time to watercolor rather than delve into other media. The more I learn about watercolor, the more difficult it seems to

become – but also, the better my paintings have become. I realized that as you learn more, your idea of what’s “good” changes. The more you paint, the more you learn how much you don’t know

I have been the Newsletter Editor for the Visual Arts Association for the past 2 ½ years and serve on the Board. I participate in shows and exhibits sponsored by both VAA and VAL. I also belong to CFWS and FWS, and am a member of AWS and Women in Watercolor. I have won a few awards. I am caregiver to my husband who has Parkinsons with diffused Lewy Body dementia and serve as an online Caregivers Support Group Leader for Elder Options. I am busy, but continue to take both online and in-person watercolor workshops. I’ve not yet found my niche. I paint both bold and soft. I’m determined to learn more and improve. It is my passion.



Eisenhower Rec Center Exhibit News:

A new VAL exhibit was hung at the Eisenhower Center on September 13, 2022. Winners are: First Place-Jeanine Motto for an oil on canvas titled *Narrow Escape* (first time exhibiting with VAL); Second-Susie Schreiber for watercolor titled *Flowers*; third-Lois Kamp Fiber Art Wool titled *Café De Flores*; Honorable Mention-Linda Bachman Textile art titled *Stack Them Up*. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all who participated.

New forms are up on the web site for the November exhibit. Please get your forms in early because I can only take 26 entries. The last 2 exhibits I have turned artists away because the exhibit was already full weeks before due date. Also, please read the rules--Maximum size is 24 x 24 inches, have a tracking form filled out on the back, please fill out your ID card, and must have wire hanging system. Call me if you have questions.

Chairperson: Lois Kamp 352 633 5428.

Fall Fine Art Extravaganza

The Villages Art League will be hosting our annual fall art show on Saturday, October 22nd at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center. Please save the date for this exciting and fun event. All VAL members are invited to participate in this event; exhibiting artists, volunteers and art lovers.

The fall show is a 'Fine Art' event that includes both 2 and 3 dimensional art. All art must be designed by the artist using raw materials that have been made into an art object. For example, clay made into art objects, jewelry that is made from gems, stone, glass and wire that has been cut, polished and put in the setting made by the artist and not manufactured. Craft items are not allowed in this show. The registration is open for all VAL members through October 14th.

If you are not going to be exhibiting, we still need a few more volunteers for the event. We depend on our volunteers throughout the day to help ensure that the event is a success. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the show, please contact Janeen Whetstone at (352) 459-1952 or janwhet@gmail.com.

Paintings | Photos | Clay and more

Fall Fine Art Show

Saturday, October 22 | 9a.m.-3p.m.
Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center
3560 Buena Vista Blvd.

Original fine art show | Over 80 artists & artisans
Public invited | FREE admission
For more information,
call Janeen Whetstone at 352-459-1952

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Inspired By the Masters Exhibit—Congratulations!!

On September 10, Judge Vandy Shake, of Ocala, who praised the high quality of all the entries, said she had a very difficult time making her selections. Awarded ribbons are:

First Place-Carol Waggoner, Mixed; Second-David Boege, Photography; Third-Victoria Peterson, Colored Pencil. Honorable Mentions to: Eileen Sklon, Watercolor w/Pen; Helen Poor, Acrylic; Sally LaBaugh, Mixed; Catherine Sullivan, Pastel, Gail Parker, Graphite.

Award of Merits to: Dore Dumas, Clay; Marcella Martin, Watercolor; Peggy Lefebvre, Watercolor; Betty Waisanen, Watercolor.

Judges Award to Pamela Fletcher, Acrylic.

The show committee consisted of Catherine Sullivan, Exhibit Committee Chair; Gail Parker and Diane Andrus, Exhibit Co-Chairs; Eileen Sklon, Hanging Committee Chair.

Photos below were taken by Dave Boege

The exhibit will hang from September 10 to December 10 in La Galleria of the La Hacienda Rec Center.



Catherine Sullivan, Vandy Shake
(Judge), Gail Parker, Diane Andrus.



Carol Waggoner, First Place.



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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.