



THE VILLAGES ART LEAGUE NEWS - FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The Villages Art League Officers - 2009

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A Message From Your President

Welcome to Florida winter. As I write this, it's relatively not bad compared to the rest of the country. Hopefully by the time of this meeting day, it will have warmed up.



Many thanks to Adrienne and Sandy for being our past membership chairs. Margie Picard is going to do our word processing for the membership rolls and Rosie O'Donoghue will be membership chair and will collect funds and info during the meetings.

Please be aware many of your dues have not been paid for the year 2009 -- 147 are paid out of our total membership. I have the list if anyone is unsure.

I would like to revisit the topic of doing something benevolent in the name of the club with a fraction of our funds at this meeting. I would also like to discuss setting up a club website. We have the opportunity to work with an expert. I like experts.

'Best, Diane

Workshop Schedule for VAL

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon - Fox Glove Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Thursday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Arts & Crafts Room, Mulberry Rec. Center

Saturday - 8:30 am to 11:00 am - Charlie Chaplin Room. Paradise Recreation Center

Program Julie McGlone

The topic of the artist demo this month is "Feathers and Fur," presented by Julie McGlone. She has been doing watercolors for over 25 years, with wildlife being her favorite subject to paint.

"The world is more vivid through an artist's eyes," Julie claims. She is certain that her fellow artists will agree.

Julie is shown here with her two favorite apprentices. She loves to show them the art of watercolor and encourage their creativity in every opportunity.



As a teacher in her New Jersey hometown, she spent many lunch periods with a class full of students who wanted to learn about varied art techniques.

She is a member of the VAL and VAA, and in addition to her painting, Julie enjoys teaching memoir writing classes at the Villages Lifelong Learning College. One of her favorite quotes is "Painting is poetry without words."

Julie is busier than ever in retirement. As her former principal wrote in a recent letter, "Once a teacher- always a teacher!"

ARTIST OF THE MONTH Rita M. Dickey



My interest in art started at an early age in Chicago. I majored in art in high school and some college, but refrained from pursuing a career in the art field until years later.

As my husband and I were raising our 4 children, every few years I would get the urge to go back to art. During those years, I took many Fine Art classes at local junior colleges and The Art Institute of

Chicago.

When I was 40 years old, I took a part-time job as an Advertising Assistant at a very small agency where I learned graphic design. Then I went to a full-time position in graphic arts for a major food chain in the Chicago area. I also returned to school and took 23 hrs in Computer Graphics. I worked for 2 other companies in graphic design before deciding to retire from that field. In 1999, I went back to my first love, fine art.

I then took a painting course for a semester from an excellent teacher, where I learned how to better use acrylics. My problem for many years was "figuring out what to paint," until I discovered I could create compositions from nature through photography.

I have done oils, watercolors, computer art, photography and graphite portraits but my main interest is in acrylics on canvas. I like to paint very precisely, so I do grid my canvas sometimes to get down to the basic drawing. But I'm using grids less as I'm changing the photos more in order to improve the composition.

My work was first shown at art fairs, shows and businesses in the suburbs of Chicago. I belonged to Park Ridge Art League and The Chicago Artists' Coalition. In 2003 my husband and I moved to Michigan and Florida where I've continued to paint.

In 2008, I was very pleased to have won in 3 art exhibits I entered. In March, 2nd Place in Chicago; in August, 1st place in Michigan; and in December, Award of Merit in The Villages.

I feel blessed to be able to fulfill my dream. This year I would like to give pastels a try.

Eds. Note: Shown here is Rita's award winning acrylic on display at La Galleria.

Her art will also be on display at Spanish Springs Citizens Bank during the month of February.



Thanks for Volunteering

Thanks to Julie McGlone for volunteering to coordinate the bank exhibits at Wachovia Bank as well as the Colonial Bank.

Thanks to Rosie O'Donoghue, Jan Kasma and Irene Wantroba for the refreshments for today's meeting.

VAL Bank Exhibitors

Colonial Bank: January Mary Doggett
February Mary Schwab
Spanish Springs Citizens - Rita Dickey

Pat Claunch (259-9795) coordinates art exhibits for Citizens 466; and Julie McGlone (750-1068 mcglone72@hotmail.com) coordinates those for both the Colonial and Wachovia banks on 466.

Welcome New Members

The following artists joined the Villages Art League at their January meeting:

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| Jean Carter | Helen Merchant |
| Pat Cini | Lorna Pilling |
| Betty Costa | Joyce Rick |
| Patricia Delaney | Diane Robbins |
| Dick Greene | Eydie Robacker |
| Becki Hadaway | Rosalie Roscoe |
| Ralph Hardin | Janice Tyslenko |
| Sharon Jandura | Pauline Vital |
| Jan Lewisy | Marilyn Wright |
| Marlene Losey | |

Summer Art Festival

Nancy Dias, Chair

Time sure does fly, especially if you don't want it to. It is already time to get started on the Summer Art Festival. It will be July 11 at Lake Miona.



This year is the twentieth anniversary of the VAL and 12 years that we have been having art shows that showcase our talented artists.

For 2 years we have had a summer show and opened it up to all the diversity of our members and it has been well received by the public. We will have glass, pottery, sculpture, china painting, wood turners, photography and paintings. Did I miss anything?

I will be sending out an e-mail to everyone asking for your help. There are a few things that need to be done and the more people we get to help, the easier it will be. I will go into more detail then. If there is anyone who would like to help organize this summer art show, you can call me at 751-1033 or e-mail me at nancyecd@comcast.net.

The most exciting thing happening in a while is the art wall program that is at 6 of the Recreation Centers. Everyone who lives in The Villages, regardless of whether you belong to a club or not, can hang their work for all to see. I paint at Chula Vista on Wednesdays and we hung paintings from some who paint there, some were from people who paint at Tierra Del Sol, and some from artists who just happen to live in that neighborhood. If you have any questions about this program you can ask at any center, or at any of the many painting groups around The Villages. Ask about it at the VAL meeting.

Look for my e-mail and I hope you will want to help with the Summer Art Festival. I need your help.

Happy painting, Nancy

Dates to Remember
July 11, 2009
Summer Arts Festival - Lake Miona
November 28, 2009
Artists' Showcase at Savannah

NEW WATER COLOR WORKSHOP Julie McGlone

Julie has started a new watercolor workshop called Splash with Us! Wednesday mornings at Colony Cottage from 9:30-11:50

This is a transparent watercolor workshop for beginning, intermediate, or advanced watercolorists.

Lessons on a variety of techniques will be provided. A supply list will be available before the first class.

Experienced artists—bring what you have! Class starts February 4th To register, please call Julie at 352-750-1068 or e-mail mcglone72@hotmail.com

THE VILLAGES VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION

Presents their

2ND ANNUAL ART EXTRAVAGANZA

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY 14, 2009

LAUREL MANOR RECREATION CENTER

The show still has openings for more artists. Contact Carol Hickman at 259-4084 or Artlady45@embargmail.com

Information for signing up on
www.visualartsassociation.com

AHA Programs (Artists Helping Artists)

Feb. 11 - Evelyne Albanese -- "Texture in Art" -- whether actual or visually implied, texture adds an element of interest. Come to discover how a variety of gel mediums can be used to create various textural qualities and how you can apply them to your own work. For information, contact Marilyn Davis at 350-2145.

Feb 18 - Mike Daley will lead us in doing negative painting in oil for both a landscape and a portrait plus he will be teaching easy techniques for doing tall grass and palm trees. For information, contact Frank Zampardi at 754-8770.

AHA'S are held in the Freedom Room at the Mulberry Recreation Center 12:30 pm. A \$2 donation is suggested. The required supply lists are listed on the VAA web site: www.visualartsassociation.com.

ARTISTS TRADING CARDS (ATC's)

February 25 - The Artists Trading Cards group will meet at 12:30 in the Freedom Room at Mulberry Recreation Center. For information, contact Margie Picard

WORKSHOPS

Feb 5-6 Pat Ford -- **Painting with a Knife** Who needs a brush! Love the look of texture! Learn an easy way to paint and create texture by painting with your palette knife! This is a fun way to paint, taught by a fun teacher. Come and learn some new techniques (oil, acrylics accepted) .

Feb. 7 - Marion Seigel -- Creating a Mandala



(mun'da la): An Artistic Journey to Your Inner Circle
Mandala in Sanskrit means disc or circle. Common interpretations of the symbolism of the circle are immortality, eternity, unity, and wholeness. We will study the Mandala as a tool to release our emotions, imaginations, and creativity.

Each participant brings his or her own unique life's experience. Our Mandala can be done in any medium except oil.

Feb 23-27 -- Lian Zhen.

Water colorist Lian is an artist and teacher, formerly a family physician in China before immigrating to the U.S. and ultimately receiving a



Masters degree in Architecture. His paintings hang in numerous private and institutional collections worldwide. Lian combines Chinese painterly techniques with watercolor to create unique works of art. He will demonstrate and then work personally with each student. A video will be shown of this painting on Feb 2 at Lake Miona in the Resolute Room as a preview to Zhen's workshop.

March 6-7 - Jane Slivka's Acrylic Impressionist Workshop --Jane consented to teach a 2nd workshop here at The Villages. Everyone in the December



class had such a good experience they requested a 2nd workshop. Jane is a former watercolorist who now works exclusively in acrylics. Her impressionistic style and stunning use of color make her one of our most popular workshop artists. A variety of subjects will be covered and the student will create at

least 2 different paintings.

Note: Jeanne Willette's collage workshop has been Postponed until sometime later this spring.

Contact the Villages Lifelong Learning College at 753-3035 to register for the above workshops. For list of supplies, see visualartsassociation.com

Joal's Travel

**WINTER PARK, FLORIDA
ART FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009**

**Bus leaves promptly at
8:30 a.m.
from Saddlebrook Rec.
Center**



1. Tour the Polasek Museum on Lake Oseola and Sculpture Garden -- Special artist (to be announced)
2. See the Art Festival and Entertainment off Central Park.
3. Lunch on your own at one of the many fine restaurants.
4. End up at the Tiffany Museum at 4:00 p.m.
5. Board the bus at 5:00 p.m. behind museum.
Plan to be home around 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 for Bus (includes refreshments and games, plus an art video).

This is a very popular trip! The first 47 people to send a check will be assured a seat on the bus.

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*Add your phone number on your check.

ART CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 2/2 - VAL meeting 9:00 am
- 2/2 - Zhen video Lake Miona 1:30 pm
- 2/5-6 - Pat Ford workshop
- 2/7 - Marion Seigel workshop
- 2/8 - Annex Show
- 2/9 - Studio tour - Mayhall & Faro
- 2/11 - AHA - Albanese
- 2/14 - ART EXTRAVAGANZA
- 2/18 - AHA - Mike Daley
- 2/22 - ARTS Around the Square
- 2/23-27 - Zhen workshop
- 2/25 - ATC's

AARP Calendar Contest

The AARP Foundation invites members to enter its 2010 calendar contest. Fourteen paintings on the theme "There's Nowhere I'd Rather Be" will be selected and exhibited at AARP's Life@50+ National Event & Expo in Las Vegas, October 22 to 24, 2009.

Contestants must be amateurs, and their painting must be original. Pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolors are eligible.

To learn more and get an entry form, go to www.aarp.org/foundation or call 1-888-687-2277 toll-free. Send the form and a photograph (color slide or JPEG file on CD) to 2010 AARP Foundation Calendar Contest, P.O. Box 93028, Long Beach, CA 90809-3028. Entries must be postmarked by June 6. Slides and CDs will not be returned.

ARTISTS STUDIO TOURS

**YOLANDA MAYHALL's STUDIO
ACCLAIMED SUMI-E (ORIENTAL) ARTIST**

and

**SHANE FARO, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN
GLASS ARTIST & SCULPTOR**

Many members of The Villages Art League had the opportunity to learn from and share with Yolanda when she did a demonstration of her work for us in June 2008.

We will visit both Yolanda's Studio and Shane's Gallery on FEBRUARY 9, 2009 (\$39 Per Person, R/T Transportation Included)
Lunch is on your own at a Local Restaurant

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