

THE VILLAGES ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER - September 7, 2009



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Diane Andrus

It's September. Some of our snowbirds are just beginning to return, and welcome! Others are still away.

Best wishes to Sheila on her wedding. While Sheila is away for the rest of the month, I have the finances, so be in touch.

A few of us set up our display easels in the lobby of the Olde Mill Theater this past weekend in honor of an independent film "Local Color." I haven't seen it yet, but plan to. What I learned in the lobby is that it's a busy place when the movies let out or admit audiences; otherwise it's nice and serene ... shall I say empty? I enjoyed chatting with the other artists. I hope we will do this again.

Enjoy Maria Wright this morning!

See you in the fall.

--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 Maria Wright



Maria will be demonstrating a unique technique using both watercolors and house paint to make a "three dimensional" work of art.

Maria was born in an art-oriented family. Her aunt was a well-known artist from the Casorati School and her mother an oil artist. Her life was enriched with opera music, strolls in the Italian countryside and the colors from her native Mogadiscio in Africa.

Her background includes: art classes in Italy; time off to raise 4 kids; art history at Florida Atlantic Univ.; drawing with Jay Scott; watercolor with Herbie Rose at Ringling School of Art; 2 yrs w/c with Joy Basher; 5 yrs w/ Jacque Clark; figure drawing with Leslie Uguccioni; and many, many workshops.

She taught watercolor in Sarasota and Osprey, Fl, as well as here in The Villages and in Ocala. Her works were accepted and sold at major exhibits at Florida Art Centers in Sarasota, Mantatee, Punta Gorda, Venice, West Palm Beach and Cocoa Beach. Many of her works are in private collections in the U.S. and Europe.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE VAL WEBSITE www.thevillagesartleague.org

**ARTIST OF THE
MONTH
Joal Litavsky**



Joal was raised in Wheaton, IL, a suburb of Chicago. Joal's art career began in 3rd grade when "a nun put a pencil in my hand" and continued into high school where she "painted Oriental murals in the gym for the prom." The cultural area surrounding the Chicago art museum had a great influence on her respect for fine works of art.

Joal's home overflows with art. Not only does Joal create beautiful landscapes, still life, portraits, etc. but she decorates porcelain sinks, matches wall tiles to shower curtains, trims vases and other artifacts, designs gift baskets, paints slats on window blinds to match wallpaper, matches chair seats to her dining room table cloth, designs and sews clothing, sketches pictures of private homes for greeting cards, faux painted 5 rooms in her home, and she even designs, plants and cares for her garden.

After marrying, Joal opened her own business, *The Chandalier* in Lake Geneva, WI, where she "brought light to the beauty of people's faces." Using her own private line of cosmetics, she taught women "basic good skin care" and helped them with make-up and wigs. "The wigs were the most fun." Later a mortician invited her to reconstruct hair into wigs which she styled for his business. Her crew was invited to do make-up and style hair for all the contestants in a Miss Wisconsin pageant. Joal's group sponsored one of the contestants and was overjoyed she won and became Miss Wisconsin.

At age 35, Joal went back to school at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellen, IL, where she studied real estate and, of course, art.

"I took every art course they offered: fashion illustration, life drawing, interior design, and even commercial art." She has saved everything from school in a portfolio and is extremely proud to have made the Dean's List every year.

Always "thinking ART" (such a small word for such a large concept) and looking everywhere for stimulation, often grabbing a napkin to make a rough sketch. She is always designing in her head .. at night she might get out of bed to put an idea on paper. Her ideas are always amazingly passionate and creative

Joal and Warren (her 2nd husband) moved to The Villages in 1998 where she became involved with the Visual Art Association as Program Chair and was secretary for The Villages Art League. She has been a member of the Ocala Art Group, Brick Center for the Arts, The Leesburg Art Association, the Mt. Dora Center for the Arts, and the Florida Watercolor Society. She is Queen Mum of the Red Hat Ladies' Society and has enjoyed taking her ladies to art museums, the beach, outdoor art shows, historic homes, etc. She plays golf, works out daily in the pool, and participates in art plein air painting, either in a group or alone. Joal has taken workshops from Judi Betts, Jean Morey, Janet Rogers, Herbie Rose, Sherill Shoening and Jane Slivka whom she introduced to The Villages when Joal was program chair 3 years ago.

Joal works in all media, sometimes combining two or more to achieve the desired effect. At present, her passion is painting with dye on silk. When she is not busy with the above, she does traveling fashion shows for Red Hatters locally and to Daytona, Ormand Beach, Orlando, Leesburg, Ocala, Sanford, Mt Dora, Dunnellin, Water Oaks, Eustis and Tavares. She has also arranged 16 trips for artists to museums, conventions and specialty art shows.

*Joal believes -- Youth is a gift of nature
Age is a work of art*

**Summer Art
Festival
Nancy Dias, Chair**



It's that time again to start thinking about the Artists' Showcase in November. Let me explain the history behind it all.

Twenty ears ago a group of Village artists got together to paint at Paradise Recreation Center. This group became the first resident-only art club, known today as The Villages Art League with over 200 members. Besides establishing regular painting sessions in the various recreation centers three times a week, the goal of the VAL is also to provide a venue where artists can display and sell their work to the general public.

The First Artists' Showcase was titled "Art in the Round" and it was held April 1999 in the Carmen Miranda Room in the Paradise Recreation Center. This year the 12th Annual Artists' Showcase will be at the Savannah Center on November 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

From one room in 1999, to all five banquet rooms and the theater room of the Savannah Center in 2009, the Artists' Showcase has grown over the years to become a major art show that is attended by many in surrounding communities.

This fine art showcase will feature original works in watercolor, oil, pastels, colored pencil, acrylics, pen and ink, and photography.

The registration for this art show is on October 10. Usually at La Hacienda, it will be at the Savannah Center this year. Please make note of the change. The time is 8:30 for VAL members with paid up dues for 2009. This is also open to all Village residents and they can register at 10:30.

There will be no lunch provided this time as there is no room available to sit and eat. The to-go boxes just didn't seem to work last year.

Tables are 8 feet and then there will be 4 feet of space for a browse box or easels. The total space is 12 feet by 5 feet. You may opt to have no table. Cash or checks for \$20 are to be made payable to VAL on registration day. Remember you can only pick one space so if you are going to be in the showcase then you can't pick for anyone else. If you are unable to be there and can't get anyone to register for you, send me your money and preferences ahead of time and after the members who are present have their picks you will be the next group in line to be assigned a space.

For those of you who are new to the VAL, there is a difference between our summer art show and this one we have in the fall. Three years ago we started the Summer Art Festival and opened up the categories of art to accommodate the many artistic interests of our members. Our fall show, the Artists' Showcase, has always been a fine art show for the 12 years we have held them. The difference between them is what makes the two shows unique and very popular.

If there are any of you who would like to get involved and join my committee, just give me a call at 751-1033.

More information about the Showcase is on the VAL web site on the art show page. www.thevillagesartleague.org

Happy Painting
Nancy

Dates to Remember

Oct 10 Registration at Savannah 8:30

Nov.28 Artists' Showcase at Savannah 9-3

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2009 and 2010

The following workshops have been scheduled for the next six months (2009) here in The Villages. Check the web site artworkshopsinthevillages.com for information on class descriptions, examples of artists' paintings, registration details, supplies, prices. etc.

2009

- 9/14 & 9/21 - Pat Ford - Experimental Art (Acrylic inks and gesso)
10/2 - Marilyn Davis - Watercolor "Painting the Wild Rose"
10/3 - Pat Ford "Christmas Apron and Placemat - Acrylics (apron and placemat furnished)
10/9 - Pat Ford "Greeting Cards and Gift Bags"
10/28-31 - Sue Archer - Watercolor
11/4-6 - Charles Gruppe "Controlled Impressionism" Oils or Acrylics
11/9-13 - Karen Knutson - Watercolor
11/19-20 - Judi Adams - Using New fluid acrylics as watercolor
12/3-5 - Maxine Masterfield "Experimental Watercolor (closed)

To register for any of the above classes, contact The Villages Lifelong Learning College at 352-753-3035.

The following workshops are scheduled for 2010. You will be able to register for these some time in November.

- 1/11-15 & 1/16-17 - Karlyn Holman - Watercolor
1/18 - Pat Ford - Oil/acrylics - Florals
1/25-26 - Lynn Ferris - Watercolor - Figures
1-5 John Salminen - Watercolor "Abstract by Design"
1/29-30 - Judi Adams - Experimental Drawing
2/15 - Pat Ford - Oil/acrylic - Florals
2/15-18 - Kristy Kutch - Colored Pencil
2/8-12 - Don Andrews - Watercolor
2/22 - Pat Ford - Oil/Acrylics - Quick, unusual small paintings
2/25-26 - Mark Polomchak - Watercolor
3/1-5 - Lian Zhen Watercolor, Traditional
3/6-7 - Lian Zhen -Watercolor, Chinese
3/8 - Pat Ford - Oil/Acrylic - Florals
3/15-16 - Pat Ford - Oil/Acrylic - Painting with Knives
3/15-18 - Rose Edin- Watercolor
4/7-8 - Lynn Ferris - Watercolor "Light and Shadow"
4/12-13- Anne Abgott "Daring Color"
4/17 Carol Hickman - Watercolor "In Your Face Florals"
4/22-24 - Sue Connor - "Watercolor Not to Worry"

Check out the website
www.artworkshopsinthevillages.com

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP "Bits and Pieces of the Wild Rose" Friday, October 2

MARILYN F. DAVIS

A relaxed atmosphere will prevail in this one-day floral workshop. In the morning, we will discover how you arrive at the finished painting by working on the individual elements separately and then combining them into a pleasing design. Different views, backgrounds and placement of leaves, flowers and stems will



be presented as well as composition. Then it's on to painting! You will leave with a finished piece of art, ready to design your own! For the timid, a composition for you to trace will be provided.

You can see more of Marilyn's art work at her website www.marilynfdavis.com If you have questions, e-mail her at marv.marilyn@yahoo.com. To register, contact the college at 753-3035. (course #2449.501) \$45-55

Having Fun With Watercolor Linda Hammons

Linda will be introducing you to the work of many of our upcoming workshop artists. There are many new artists as well as some of those here in the past. These will be held at the Hibiscus Rec. Center, Thurs. 1-4 pm. Dates 8/27; 9/17; 10/1&15; 11/19 and 12/10&17. (\$2 donation).

GO AHEAD TOURS (PARIS CITY STAY)

Joal is planning another excursion to Paris in 2010. We will fly to Paris on May 8 (9-day trip). Paris is one of Europe's most romantic and elegant capitals. Enjoy exploring its many wonders. Leave plenty of time for a stop at an intimate café. We will have plenty of time to see any of the 38 museums.

Tour Charges:

Flight (Orlando Airport)-----	000
Paris City Stay - Room (twin)---	\$2,404
Departure - taxes and fees	<u>140</u>
Total-----	\$2,554

The following items are included in the price:

- *Round-trip air*
- *Service of bilingual tour director*
- *Licenses local city guide in Paris*
- *7 night's accommodations in comfortable well-located hotel with twin beds and private bath or shower.*
- *All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling and local taxes*
- *Buffet breakfast daily*
- *Private deluxe motor coach*
- *Go Ahead Travel Bag and membership in our World Traveler Club.*

Travel insurance can be purchased (\$219)
Deposit (\$300)

Check the website:
<http://joallitavsky.grouptoursite.com>

For other information, contact Joal Litavsky
259-0459

Festival of the Masters Special Event at Downtown Disney

Joal is again planning our third bus trip to the Disney Festival of the Masters. This will be on Sunday, November 15th (cost = \$20.00).

The inspiring Festival of the Masters is a complimentary open-air Art Festival featuring 150 award-winning artists. This Festival is a nationally recognized show rated among the country's best outdoor festivals. It is one of the most sought after shows among artists, art collectors and art lovers alike.

Lunch will be on your own. The bus will leave Saddlebrook Recreation Center at 8:00 a.m. and will return by 5:00 p.m.

If planning to attend the Festival, send a \$20 check to Joal Litavsky, 1004 Sierra Blanka Ct., Lady Lake, FL 32159.

ARTIST TRADING CARDS

The ATC group will meet on Sept 9th & 23rd to create and trade Cards. ATCs are miniature pieces of art measuring 2.5" X3.5". Please feel free to stop by and see what this is all about if you are interested no fees involved.

This is open to all Village Artists, beginners and experienced. We meet twice a month (the second and fourth Wed of the month) at the Mulberry Recreation Center at 12:30 in the Freedom Room.

For more information contact Margie Picard
[750-1965](tel:750-1965) .

Villages Art League Bank Exhibits

Contact Julie McGlone (750-1068) if you are interested in displaying your art at the Colonial or Wachovia banks on 466; contact Pat Claunch to display your art at Citizens Bank on 466.

Thanks for Volunteering

We thank Ginny Vollmers and Leilani Devries for the refreshments for today's meeting.

AHA (Artists Helping Artists) Schedule

2009

- 9/16 - Mike Daley - Fundamentals of Oil Painting II
- 10/7 - Julie McGlone - Canada Goose Nesting
- 11/18 - Gene Rizzo - Creating Amazing Sunsets with Watercolor
- 12/16 - Jeanne Willette - Watercolor

2010

- 1/20 - Irene Wantroba - Texture in Watercolor
- 2/17 - Nan Kline - Portraits using Caran D'Ache Pencils
- 3/17 - Rebecca Schwartz - How to Paint a Variety of Edges
- 4/21 - Donna Caputo - Watercolor and Colored Pencils
- 5/19 - Bill Main - Watercolor Landscapes
- 6/16 - To Be Announced

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following artists who joined the VAL at the Aug meeting: Donna Becker, Lielani Devries, Isabel Eddy, Diane Fein, Helen Poor and Ginya Vollmers.

Art History

"Everything you wanted to Know About Art but Didn't Know Who to Ask"

This is a special event being brought to us by the Lifelong Learning College by the Curator of Education from the Orlando Museum of Art, Jan Clanton. These will be held at Lake Miona. Check the college catalog for details and prices.

- 10/6 - Masters and Muses: Velaquez and Manet
- 10/20 - American Visions: Norman Rockwell 1894-1978
- 11/3 - American Visions: Edward Hopper, 1882-1967
- 11/17 - American Visions: Andrew Wyeth. 1917-2009
- 12/1 - Women in Art: O'Keefe, Nevelson and Neel
- 12/8 - Discover the Orlando Museum of Art (1-day bus trip)

Call the college at 352-753-3035 to register.

Calendar for September

- 9/7 - VAL mtg**
- 9/9 - ATC**
- 9/14 - Workshop - Pat Ford**
- 9/16 - AHA Mike Daley**
- 9/17 - Wksp - Linda Hammons**
- 9/18 - VAA & B.D.Beans**
- 9/21 - Workshop - Pat Ford**
- 9/21-27 - FWC Convention**
- 9/23 - ATC**
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