The Villages Art League Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS
Susan Evans and Fran Naughton

Hello Fellow Painters, Well, our big Summer Art Festival is coming up on July 10th. All of the 60 tables have been assigned and Rebecca Schwartz is busy getting all of her ducks in a row to make the show a success. I am sure it will be wonderful.

If you are going to be around and aren't in the show, please speak to Rebecca about helping out with the hospitality for the show, giving artists a break or handling out brochures, or talk to Shirley Marks about helping out at the raffle table. You may want to draw the models, which should be an interesting part of the show. People love to watch us do our thing! We still need people to help make the show run as smoothly as possible.

'I will be there sharing a table with BJ Baden, first time selling stuff. I am also going to draw the live models and help out with

hospitality. I told Susan I'm going to wear roller-blades. Hope to see you there. Enjoy today's program, and

'Happy painting!

~ Fran Naughton

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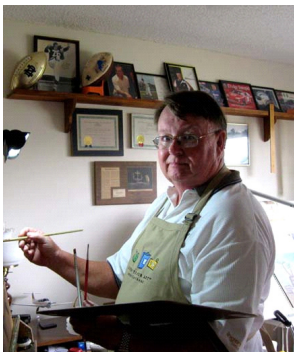
PROGRAM FOR JULY MEETING

This months demonstration will be by **Mike Daley**



Mike received his formal training at the Cleveland Institute of Art and the University Of Toledo School Of Design. He was taught how to do automotive illustrations by his cousin, renowned Automotive Illustrator, Bill Kuhlman

Mike is a past member of Spectrum Fine Art, the International Society of Small Paintings, Golf Illustrators of America, Toledo Artist Club, TILE Club, Palette Club, The Visual Arts Association and The Villages Art League.

Today, Mike will do a Landscape demo in Interactive Acrylics. He will explain how to use photographs as reference material

VAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday—9 AM to 12 Noon

Fox Glove Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Thursday—1 PM to 5 PM

Arts & Crafts Room, Mulberry Recreation Center

Saturday—8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Charlie Chaplin Room, Paradise Recreation Center

Nancy Dias Artist of the Month, July 2010

Nancy moved to The Villages from Rhode Island with her husband Wally in 2002 and spent the next few months decorating their home. Throughout her lifetime she had always indicated a desire to take art classes when she found the time.

Finally in January of 2003 she got the nerve to walk into Saddlebrook Recreational Center to explore a watercolor class being taught by Laura Miller. Things started happening fast. Nancy started beginner watercolor classes with Jan Ramsey and along with the Saturday workshops at Paradise, and the Monday session at Saddlebrook, she was hooked, painting every day.

In October of 2003 the Villages Charter Schools conducted a contest called Romeo's Roundup Art Exhibit held at Spanish Springs Town Square. Nine out of 130 paintings submitted by Villages artists were selected to adorn the walls of the new Villages Charter High School, one of those "Butterscotch Baby" was a painting by Nancy.

In addition to the painting selected, Nancy created two other buffalo themed paintings, one was purchased by the Villages Daily Sun and donated to the Villages Charter

High School and the third was donated to the schools by Nancy, she now has three of her artworks hanging in the Charter Schools where her grandchildren attend.

The Villages Art League was the first art group she joined and later when she felt comfortable enough to enter competitions she joined the Visual Arts Association which Nancy served as vice president for two years.

Nancy started displaying her artwork at the VAL Artists' Showcase in 2004 and enjoys the VAA Artists' Round the Square held 4 times a year. At all of these events sharing her art with the public is one of her most rewarding experiences.

Nancy joined Peter Hawes as co-chair of the Artists' Showcase in 2006. Planning and organizing the art shows was a challenge and very rewarding, so much so that Nancy started the first Summer Art Festival in 2007 and chaired both art shows every year for 3 years.

Nancy is an award winning artist in every medium she paints in, watercolor, pen & ink, acrylic and pastel.

Painting has become Nancy's passion, and whenever possible has taken classes and workshops to learn and grow as an artist. The classes she loves the most challenge creativity and originality. Most days you will find Nancy in her studio sketching and painting. Her inspirations come from everywhere, trying to see the world differently and looking for interesting angles or unique perspectives and pushing herself to try something challenging and new.

Although Nancy concentrates on drawing and painting, once she has created a piece, the image is transferred to note cards, which are marketed at local craft and art shows, and on line at her web site www.nancydias.com.

In addition to the rewards of seeing ones imagination come to life on paper, painting has shown her a new way of looking at the world and allowed Nancy to meet new friends who share their passion and knowledge of art.

Nancy feels very fortunate to have her daughter Shannon, son in law Dan, and grandchildren Jocelyn and Zachary living close by. In Nancy's own words, "I feel blessed; life doesn't get any better than this".

VAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **July 2 Last Registration Day for Summer Art Festival 8:30 am—10 am at Lake Miona**
- **July 5 VAL Meeting 9am at Saddlebrook Rec. Center (bring art donations for Summer Art Festival to meeting)**
- **July 14 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry**
- **July 16 VAA Meeting**
- **July 28 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry**
- **AHA Workshops will resume in September**

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- Attention all Oil Painters and those interested in learning oils; starting Wednesday June 16th and the third Wednesday of every month thereafter, join in the ***"Paint In"*** at the Mulberry Recreation Center craft room from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Work on your own subject or paint along with Mike Daley and Roger Sherman. For questions contact Mike Daley at 753-5987

- ***Splash With Us***-- a transparent watercolor class-- meets Wednesdays 9:30-12 at Colony Cottage and every Monday except the first Monday of the month - 1:30-3:30. Stop by to see what we are up to! Call Julie McGlone at 750-1068 or e-mail: mcglone72@hotmail.com to register

- Interested in a **Carol Ann Sherman 'Watercolor Skillet Batik' Workshop**? 2 days July 27-28, $69,. Call College to register, 352 753-3035 **This one is open to all, resident or non resident!** www.carolannsherman.com

FALL WORKSHOPS 2010—THE VILLAGES——Registration begins in May, 2010

Pat Weaver, Watercolors
3 days Fee: P$240 R$245 G$250
La Reina Classroom Suite 301, Spanish Springs Town Center
9am-4:30pm

Pat, former president of the Florida Watercolor Society, is an internationally known watercolor instructor, author, and artist skilled in not only landscape and florals, but known also for her portraits of animals and people. She has a direct, spontaneous approach to painting in watercolor. She will teach you the building blocks, with morning demos, you need to paint the subject you personally select and then help you complete that painting. Each student will create their own unique art. Students are always anxious for her return and all levels of student are welcome. Please visit her website www.patweaver.net

Course #2030.301 W-F: Oct. 27-Oct. 29

Charles Harrington, Acrylic Painting Workshop "The Amazing Versatility of the Medium"
4 days, 9am-4:30pm Fee: P$320 R$325 G$330
La Reina Classroom, Suite 301, Spanish Springs Town Center

This workshop will focus on the use of acrylics to gain the technical and aesthetic advantages offered by this versatile medium while retaining the aesthetics of traditional media such as watercolor and oils. The acrylic techniques presented will combine transparent, translucent, and opaque applications on a variety of surfaces, including paper, canvas, and gesso primed panels. Class activities will include daily demonstrations and as much one-on-one interaction between individual students and the instructor as time allows. www.charlesharrington.com

Course #2031.301, M-Th: Nov. 8-11, 2010

Carol Frye www.carolfrye.com
2 days 9am-4:30pm Fee: P$151 R$156 G$161
La Reina Classroom Suite 301, Spanish Springs Town Center
Day 1, Dec 1st

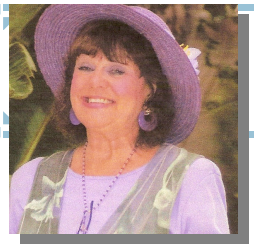
A Brief Brush with Watercolor Gouache -Paint furnished! We will talk about the new Acrylic Gouache as well!

Focusing on an abstract approach, layering color, and creating visual textures. Instruction will include a simplified approach to nonrepresentational abstracts, for student of all levels.

Day 2, Dec. 2
Acrylic/Oil/Gouache, 'A Brief Brush of Color on Canvas'

Playing with palm trees and tropical color can open a wide range of possibilities for painters. We will take a slightly abstract approach to nature, creating strong values and complimentary colors that seem to "pop".

Course #2434.301 W/Th: Dec. 1-Dec. 2



JOAL'S TRAVELS

15 Day Spring Trip
April 7, 2011
The Best of France & Italy

- *Round-trip air transportation with a major airline and airport transfers*
- *The services of a Go Ahead Tour Director*
- *A licensed local city guide in Aix-en-Provence, Arles, Florence, Pitti Palace and Siena.*
- *11 nights accommodations in well-located hotels*
- *All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling and local taxes*
- *Buffet breakfast (B) daily; 1 lunch (L); 4 three-course dinners, including wine or beer (D)*
- *Private deluxe motor-coach and high-speed TGV train transfer from Paris to Provence*
- *Guided sightseeing and entrance fees to select sights as described.*

Sightseeing Highlights

- *Tour Director-led walk of the Parisian markets. Aix (Paul Cézanne); Arles (Van Gough); Florence (David)*
- *Cruise Cassis coastal cliffs*
- *Stop at Perfume factory*
- *A night in Nice*
- *Italian Riviera stop in Cinque Terre*
- *Wine tasting in the Chianti region*
- *Guided walking tour of Siena*
- *Bus tour of Rome*

Anyone who signs up by July 7th can receive an excursion to Marseilles or a Tuscan dinner for free (a $90 value).

Joal will have flyers at the July meeting. For prices and more information, you can call 1-800-242-4686 and mention group #57770169 or call Joal at 259-0459.

Friday, July 16th—Summer Trip
Discover Deland

- *Museum of Florida Art & Woman's Art Museum—Docent Tour*
- *Historical Museum—The Story of Florida in Paintings You will see ten murals in town.*
- *Go to Henry DeLand House Museum*
- *Lunch on your own at many landmark restaurants in a lovely, quaint town. More details on bus.*
- *Bus treats and liquid refreshment*
- *Video and games with great prizes All for $35*
- *Bus leaves Saddlebrook at 8:30 AM—Home by 6 PM*

(352)259-0459 EMAIL: JOWAR43@CS.COM

For additional information check out:

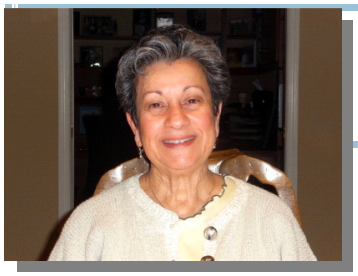
http://joallitavsky.grouptoursite.com/groups/JOALLATAVSKY.ASPX

The above summer trip to Deland is in jeopardy for lack of participants.
12 people have signed up (we may carpool) .This would be the first trip in 8 years we've had to cancel. Unless we get at least 15 more people no later than June 30th, the trip will regretfully be a "no go"

If you would like to go, I need your check (with your phone number in my hands by June 30th the latest.

ARTISTS' TRADING CARDS

The Art Trading Card group will meet on Weds. July 14th and the 28th in the Freedom Room at Mulberry Rec Center at 12:30. We will get together to create and trade cards. I will have stamps available at the meeting on the 28th for those of you who wish to have one to stamp the back of your cards. All village artists are welcome to come and see what we are all about. There is no fee involved, just bring your art supplies and come and have fun. I have traded for cards all over the world and have about 700 pieces of original art. *For information, please contact Margie Picard at 750-1965 or* ***watercolorsbyme@yahoo.com.***



SUMMER ART FESTIVAL

Date: July 10

9 am to 3 pm

Lake Miona Recreation Center

The VAL had its registration for the Summer Art Festival on June 12 and it was a great success. My thanks go out to Nancy Dias and her committee who worked that day to help make it run smoothly.

We sold out all tables and have a waiting list until July 2. Please call me at 352/450-1964 if you want your name to go on the waiting list.

We are still in great need of Art Donations for the Door prize and Raffles that are awarded all day long. Please get in touch with Shirley Marks at 391-5943, and bring them with you to our July 7 monthly meeting.

We are still in need of Volunteers to work on the Art Festival Day. Call Barbara Nelson at 430-2965, or Carolyn Hemphill at 751-1118. Please volunteer if you are not in the show, and help your fellow artists. You can volunteer for half the day if you like, and you'll have a lot of fun!

All the information you need to be in the Summer Art Festival has been given to you at registration and is also available on our web site. If there are any questions please give me a call.

Remember to put your parking pass on your car dash and after you unload you can park on the side of the building by the pool. Come in by the back door.

Remember to tell your friends and neighbors to mark down the date and attend the show, and distribute the flyers that advertise this show.
See you all at the Summer Art Festival!

Very truly yours,

~ Rebecca

SUMMER ART FESTIVAL RULES

Parking is in a designated area. Place your parking pass on your car dash .You will be allowed to unload, then you must move your car to the designated parking area.

Doors will open at 7:30am for set up and all packing, carts, boxes, etc., must be removed from the premises or stored completely out of sight under the table by 8:30am.

Tables must be covered with a cloth that will conceal any boxes or materials you store underneath.

Tables/spaces may not be moved or changed by participants. Names/numbers may not be removed from the tables. No exceptions.

Aisles can not be blocked. Nothing may be placed in front of the tables or against the walls or protrude outside of your designated space to either side or front, infringing on the space of another.

Spaces will be 12'x 6' with three options. You may have one 6' table and 6' of space; two 6' tables; or open space. Spaces without tables may have as many easels/browse boxes as will fit neatly **inside** the space of 12' x 6', as shown on the floor plan.

All VAL members must have Village Art League labels with artist name and price.

All work must be your own original art. Painting, sculpture, photography, wood, glass, and china painting are permitted.

BREAK DOWN STARTS AT 3 P.M. AND NOT BEFORE. It is disruptive to others and we ask that you wait until the festival is over.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
JoAnne Hall
Linda Back

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR VALWEBSITE AT:
WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG

VAL now has a Facebook page!

To join, go to ***Facebook.com***, then Search for: ***The Villages Art League***.

FMWA - 100 N. Woodland Blvd. Suite 1, DeLand, Fl 32720
Museum Hours: Tue-Thurs 11am-6pm, Fri-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 1pm-5pm.
www.FloridaMuseumforWomenArtists.org

For more information, please contact Kathryn Peterson, Executive Director (386) 873-2976 or KPeterson@FloridaMuseumforWomenArtists.org

Executive Committee:

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Showcase/Art Festival	*Rebecca Schwartz*	
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VAL BANK EXHIBITS

If you are interested in displaying your art:
For Citizens Bank on 466
Contact Diane Andrus—751-4824
July—Linda Hammons' work is on display

Wachovia Bank is no longer displaying art at their branches.