The Villages Art League Newsletter

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

Hi Everyone!

Fran and I want to wish you a Happy New Year. We wish you the best of everything. We hope you find inspiration, and creativity and joy in what you do.

Our club will be busy this year with our many trips and painting opportunities. We hope you find time to come to Saddlebrook on Mondays, Mullberry on Thursdays and Paradise on Saturdays. These are great places to paint and find new friends in The Villages.

We also want to remind everyone that we are in need of a new Programs Chairman come February. Rebecca is retiring so that she can paint more and she will help anyone who would like the job. Thank you, Rebecca, for a job well done.

Don't forget to pick up any paintings from the Sweet Shop Jan 7. It's a great place for the outside world to

view and sell your paintings.

Fond regards to all artists,

Happy painting!

~ Susan Evans

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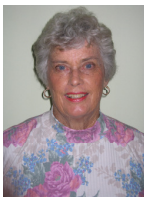
PROGRAM FOR JANUARY MEETING



Nancy Larkin
ABOUT THE ARTIST

Nancy is a native Floridian, the granddaughter of an accomplished artist whom Nancy claims as her major influence. She has studied with many known teachers nationwide and abroad and in recent years has traveled with plein air friends to paint in Mexico, Greece, France, and Ireland.

Nancy likes bright colors and humorous subjects. She is a member of the Florida Watercolor Society, charter past president of the Central Florida Watercolor Society, and is a signature member of the Tallahassee Watercolor Society, where she

took first place in their juried Tri-State competition in 2008. She has won several local awards and is a popular teacher of the batik/wax method of making watercolor greeting cards.

MAKE YOUR OWN GREETING CARDS!

A "NEW LOOK" for Watercolor. I teach the Batik method, using hot wax and rice papers.

Any questions, call Rebecca at 352-450-1964.

VAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday—9 AM to 12 Noon

Fox Glove Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Thursday—1 PM to 5 PM

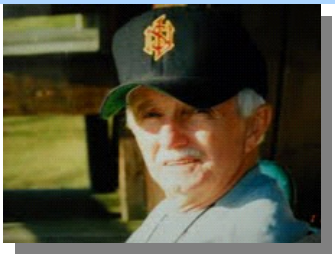
Arts & Crafts Room, Mulberry Recreation Center

Saturday—8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Charlie Chaplin Room, Paradise Recreation Center

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." - Scott Adams

JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH—EDWIN EAKINS



I was born and raised in Walhonding, a small (120 pop.), rural village in NE Ohio, complete with a one-room schoolhouse. A good time was spending hours drawing action figures on scrap paper. On a trip to the county fair, I remember an artist painting and selling colorful landscapes. At home I tried to duplicate one from memory and my proud parents framed the result which hung in our living room for years. Later I discovered I had painted the mountains and foreground trees with the sun shining in opposite directions. Lesson learned.

After high school, a part-time job via a friend at WBNS-TV in Columbus, Ohio, led to my working on the floor crew and attending The Ohio State University, first majoring in Engineering, then Fine Arts. While I enjoyed the art classes I was unable to envision a career in commercial art. I dropped out, was picked up by Uncle Sam and spent two years in the artillery in communications. While there, I authored a cartoon character for our battalion newspaper who often spoofed military traditions. I returned to Columbus and WBNS-TV and became a producer-director, at the same time majoring in broadcasting at OSU. Frequent trips to the station's commercial department resulted in my marriage to Sandra in 1963. Son Jay and daughter Robin quickly followed. Our one and only granddaughter, Abby, loves to draw and is becoming quite an artist.

Back at WBNS-TV, art led me into promotion and for three years as promotion manager, creating print, on-air and sales promotion for our top-rated CBS affiliate. In 1966 I graduated with a BS in Education.

The '70s brought a move to public television as director of programming for Ohio Educational Broadcasting, coordinating statewide programming for twelve affiliate PBS stations. I heard about a fellow who was teaching some evening oil painting classes. He got me back on track and was the motivation for the painting of *"Shotgun"*, my dad, which was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair.

In the '80s it was back to live television with Warner Cable in Cincinnati. As director of programming with a staff of forty, we did fifteen hours of live shows each week plus specials such as the ATP Tennis Championships and the Cincinnati Regatta National Rowing Championship.

While doing research for the Regatta, I came across the brilliant rowing artwork of Thomas Eakins which was a kick start back to oil painting and classes at the Art Academy of Cincinnati. My painting instructor taught the method of the old masters, layering color over a monochrome value painting. I still like its ability to provide success at each step of composition, value and color. *"Aggie"* was a Vietnamese model in our class.

I have been blessed with teachers and mentors who shared with me their talent and skills in photography, art, work ethic and character.

After retiring from Time Warner, we moved to The Villages. It's been a great experience and I'm happy to be associated with its strong art organizations and talented artists.

Edwin Eakins
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VAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Jan. 3 VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook**
- **Jan. 12 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry**
- **Jan. 12 AHA Workshop Seabreeze Rec. Center**
- **Jan. 19 Oil Painters-Mulberry Rec. Center**
- **Jan. 21 VAA Meeting at Hacienda**
- **Jan. 26 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry**

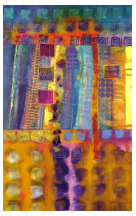
Splash With Us-- a transparent watercolor class meets Wednesdays 9:30-12 at Colony Cottage and every Monday except the first Monday of the month - 1:30-3:30. Stop by to see what we are up to! ***Call Julie McGlone at 750-1068 or e-mail: mcglone72@hotmail.com to register***

The VAA Oil Painters meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Mulberry Recreation Center from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Work on your own subject or paint along with Mike Daley and Roger Sherman, who will be available for assistance.. ***Call Mike Daley for any questions, 352-753-5987***

Colored Pencil Workshops meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Laurel Manor Rec. Center from 9-11 am with Nan Klein instructing.

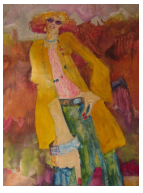
WINTER WORKSHOPS 2011—THE VILLAGES

Karlyn Holman Watercolor, *www.karlynholman.com*
5-days Fee: P$315 R$320 G $325 Filling quickly, have a few seats left, call now!
2-days Fee: P$140 R$145 G $150 About 10 seats left, call now.
La Reina Classroom
Suite 301 9am-4:30pm
2029.401 M-F: Jan. 3-Jan. 7 (5-day)
2029.402 Sa/Su: Jan. 8- Jan. 9 (2-day)



Sherrill Kahn Painting Pizzazz! Workshop
www.impressmenow.com
2 days Fee: P$140 R$145 G $150
La Reina Classroom Suite 301, 9am-3pm
2389.401 F/Sa: Jan. 21- Jan. 22

Pat Ford, Painting with the Knife
www.patfordart.com
2 days Fee: P$80 R$85 G$90
La Reina Classroom
Suite 301 9am-4pm
2176.401 M/Tu: Jan. 24- Jan. 25

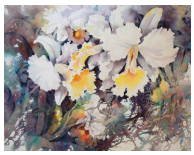


Carol Ann Sherman Workshop
www.carolannsherman.com
3 day Fee: P$128 R$133 G $138
La Reina Classroom Suite 301 *9am-4:30pm*
2036.401 F/Sa/Su: Jan. 28- Jan. 30

Lynn Ferris, Elements of Landscape Workshop

www.lynnferris.com
2 days Fee: P $107 R $112 G $117
La Reina Classroom Suite 301 9 am-4pm
2463.401 M/Tu: Feb. 14- Feb. 15

Lynn Ferris Painting Water Workshop
www.lynnferris.com
2 days Fee: P $107 R $112 G $117
La Reina Classroom Suite 301 9 am-4pm
2464.401 W/Th: Feb. 16- Feb. 17



Lian Zhen Watercolor Workshop
www.lianspainting.com
2 days Fee: P$138 R $143 G$148
La Reina Classroom Suite 301 *9am-4 pm*
2031.401 Tu/W/Th: March 1-March 3

Kristy Kutch Art Workshop
http://www.artshow.com/kutch/
2-days Fee: P$133 R$138 G$143
1-day Fee: P$67 R$72 G$77
La Reina Classroom
Suite 301 *9am-4:30pm*
Wax-Based Colored Pencil Workshop
2032.401 M/Tu: March 7- March 8 (2-day)

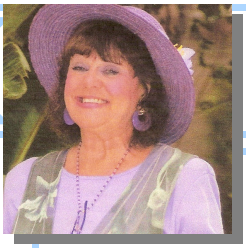
Dip Into Water soluble Drawing!
2032.403 W/Th: March 9-10 (2-day)
What's New in Colored Pencil Surfaces?
2032.402 F: March 11 (1-day)

Betty Carr Art Workshops
www.bettycarrfineart.com/
2-day Fee: P$125 R$130 G$135
3-day Fee: P$188 R$193 G$198
La Reina Classroom Suite 301 9-4:30pm

***Oil* 2 day**
Sa/Su: March 19-March 20 (2-day)

***Watercolor* 3 day**
M/Tu/W: March 21- March 23 (3-day)

"Poor is the pupil who does not surpass his master."
Leonardo da Vinci



JOAL'S TRAVELS

Winter Trip

"But it's warmer farther South!"

Bus trip March 3rd:

Salvador Dali; Madman or Genius??
Brand new museum - Starbucks Coffee & Donuts -
plus Curator- Lunch on your own

Henry B. Plant Museum
"Florida's First Magic Kingdom
Educational Exhibits & Events
The beginning of Florida's Tourist Industry

Includes: Bus transportation, Snacks, Entrance Fees to 2 Museums, Starbucks Coffee & Donuts, Curator
All for $50.00!

Bus leaves Saddlebrook at 7:45 AM
Returns Saddlebrook at 6:00 PM

Send your checks
(including your phone number & address) to:
:Joal Litavsky
1004 Sierra Blanca Ct.
The Villages, Fl 32159
352-259-0459

15 Day Spring Trip
April 7, 2011
The Best of France & Italy
For more information, call 1-800-242-4686 Mention group #57770169 or

Call Joal at 259-0459.

EMAIL: JOWAR43@CS.COM

For additional information check out:

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

AHA WORKSHOPS

The Visual Arts Association (VAA) announced that the next Artist Helping Artists (AHA) Program on Wednesday, January 12, will feature award-winning pastel artist, Walt Roman. We are fortunate to have someone with Walt's experience and talent lead the AHA program. He currently presides over weekly portrait painting sessions at the Pimlico Rec Center and also teaches classes in pastel painting for the Lifelong Learning College. Using a good photograph of a male model, Walt will be demonstrating his approach towards painting a finished portrait using soft pastels. The program will be held starting at 12:30 pm at Sea Breeze Recreation Center. The reference photo and supply list is posted on the VAA web site: www.thevisualartsassociation.com in the AHA Section. A donation to help defray the expenses of the guest artist is suggested.
Please call Frank Zampardi for additional information, 352-753-8770

ARTISTS' TRADING CARDS

The Art Trading Card **group (ATC)** will meet on Weds. Jan. 12 and Jan. 26 in the Freedom Room at Mulberry Recreation Center at 12:30 pm. Any Village residents are welcome to stop by and see what it is all about and we always meet on the 2nd and 4th Wed of the month. We create miniature pieces of art (2.5" x 3.5") and trade with each other plus some of us belong to groups online that we trade with. By doing this you have original art from various artists and from all over the world. ***For more information call Margie Picard 750-1965***

VAA Collage and Fiber Arts Workshop

Jane Millar is starting a free Collage and Fiber Arts Workshop on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3pm at Mulberry Grove. This is not a class, but there will be some guidance. Participants will be sharing the room with Margie Picard's Art Trading Cards Workshop, and everyone is encouraged, if so desired, to move back and forth between the two groups.

For the first meeting on January 12, experienced collage artists are invited to bring examples of their art to share, a table covering, and their supplies. Beginners may wish to just listen, observe, and take notes but are also welcome to plunge right in and start a project.

There will always be a table of freebies and equipment members are willing to share but don't want to give away. All participants are invited to bring giveaways to each meeting. Suggestions include old magazines with good quality pictures suitable for collage; fabric scraps, cheesecloth or gauze; thread and fiber scraps; small hardware scraps; old books pages may be torn from; old letters, photos, newspaper clippings, and handwritten notes; interesting papers such as gift wrap, tissue, and wallpaper; foil wraps and other clean metallic 'trash;' string, yarn, ribbon, buttons,; plastic cling wrap and bubble wrap; and rock salt. Please do not bring giveaways that contain the recognizable images or personal information about any living persons (public figures are usually considered an exception).

Suggestions for equipment you may wish to share but not give away include: iron and portable ironing board, hair dryer, other heating tools, rubber stamps, stencils, jar lids, ruler, old combs, etc. Please put your name on your equipment.

Beginners and others who want to start a project the first day may check out Jane's art blog at mindfulartist.wordpress.com on December 7 for a list of basic supplies.

All members are invited to demo techniques and share their knowledge. We will be learning from each other.

If you have questions, contact Jane Millar at selrahcnewrad@yahoo.com.

WORKSHOPS

Pen and Ink Workshops share the same time and place with the Colored Pencil Workshops at Laurel Manor.

Sketching Made Easy held on Sats. At 9 am at Saddlebrook Rec. Center.

Figure Drawing Workshop held 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 9:30am at the Pimlico Rec. Center

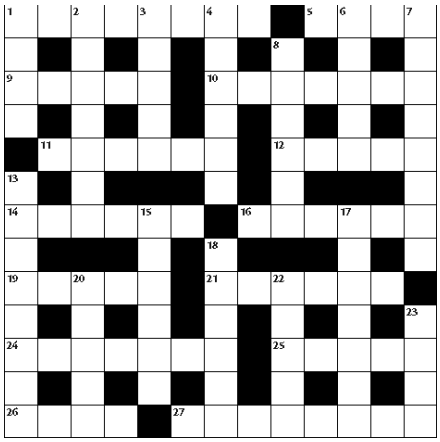
Fine Arts Painting meets 1-3pm each Tues. at Paradise Center. Contact Ellen Reinhart 430-1985

The Art Studio meets every Thurs. 9-noon at Colony Cottage. Contact Judi Adams 2870-316-1282

Playing With Watercolors—Hibiscus Rec. Center each Thurs. 1:00pm.

Wet 'N Wild Watercolors Group—Saddlebrook Rec. Center each Sat. 12:00noon.

The Artist's Magazine Crossword Puzzle #19



ACROSS
1 ___ da Vinci
5 Figurative painter Fischl
9 Parisian river
10 Having little color
11 Rembrandt is an Old ___
12 Printmaker Albrecht __
14 Maxims
16 One in a ___
19 Strikingly bright
21 A High Renaissance painter
24 A society portraitist
25 Like Grandma Moses?
26 Exhibition
27 Private

DOWN
1 The ___ wax method
2 Art of paper folding
3 Representative
4 Benefactors
6 More unusual
7 Matisse is considered a great ___
8 Small pool of water
13 "Wild beasts"
15 Rose ___
17 Giorgio de Chirico's nationality
18 Rodin's work
20 Grandma Moses's sign
22 Variations in a color
23 Strip off

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Phyllis Speicher

Karen Wink

Answers to puzzle on page 5:
ACROSS
1. LEONARDO, 5. ERIC, 9. SEINE, 10. NEUTRAL, 11. MASTER, 12. DURER, 14. AXIOMS, 16. SERIES, 19. VIVID, 21. TITIAN, 24. SARGENT, 25. NAIVE, 26. SHOW and 27. PERSONAL.

DOWN
1. LOST, 2. ORIGAMI, 3. AGENT, 4. DONORS, 6. RARER, 7. COLORIST, 8. PUDDLE, 13. FAUVISTS, 15. MADDER, 17. ITALIAN, 18. STATUE, 20. VIRGO, 22. TINTS and 23. PEEL.

SOMETHING SWEET GALLERY

The Visual Arts Association, The Village Art League and Wet & Wild invite you to visit ***the "Something Sweet Gallery"*** at 998 Bichara Blvd. to view their show.

Friday, Jan. 7, 2011—Pick up hanging pictures and Deliver New ones. 9 a.m.

Work will hang until April 28, 2011.

Call "Freddie" Venturoni (259-2577) before Wed. Jan. 5th to get on the list.

There will be a $5.00 hanging fee payable to Freddie Venturoni - when you bring your new pictures in.

There will be a Reception that same day. Hope you will all try to attend. Last time we had 31 paintings. The more the merrier. Bring your friends & relatives!!

Also: There will be a Polo Art Show, Sunday March 20, 2011.

Start thinking about Polo things!!

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***.

Executive Committee:

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VAL BANK EXHIBITS

If you are interested in displaying your art:
At Citizens Bank on 466
Contact Diane Andrus—751-4824

Diane Robbins work is on display for January

THANK YOU TO
THE VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDED THE REFRESHMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING