

# The Villages Art League Newsletter

May 1, 2011

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

*H*ello to all artists!

*I* hope your holiday was a good one and all your company safely returned to home. This will be my last letter until November as I will be at my cottage in Maine and on a trip to Scandinavian countries where I hope to paint some landscapes which surely will be unusual to Floridians.

*O*ur very fun friend and co-president, Fran will be taking over and writing to you with all our art news each month. If you are

away read about our club on the internet.

*O*ur Artist of the Month is Kathy Enos, a talented new artist who's colored pencil paintings are lovely.

*I* hope you will enjoy the trip to Ringling as it is a place full of beauty and history. It is not to be missed.

*I* will miss you all but, will be in touch via Fran and Catherine our newspaper editor. Have a great and healthy summer.



*Consternation is a blank canvas,*

*~Susan Evans*



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### PROGRAM FOR MAY MEETING—

Jeanne Willette and Viv Chaska, from the Villages, will do a demo on the "splash watercolor paintings with colored pencil drawings" layered on top. They will have some mixed media to show as examples of the watercolor process.

*If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Speicher at (352) 391-5967*

### 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

## MAY ARTIST OF THE MONTH—



*B*efore moving to the Villages in the spring of 2006 I owned and managed a private investigations company in Ft Worth, Texas . Most of my cases involved criminal investigations for the courts and attorneys. I worked numerous high profile cases over the years, some of which were aired on Inside Edition, Oprah Winfrey, and Court TV. Before starting my own business in 1985 I was employed as a parole officer for the state of Texas . I spent over 30 plus years dealing with hard core criminals. What a wonderful dichotomy to suddenly become involved in the world of art in my retirement.



*I* have always been interested in the arts but never had the time to pursue it. I was constantly sketching and doodling some bizarre thing or other while talking on the phone but that was pretty much the extent of my “talent”. I did try watercolor painting once and made a muddy mess. I figured that just wasn’t for me, but watercolor paintings are still my favorite paintings to look at. I never saw, or heard, of colored pencil paintings until I saw them at “Arts around the Square” in Spanish Springs town square after moving to the Villages. I was amazed at what one can create with colored pencils.



*I* met Nan Klein at the show on the square and discovered she taught colored pencil painting at the college. I signed up and began my first class with her three or four years ago. I was totally hooked and took all four of her classes.



*T*his is just a whole new life for me and I’ve become passionate about it. Seems I have to be working on a painting all the time. I’m accumulating so many now that my husband has threatened to take them to Goodwill before we totally run out of living space.

*T*he art groups here in the Villages are comprised of the most wonderful and talented people, and they are so helpful. It is because of them I’ve been able to progress in my artwork. I just can’t even express how thrilled I am to be winning ribbons now for my artwork, and to be selected for artist of the month.



What a wonderful world apart from that “life on the streets”.

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The Villages, Fl 32162  
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## Summer Art Festival

**Nancy *Dias*, Chair**



Excitement is building for the VAL Summer Art Festival and for those of you who will want to be in the summer art show there will be information available on our web site that will tell you the rules and what you need to do to register in June. It will also be explained at the May meeting. Members who will not be showing artwork but would still like to be involved and support this fund raiser can volunteer to help out the day of the Festival.

Volunteer sheets will be passed around and Leda Rabenold will coordinate it all. Contact her at 259-1918. Positions are available for monitors, greeters, door prize table, and help in the soldier card room. Kandy Scott will be collecting all the door prizes that are donated. We are looking for small art work, nothing needs to be framed; it can be prints, cards, perhaps something unique to this Festival like the 3 dimensional art work that is allowed at the Summer Art Festival and some of that would be welcomed. Contact Kandy at 205-7546 or bring your donation to the May or June meeting or at registration on June 11.

A great big thank you goes to Helen Gromadzki who has taken on the task of publicity. She has already started contacting magazines and web sites.

Leda Rabenold will need a helper for the volunteers. Leda will be participating in the Festival and needs someone to help her the day of the art show to keep track of the volunteers that is not showing and selling their art.

Frank Zampardi has offered to commission

an individual portrait and that is going to be our raffle prize. This is a graphite unframed portrait that the winner of the raffle will win. Frank is an award winning artists whose work is well known and the proceeds of the raffle will benefit Operation Shoebox.

The VAL has been making cards for the soldiers for quite some time. It all started when Lee Asta got artists involved turning failed paintings into cards. Lee still collects cards from anyone. Let's make this a united effort by the artists of The Villages to show support for Operation Shoebox by making as many cards as we can in workshops leading up to the Festival and also during the day of the Festival in the Arts and Crafts room. We will need lots of your failed paintings and you can bring them to the VAL meeting or to any of the workshops that will be announced. It would be great if someone could handle what we will be doing for Operation Shoebox in the Arts and Crafts room making cards for the soldiers. Anyone willing to help in those areas please call me at 751-1033.

This is condensed registration information. More detail is on the web site.

Happy painting.  
Nancy  
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**VAL ART SHOW REGISTRATION DAY PROCEDURES on Page 4 of this Newsletter**

### **Dates to remember: Registration**

**June 11, 2011 at Lake Miona  
Summer Art Festival  
July 9, 2011 at Lake Miona**

## VAL ART SHOW REGISTRATION DAY PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be used to determine **Priority Assignments** of available tables at registration for **VAL Art Shows**.

**First Priority** shall be awarded to VAL Members who are present at the registration date. Also, **First Priority** will be awarded to VAL Members who are not present but have a single representative acting on their behalf selecting **one** table. The representative must be someone who is not signing up for a table for themselves. Simply put, **one person present** is allowed to pick **one table only**.

**Second Priority** shall be awarded to VAL Members not present, have no representative at the registration and who have provided payment in advance to the Chair for a table. After all the VAL Members and representatives have been accommodated, these applicants will be assigned a table provided there is one available. If not, they will stay on the waiting list. Table assignments will be made by the Chairperson.

**Third Priority** shall be awarded to non VAL Members who are present on registration day provided there are any tables available after the **First and Second Priority** applicants have been processed. If not, they will be placed on a waiting list.

**Fourth Priority** shall be awarded to anyone who was not in attendance on registration day provided there are tables available after **Priorities 1,2 and 3**. If not, they will be placed on a waiting list.

*Nancy Dias, Chair*

## AHA WORKSHOPS

**The Visual Arts Association (VAA)** announces that the next **Artist Helping Artists (AHA) Program** will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 20 at 12:30 PM **at the Seabreeze Recreation Center**.

**Title: Colored Pencil Powder Brushing with Jan Jones**

This program will feature award-winning color pencil artist, Jan Jones. Learn how the colored pencil powder brushing technique can help you create a translucent look to cast shadows, water, clouds, and sky. We will focus our attention on creating a glowing cast shadow and making ocean water that looks inviting enough to jump into. A list of supplies is posted on the following website : [www.visualartsassociation.com](http://www.visualartsassociation.com) in the AHA Section. A donation to help defray the expenses of the guest artist is suggested

**Refer questions to Frank Zampardi, 352-753-8770**

**Submitted by: Marilyn Wright, AHA Publicity**

## ARTISTS' TRADING CARDS

**The Art Trading Card group (ATC)** will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at Mulberry Recreation Center in the Freedom Room at 12:30. (May 11 and 25)

All Village artists are welcome. No fees involved, just come to create and trade.

**For more information call Margie Picard 750-1965**

## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ May 2 VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook
- ◆ May 4 Studio Time at Mulberry Rec. Center
- ◆ May 11 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry
- ◆ May 11 AHA Workshop Seabreeze Rec. Center
- ◆ May 20 VAA Meeting at Hacienda
- ◆ May 18 Oil Painters-Mulberry Rec. Center
- ◆ May 24 Deadline for VAL Newsletter submissions
- ◆ May 25 ATCs-Art Trading Cards at Mulberry

## WINTER WORKSHOPS 2011—THE VILLAGES

*Lifelong Learning College Workshops*  
*Register LLLC 352-753-3035*  
*Bev Hennessy 352-753-1383*  
*www.thevillagesartworkshops.com*

### Oct 10-11-12 Anne Abgott

This workshop is for beginners and advanced. Anne will teach special techniques for crystal and flowers. She will guide us in the involvement of skin and hair color. We will also learn about color choices for fruits, vegetables and shadows.

[www.anneabgott.com](http://www.anneabgott.com)

Class #2428.501 M/T/W: 9-3 P\$245

### Nov 7-8-9 Pat Weaver:

Watercolor and drawing will be taught everyday. This comprehensive workshop will provide daily focus drawing and painting your own landscapes and composition. Viewing her work leads you thru her naturalistic to semi impressionistic presentation.

[www.patweaver.com](http://www.patweaver.com)

Class # 2429.501 M/T/W 9-4 P\$223

## WORKSHOPS

Pen and Ink Workshops—share the same time and place with the Colored Pencil Workshops at Laurel Manor, the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 9-11 am

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

Figure Drawing Workshop—held every Friday of the 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.

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. Call Julie McGlone at 750-1068 or e-mail: [mcglone72@hotmail.com](mailto:mcglone72@hotmail.com) to register

Collage and Fiber Arts Workshop—meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3pm at Mulberry Grove. sharing the room with Margie Picard's Art Trading Cards Workshop

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.

Fun With Watercolors Class—meets 9-11:20 every Monday, except the first Monday of every month, at SeaBreeze Recreation Center. Contact Rebecca Schwartz 352-633-3887

Acrylic Painting—(replaces Art Chix & Chaps)-meets 9-11:30 every Thursday, except the first Thursday of every month, at SeaBreeze Recreation Center. Contact Rebecca Schwartz 633-3887, e-mail: [rebecca@schwartzusa.net](mailto:rebecca@schwartzusa.net)



**MEMBERSHIP**

**THERE WERE NO NEW MEMBERS ADDED FOR THIS MONTH**

*If you have embarqmail, please add [bmbcanning@yahoo.com](mailto:bmbcanning@yahoo.com) and [villagesartleague@yahoo.com](mailto:villagesartleague@yahoo.com) to your address book if you want to receive any e-mails from the Villages Art League. Thank you*

**Mother's Day**

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[WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG](http://WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG)**



**VAL now has a Facebook page!**

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

**Executive Committee:**

**Co-Presidents:** Susan Evans 753-3841  
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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**

*Work is on display for May*

**SPRING IN SARASOTA**

**Monday, May 9, 2011  
Trip has been sold out!**

**Reminder:**

**Bus leaves Saddlebrook at 7:45 am  
Returns by 6 pm  
For Information, call:  
Joal Latavsky  
259-0439**

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