# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
## Catherine Sullivan

***Hello Everyone:***

A big shout-out to our participating artists who put on such a beautiful show at the Savannah. Your work was, as always, a joy and it was again my honor to Chair this fabulous event.

Like you, we too are very disappointed at the poor public attendance. Notices and Press Releases were sent out in advance to the media numerous times but we have no control on what is covered or when it is printed. The media did cover us on the day of the show both on television and in our Villages paper, but it would have helped if we had advance coverage. We will work on that for our next show.

A world of thanks goes out to our many volunteers who selflessly gave of their time at the showcase. As with last year, our Artistry In Motion Demo was a big hit with the public.

Attendance at our meetings by our members is very important and shows your support for our efforts to bring you interesting and educational demonstrations as well as a chance to honor our Artist of the Month, while enjoying the company of your fellow artists.

We welcome your input on how we can make the next show more successful. There will be a "Suggestion Box" available at the front desk at our December meeting. We will consider any and all comments, providing you give your name and a contact phone or e-mail. No anonymous suggestions will be considered and we ask that you be constructive in your criticism.

We are an *"Art League"* created for resident artists wishing to paint together and we must be considerate of every member and everyone's choice of media. ***The November Showcase & Summer Art Festival*** are only a part of why the VAL was established. Let's keep that in mind.

December's meeting will be festive and we would love to see many more of you there. Don't forget to bring your "Covered Dish" for refreshments.

***Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & a Happy New Year with a special prayer for our service men and women and our veterans.***

*~Catherine Sullivan*

*President*

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### 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**

A native of Illinois, Freddie lived in South Carolina for a while, and then moved to the Villages in 1999. Her nickname, she says, came from her maiden name, Fredrich.

Reflecting on her early years, Freddie says her interest in art was kindled during a visit to the home of her uncle's friend, an artist whose creations were displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago

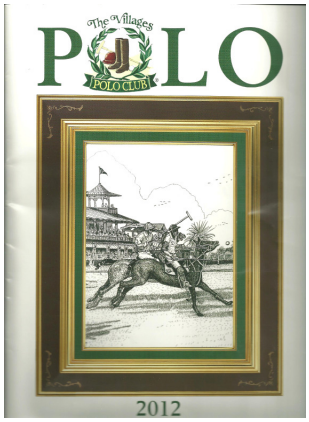
Freddie reflects back on the many hours she spent in his art studio with its paint stained rags, half-finished oil paintings, and the smell of linseed oil in the air. "I was allowed to play in there and clean brushes. I charcoal-sketched or finished the things he had thrown out. He was teaching me, even though he didn't know it".

Freddie received a scholarship to Harrison Commercial Art School and also credits the Art Institute of Chicago and the Indiana-Purdue University Fine Arts program as part of her educational background.

Over the years, Freddie has done a lot of oil paintings, mostly floral, but she says she's grown to prefer the simplicity of pen and ink and the intricate details of architecture. The many different scenic areas of the Villages offer plenty of options for projects.

Freddie says her favorite Villages scene would be the one looking right down Main Street. "It was probably the first scene I remember when we came here for the first time in 1999".

Her artwork is no stranger to many Villages residents who have seen her works and annual calendars on sale in The Kings Gallery and in various locations around town.




Her entry won first prize for the 2012 Villages Polo Club Magazine Cover.

Known for her meticulously detailed pen-and-ink drawing, Freddie has captured in her art almost every inch of The Villages. Residents even bring back pictures from time to time of their travels to places like Germany and Italy and have Freddie sketch the photo into treasured drawings. Someeven order sketches of their personal home.

*Freddie currently is the Villages Art League's Recording Secretary.*

## LIFE LONG LEARNING COLLEGE (LLLC) WORKSHOPS—THE VILLAGES—WINTER 2012

**Karlyn Holman Watercolor Fun and Free**

Karlyn offers enthusiastic, informational demonstrations and gives individual help enriched by sharing her original finished work. She is an upbeat instructor, who helps the students cultivate a loose, free style of working.. The real emphasis is on each student's individual expression and development of their own painting style. All Levels welcome

5 days Jan 14-18 Class # 2043.801 Fee: P$338 R$343 G$348

3 days Jan 14-16 Class #2043.802 Fee: P$221 R$226 G$231

2 days Jan 17-18 Class # 2043.803 Fee: P$172 R$177 G$182

**Ann Kullberg Color Pencil Portraits**

Learn secrets in creating incredible life-like portraits. With step-by-step exercises and guidance, Ann will give hands-on lessons in using color, light, and glazing techniques to bring richness & depth to your colored pencil portraits. Learn to create smooth skin tones, render hair and capture a likeness..

3 days Jan 20-22 Class# 2044.801 Fee: P$258 R $263 G$268

**Kathie George Wax and Watercolor---An Interesting Mix**

Put wax and rice paper together and Presto! Fun guaranteed to energize your paintings. Watercolor Batik with Tjap (Pronounced -- chops), A tjap is hand made in Indonesia using copper strips and stamped on Batik.

3 days Feb 12-14 Class # 2045.801 Fee: P$211 R$216 G$221

**Tom Lynch Watercolor**

You will learn new techniques; how to plan for success; build a successful painting; and to put drama, emotion, and conviction into your art. Tom will show you how to push the limits of color, contrast, and light. All levels welcome

*3 days* Feb 19-21 Class # 2046.801 Fee: P$312 R $317 G$322

**Sterling Edwards Watercolor**

Sterling's workshops are full of useful information to help each participant learn to be more creative and expressive with their painting. His signature style of painting are a balance of traditional watercolor and abstract design combined into an expressive and sometimes thought provoking painting.

5 days March 11-15 Class#2047.801 Fee: P$411 R $416 G$421

3 days March 11-13 Class # 2047.802 Fee: P$259 R$264 G$269

2 days March 14-15 Class # 2047.803 P$172 R $177 G$182

**Mary Alice Braukman Workshop**

Personal Painting…Make Your Art Sing with Energy

This workshop will be an adventure in risk-taking and pushing the medium as far as it will go and explore new ideas and innovative materials in this mixed media and collage workshop.

4 days March 20-23 Class # 2048.801 Fee: P$353 R$358 G$363

*Questions call Beverly Hennessy 352-753-1383*

*To register call The Lifelong Learning College at 352-753-3035*

*You can check out the webpage at:*

*www.thevillagesartworkshops.com for class description and supply list*

## DECEMBER 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 3 VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook
- Dec. 12 AHA (Artists Helping Artists) Workshop 12:30 SeaBreeze
- Dec. 16 ARTS (Artists 'Round The Square)
- Dec. 21 VAA Meeting 12:30 LaHacienda
- Dec. 23 Rain Date for ARTS
- Dec. .24 ***Deadline -VAL Newsletter 5PM***

## AHA WORKSHOP– WED. DECEMBER 12 at 12:30—SEABREEZE RECREATION CENTER

Creating a Journal Page Featuring A Walk Along Woods Edge/Watercolor Creation of Small Wildflowers/Use with making cards and painting.

This festive holiday month of December, AHA, Artist Helping Artist, will be featuring watercolor artist Julie McGlone to demonstrate how to complete several small sketches of wildflowers for cards, place cards, journal pages or combine them into one pen and ink painting. Julie will have color references and instructions for this, along with some inspirational quotes to complete your artwork and creation. Lets show our appreciation to Julie for her time and effort by joining us. This is the season for sending cards. Lets personalize them this year and make our recipients feel extra special. Dress up that table with lovely, personalized place cards, start an actual Journal for someone as a gift by doing the first page with your own creative touch of art. Spark their interest in art or just enrich their thoughts and fascination with the world of art.

*A $2.00 donation will be accepted at the door, which goes to our featured artist to cover any expenses that they will incur with their demonstration.*
*If you have any questions, please contact: judi Willetts AHAjudi@aol.com 352-633-1114-Hm 407-791-8897-cell.Send me an email if you want to receive the "AHA Post Newsletter".t www.visualartsassociation.com.*

## CLUBS AND GROUPS WITH WORKSHOPS OPEN TO ALL VILLAGES RESIDENTS

*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—Meets every Friday of the month at 9:30am at the Pimlico Rec. Center*

*Fine Arts Painting—meets 1-3pm each Tues. at Paradise Center*

*The Art Studio—meets every Thurs. 9-noon at Colony Cottage. Contact Judi Adams 350-6579*

*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 to register*

*The VAA Oil Painters—meets the 1st and 3rd (and sometimes 5th) Wed. of the month, at Mulberry Rec. Center 12:30 to 3pm. Bring your own paints and painting to work on.. There is no instruction at this time.*

*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 – 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*

*The Jump Start Artists' Group and The Drawing Den– meets every Mon. from Noon to 3pm at SeaBreeze Rec. Center, in the Neptune Beach Room. All skill levels and media accepted. Refer to Frank Zampardi 352-753-8770.*

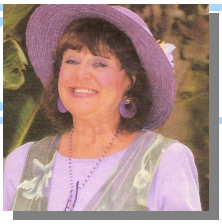
## NOTICES

*WILDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS YOU*

The Wildwood High School is part of a pilot program whose purpose is to integrate the arts into all parts of the curriculum. This would not be instead of art classes but is meant to demonstrate how art effects all subjects. Nicole Duslak, the Sumter County Teacher of the Year, heads up this program and would be grateful for our help. She would welcome artists willing to share their art with her students. She also needs art supplies (new or used) and would be happy to have any you could spare. Please contact me if you are interested either is speaking to her classes and/or if you have any supplies to donate.
**Carolyn Johnson:** ***cgljohnson@comcast.net***

*LAST CALL FOR ART*

Please drop off your submissions for the coming Art In Health Exhibit. The Deadline is Dec 20, to get your forms in. Submit up to 5 pieces for just $5. Please include your email address. The exchange of art will happen on Sat Jan 19, 2013. Thank you.
**Arrachme** ***www.arrachmeart.com***



## JOAL'S TRAVELS—SPRING TRIP

*Joal will be located at table in back of room at our monthly meeting to discuss the 2013 Summer European Trip during refreshments*

*For the 16 day , 6 country guided tour, call group coordinator Joal Litavsky 352-259-0459 or;1-800-438-7672 and mention code #57770169*

## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Carol Basso Oil
- Elaine Carpenter W.C. pen & Ink
- Ann Harding mixed media
- Charlotte Hill
- Colleen Hosken everything except oils
- Diane Kenney pottery
- Linda Radabaugh acrylic
- Debra Rice acrylic, W.C., mixed media
- Bobbi Ruben pastels

***Please verify your information in the membership booklet and let us know if there are any changes or corrections to be made, such as a change of e-mail,etc.***

***Marge Picard, Membership Chair***

**Reminder**: ***Membership dues of $10 are payable at the beginning of the calendar year January 1, 2013.***

***IMPORTANT!***

*If you have embarqmail, or thevillages.net, please add the following to your address book:*

*Villagesartleague@gmail.com*

*This will enable you to receive the VAL Monthly Newslettter and e-mails from the Villages Art League.*

*Thank you*

## POTPOURRI

***Think Polo***

***Blood Bank***

Central Florid Blood Bank Art Gallery turn around will be the first Tues. in Dec. at 3 p.m. Wear a smile and you are in free!
*Call " Freddie" at 259-2577*

*Florida Blood Center Art Gallery*
*Spanish Plains Shopping Area*
*1550 Bella Cruz Drive*

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

***VAL is now on Facebook!***

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

### *Executive Committee:*

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| *President:* | *Catherine Sullivan* | *259-4308* |
| *Vice President* | *Rebecca Schwartz* | *633-3887* |
| *Secretary:* | *Freddie Venturoni* | *259-2577* |
| *Treasurer:* | *Gail Parker* | *751-0200* |

### *Committee Chairs:*

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| *Artist of the Month* | *Kathy Hansen* | *920-265-4333* |
| *&* | *June Love* | *259-3967* |
| *Program:* | *Phyllis Speicher* | *391-5967* |
| *Artist Showcase* | *Catherine Sullivan* | *259-4308* |
| *Sunshine:* | *Charlie Clayton* | *750-4110* |
| *Refreshments:* | *Judy Kimmel* | *259-5781* |
| *Publicity:* | *Jane Millar* | *750-0152* |
| *Historian* | *Joal Litavsky* | *259-0459* |
| *E-Mail:* | *POSITION OPEN* | *So Easy!!!* |
| *Membership:* | *Margie Picard* | *750-1965* |
| *Door Raffles* | *Shirley Jerez* | *250-4751* |

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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 December***

***A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JUDIEANDREWS & JUDY KIMMEL FOR THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND TO ALL WHO PROVIDED THE WONDERFUL REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING***