

# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT Catherine Sullivan

### *Hello Everyone:*

When I leave my home to attend a meeting of any organization that I belong to, I try to remember to "wear the right hat".

I know that it is very difficult to focus on an organization's agenda, especially when we belong to multiple clubs that have a similar focus or mission. As your elected President, I am mindful of the fact I must always have the best interests of the VAL membership at heart.

Like you, I attend meetings of other similar organizations, but while there, I remind myself that as a member, I should be interested in what that organization's objectives are and how it could ultimately affect me personally. Whenever I voice my opinion it should reflect whether or not my suggestion is not only good for me but can equally benefit my fellow members of that organization.

We tend to get tangled up in the confusion of where our loyalties lie. Let's try to keep

that in mind the next time that an idea is brought to the floor and whether or not it is meant to advance that particular organizations objectives. Our intent is not to undermine any other group.

Let's remember to "wear the right hat" the next time that we attend any club meeting. I promise you that it will be a more productive meeting for all.

We are fast approaching our Summer Art Festival set for this July. Nan Kohr and Jeanne Willette are doing a fabulous job in organizing the show as Co-Chairs and we really owe them a debt of gratitude for stepping up to the plate. Their Patriotic Theme looks like it is going to be a winner!.

Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue

~Catherine Sullivan  
President



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## PROGRAM FOR JUNE MEETING—NANCY WICKSTROM



Villages artist, Nancy Wickstrom, will create an abstract collage using stained paper and watercolor. She will demonstrate how to use the elements and principles of design: line, shape, color, value, pattern, movement, etc. until a pleasing composition is achieved. Nancy's painting, *Jazz Notes* was featured on the cover of *Coast Magazine* in 2005. She recently won a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Annex Art Show and an honorable mention in the winter La Galleria show.

Nancy will be doing a demo on collage using

stained paper and watercolor to create an abstract collage incorporating the use of the Elements and Principals of Design: line, shape, color, value, pattern, movement, etc. until a pleasing composition is achieved and will enhance the final product. In collage the design process is simplified because the materials can be rearranged several times before they are glued down. The possibilities in creating a collage are endless and fun to do.

*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

## JUNE ARTIST OF THE MONTH—MARGE MCQUESTON



*Color, design, shape, light, dark*

*I* have always been interested in art since I was a child sketching, coloring and illustrating. Now that I have the opportunity to paint, I am even more aware of these elements in what I view every day. I have discovered there is a painting everywhere.

Since moving to The Villages from Pennsylvania, I have taken advantage of the many classes and workshops offered here and feel I have grown in my creativity. Although my first creations were in oil, I find working in watercolor is not only a real challenge but quite a bit of fun and very rewarding.

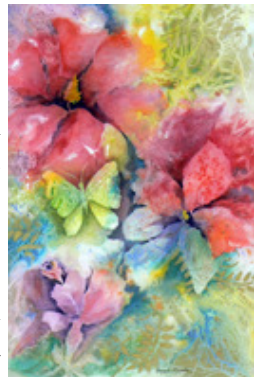


Some of my latest creations have been more experimental using watercolor, acrylics, collage, and colored pencil. My husband Jim is my art partner, matting, framing, and reproducing my work into prints and greeting cards.



*I* am an active member and past president of the Visual Arts Association of the Villages. I also belong to the Villages Art League, the Ocala Art Group, the Leesburg Art Association, the Visual Arts Society, and the Florida Watercolor Society.

*All* of these organizations offer me the opportunity to communicate with other artists in order to learn and grow. Additionally, I have been able to enter my original work in many art shows and have received several awards. I have paintings on display at Gallery East, a co-op art gallery of central Florida artists.



## ART IN HEALTH

Pick Up -Dates and Times- Sat. July 21, 2012, SIMED, 929 N Hwy 441, Lady Lake. (located across the street from Michael's on the opposite side of 441, turn at Bank of America.) Artists who displayed in Ocala, pick up at 441 at 11:30am; artists who displayed at 441, pick up at 12:30pm.

We will need helpers to wrap and move the art at Ocala and at 441 locations. Please call Arrachme 828-230-6613, Debra Harmon 317-498-9741, Rhonda Taylor 205-7240, or Norma Parcell 633-2229

### **WANTED: 1 Chair**

*A Chair To periodically send out special notices via e-mail to members, and work directly with the President and the membership chair.*

*If you are interested, please contact Catherine Sullivan*

## AHA WORKSHOPS—SEABREEZE RECREATION CENTER

*AHA Wednesday, June 13, 2012-12:30 Seabreeze Recreation Center*

The Artist Helping Artists Program welcomes well known artist and workshop instructor, Pat Ford for a demonstration called "Acrylics - tricks of the trade". Pat will demo using acrylics when painting landscapes & still lives. You will not want to miss this one.

Eight years ago Pat moved to Florida from Traverse City, Michigan, where she was very active in the arts serving as President of Art Center Traverse City and on the board of Directors of the 5 county area council for the arts. She has also served on the board of the International Society of Experimental Artists where she attained Signature status as well as the Nautilus Fellowship. She is a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society and has won many awards. Pat has taught classes and workshops through the Lifelong Learning College here in the Villages for the past 6 years.

Pat worked in oils for 35 yrs., doing mostly landscapes and seascapes, then painted florals almost exclusively for 21 yrs. The last 15 yrs. have included a fascination with watermedia and a mix of oils and watermedia. She enjoys working with colors and is known as a colorist. Her paintings have a rich, soft, romantic-almost ethereal quality. She has been published by Northlight books in "Best of Floral Paintings II" and was on the cover of the Northlight Book Club magazine. She has learned her skills through college as well as many private study with wonderful artists.

*A \$2.00 donation will be accepted at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Zampardi, 753-8770*

## ARTISTS' TRADING CARDS—MULBERRY RECREATION CENTER has been discontinued

## JUNE 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ June 6 & 20 Oil Painters at Mulberry Rec. Center
- ◆ June 4 VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook
- ◆ June 13 AHA Artists Helping Artists
- ◆ June 9 Registration for Art Festival at Lake Miona
- ◆ June 15 VAA Meeting Hacienda
- ◆ June 24 Deadline -VAL Newsletter submission

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

### **Louise Jackson Watercolor—June 7 9-4**

“Beautiful Iris” - Paint contours to create the form and shapes of the Iris with simplified technique, also using the layering process to create the background. Class #2429.701 P\$69 R\$74 G \$79

### **Frank Zampardi June 14—15 9-4**

“Drawing Essentials” - Compositional methods will be taught to create a focal points through contrast and realism in making objects jump off the page.

Class #2430.701 P\$116 R\$121 G\$126

### **Elizabeth St. Hilarie Nelson June 22 9-4**

Fine Art Collage—Layering and weaving, pushing and pulling

the colors, patterns, and values as well as focusing on intense and vibrant colors and focus on the design and composition.

www.nelsoncreative.com Class #2431.701 P\$72 R\$77 G \$82

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

*Questions call Beverly Hennessy: at (352) 753-1383*

*You can check out the webpage at:*

*www.thevillagesartworkshops.com for class description, supply list for the workshops .*

*Remember that we are in the new workshop room at 974 Del Mar in Spanish Springs*

## 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. Contact Ellen Reinhart 430-1985

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 Wed. of the month, at Mulberry Rec. Center 12:30 to 3pm. Meeting will begin with a 30 min. demo or talk followed by an open workshop. Bring your own paints and painting to work on.. Roger Sherman and/or Mike Daley will be on hand. to help you. Great time to get one on one instruction. For any questions call Mike Daley at 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—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.



Nan

Jeanne

## SUMMER ART FESTIVAL—JULY 14, 2012 LAKE MIONA REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER

The Villages Art League and The Villages Community Development District Recreation Department will proudly present the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **SUMMER ART FESTIVAL**. It will be a celebration of “*Summer-Time Americana Artists*”.

**VAL Member Registration** is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Lake Miona Recreation Center. **Non-Member Village Residents** will register from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Registration is on a first come basis. Please bring your Village I.D. and an entry fee of \$20.00 in cash or check payable to VAL.

**Summer Art Festival** - Saturday, JULY 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center. Artist may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. to set up for the show, to be completed by 8:30 a.m. After you have brought your art work to your assigned area you are then to park near the pool so our neighbors coming to the show can park near the entrance. Please **DO NOT** breakdown before 3:00 p.m. We have the rooms reserved until 4:00.

With our patriotic Americana theme you may wish to use a red, white, or blue table cloths to cover your table (not required). Table covers should come to the floor so that any boxes or equipment you have are completely hidden. Better yet put all this in your car after you have set up. If you need to get something from the car a Room Monitor will fill in.

**Feedback** – Many of those attending the shows have said they are overwhelmed by the volume of art work. It is recommended that you limit what you show, and then have back-up available. They have also said they are im-

pressed with the quality of our art!

Once again we will have **Door Prizes** and a **Raffle Table**. Those of you wishing to donate may bring your framed or matted art work to the Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> VAL meeting held at Saddlebrook Recreation Center. Or contact:

Carolyn Johnson, Chairperson at 751-4103 cgijohnson@comcast.net

Diane Weekley 259-7833 cdweek@embarqmail.com.

The **Music** will be of a patriotic mood and the stage will be used. Our **art demonstrations** will be artists in ‘Round Robin’ format. **Cards** for our troops will be prepared and those attending will have an opportunity to fill out a card going to a soldier.

**Lunches** will be provided to the participating artist and volunteers. These will be Ultimate Subs on either white or wheat bread. We are looking to providing green tea, lemonade or bottled water instead of soda. Lake Miona will provide coffee to the artists and volunteers in the back hallway..

**Flyers** advertising the show will be printed. We hope that all VAL and VAA members will pick them up either at the meetings or at registration to pass around. These could be passed out in your neighborhood, clubs, churches and even restaurants.

We encourage our **New Members** to show off your art! We love to see your fresh, creative art work.

Any questions contact co-chairpersons:

Nan Kohr at 350-2217—kohr240@hotmail.com

Jeanne Willette at 753-6488—willetteart@gmail.com



## JOAL'S TRAVELS—SPRING ART TRIP—MARCH 18, 2012

*For information regarding the Spring European Trip—2013, please go to:  
Travelswithjoal.grouptoursite.com*

## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lou Brandel                      W.C., Pen & Ink  
Suzanne DeForge              W.C., Pencil

Corrections: and additions to directory:  
The following had e-mail failures:

Marilyn Dornfeld 1501 Wyatt Ave 633-5959

*Please verify your information in the membership booklet and let us know if there are any changes or corrections to be made*

*Mage Picard, Membership Chair*

## **IMPORTANT!**

*If you have embarqmail, please add the following to your address book:*

[Villagesartleague@gmail.com](mailto:Villagesartleague@gmail.com)

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

*Thank you*

## **POTPOURRI**

### Think Polo

We will have an opportunity to sell our polo related paintings again during the Spring and Fall Season. Dates to be announced later.

### Blood Bank

The take down & put up day will be Tues. June 5 at 3 p.m. The work will hang until Tues. Sept 4 at 3 p.m.

There is no fee required , just a big smile. I will be there at 2:30.  
Thank you.!

*Just call "Freddie" Venturoni 259-2577 to be put on a list, if you haven't already done so.*

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR  
VALWEBSITE AT:  
[WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG](http://WWW.THEVILLAGESARTLEAGUE.ORG)



*VAL is now on Facebook!*

To join in, go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), then Search for: [The Villages Art League Group](#)

### Executive Committee:

President:	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Vice President	Rebecca Schwartz	633-3887
Secretary:	Freddie Venturoni	259-2577
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	& Jeanne Willette	753-6488
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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 June*

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE  
FOR PROVIDING THE WONDERFUL TREATS FOR TODAY'S  
MEETING**