

# The Villages Art League Newsletter

November 1, 2012

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT Catherine Sullivan

### *Hello Everyone:*

*Let us offer a prayer, in our own way, for the safety of those who are in harms way during this Winter Storm that is fast approaching the Northeast coast of our USA.*

*The VAL is very fortunate to have such a beautiful venue as the Savannah Regional Recreation Center for our November Showcase. So, here we go..... Lights, Camera, Action!!! Good luck to all our participating artists!*

*Please check out Carolyn Johnson's article on page 4 of this newsletter. You will find that it is a very worthwhile project and I hope that you will consider participating in it.*

*It is almost impossible to satisfy everyone who asks us to post an article in*

*our Monthly Newsletter or to come and speak at our meetings. I receive numerous e-mails and phone calls from various clubs and organizations wishing to speak to our members.*

*We do try our best to include information that is in the best interest of our members and we often fit speakers into our monthly meeting agenda whenever possible, especially if we are notified ahead of time. If we do not get yours in, it is not intentional but a matter of scarcity of time during our meetings and/or available space in our Newsletter.*

***Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.***

*~Catherine Sullivan*

*President*



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## PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER MEETING—ELAINE CARPENTER



The demo at the Nov. 5th meeting of the VAL will be by Elaine Carpenter. She likes to create art with doodling,

this is a fun and relaxing method of creating art without purchasing many supplies. A few Micron pens and a package of white card stock will get you started creating art pieces, holiday and all occasion cards, boxes and bags. I am

sure all of you will have many, many ideas. Doodle in the car while traveling a distance for Christmas, or when waiting in the doctor's office. You will begin to see little interesting patterns where ever you look. Many books and web sites are available showing simple and fun doodles. Teach your grandchildren to create art. I hope to peak your interest and help you relax.----Elaine

***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



*I* have been having a love affair with art! What joy I get from putting a paint brush to canvas or going to a gallery or museum to look at creations by others. I just love to paint!

Once a good friend asked me, “when do you call yourself an artist”? After much thought, I answered “when you are creating”.

*I* have been creating since I was a child and although I went to college and majored in English Literature, I never took an art course. When my children were almost grown, I went to a local community college and graduated on the Dean’s List with an Associate’s Degree in Fine Art. And my love affair continued.



*I* have been a member of many art associations and have been vice president and Co-President of the Villages Art League. I am active in the Visual Art Association, the plein air group, the figure drawing group, and the Central Florida Pastel Society. In the summers I paint with the York Art Association and do life drawing with the Barn Gallery in Ogunquit and the Kittery Art Association, all on the beautiful

coast of Maine. These beautiful places are inspirational to my art work. Other inspirational places have been on my recent travels abroad.



*M*y paintings hang in private collections in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Florida. I both sell my work and give it to my friends and family. I so enjoy the delight people have when they hang my work on their

walls.

*I* learn so much when I take classes both here in The Villages and at my summer home in York, Maine. I paint in acrylics, oils and pastels. Most recently, I have taken classes



from Roger Bansemer and Jane Slivka at the Lifelong Learning College and Michael Chesley Johnson and DeWitt Hardy in Maine. I feel I am never too old to learn. I’m familiar with most traditional mediums but I find the spontaneity and vivid colors with these three mediums, keeps my love affair alive.



*I* thank my wonderful husband for taking an interest in my artwork and escorting me happily to museums, galleries, openings and art venues of

every kind. He too loves to learn and encourages me to keep my love of art alive.

**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*



**JOAL’S TRAVELS**

Joal Litavsky  
1004 Sierra Blanca Ct.  
The Villages, Fl 32159  
(352)259-0459

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

## NOVEMBER 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| ◆ Nov. 5 | VAL Meeting 9 am at Saddlebrook                           | ◆ Nov.16 | VAA Meeting 12:30 LaHacienda               |
| ◆ Nov.14 | AHA (Artists Helping Artists) Workshop<br>12:30 SeaBreeze | ◆ Nov.24 | VAL Artists' Showcase—Savannah             |
|          |   | ◆ Nov.24 | <b><u>Deadline -VAL Newsletter 5PM</u></b> |

## AHA WORKSHOP— WED NOVEMBER 14th at 12:30—SEABREEZE RECREATION CENTER

### **Artist Helping Artist (AHA) November 14th Features: Nan Klein and Donna Caputo** **"Colored Pencils From The Beginning"**

Nan and Donna will be presenting to us a demonstration on colored pencils "starting from the beginning". The do's and don'ts, the whys and won'ts. Even if you are taking Nan's classes at the "College" and attending colored pencil meeting and monthly workshops at Lake Miona Recreation Center you will still learn something at this AHA demonstration

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:cgljohnson@comcast.net)

**15th ANNUAL ARTISTS' SHOWCASE—SAVANNAH**  
**SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 24, 2012—9 AM—3 PM**

**TO ALL VILLAGE ART LEAGUE MEMBERS:**

The Artists' Showcase is less than a month away and we can certainly use a few more volunteers for the Raffle and Door Prizes Tables (you may contact Volunteer Coordinators Dwight and Jan Cresap at: [djcesap@msn.com](mailto:djcesap@msn.com)). We also need volunteers for Hospitality which includes Flyer and Program Distribution and Room Monitors. Bonnie Canning will be coordinating Hospitality Volunteers on the day of the Showcase and she can be reached at: [bmbcanning@yahoo.com](mailto:bmbcanning@yahoo.com). Please consider volunteering for as little as one hour to relieve artists needing a shortbreak during the day.

We will again be featuring our Artistry In Motion Demo which will be coordinated by Rebecca Schwartz. Please contact Rebecca at: [rebecca@schwartzusa.net](mailto:rebecca@schwartzusa.net) if you wish to participate.

It was again my great pleasure to meet all of the artists at registration who will be participating in the Showcase. I am sure that you will be extremely busy organizing your space for the show and I realize that your time is very valuable. VAL members who are not in the show, please show your support by volunteering for short periods of time at the Showcase. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered. We do encourage our *New Members* to join us. It's really a great experience and a fast track to meeting your fellow artists and seeing the VAL from the inside.

Some of you have already donated artwork on Registration Day, but we still need more art in order to run our raffle successfully and give away beautiful door prizes so please bring your donation to our November meeting where Carolyn Johnson will be collecting it. Carolyn can be reached at: [cgljohnson@comcast.net](mailto:cgljohnson@comcast.net).

Nan Kohr has graciously volunteered to coordinate the lunches for our participating artists and volunteers and we thank her for volunteering her time, as she is also a participating artist in the show.

Wendy Lehy will be preparing the Showcase Program once again and it has to be completed and printed in a timely manner. We would like to acknowledge you as a volunteer and list your name in that program, so please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to a successful show, with your help and participation.

*Catherine Sullivan*

Catherine Sullivan,  
Chairwoman

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## MEMBERSHIP

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ◆ Mary Hughes—Oil
- ◆ Martha King—Water Color
- ◆ Amy Lednak—Acrylic
- ◆ Phil Myers—Water Color/Acrylic
- ◆ Nancy Campbell

*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.*  
*Mage 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](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

*Call " Freddie" at 259-2577 if you are interested in selling your Polo related Art Work Nov. 11 (Sunday during the International Week Polo Game. No Charge, just let me know. Details when you call.*

### 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**



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

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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**

***Judy Burtoft's work is on display for November***

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO NAN KOHR AND ADELIN  
CURLETT FOR PROVIDING THE WONDERFUL  
REFRESHMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING**