The Villages Art League Newsletter

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS - 1989 - 2014

April 2014

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

The President's Message

Movie and Popcorn

Nancy Dias

You might just want to get to the April 7 Art league meeting earlier than you have been. Special guests and memorabilia from the past along with a movie starting at 8:30 are what will be happening before the meeting even starts which will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

This year the Art League has much to celebrate in our 25th year. We have grown with the population of The Villages when we were the first art club in the only Rec Center to now where there are 31 Rec Centers and so many art clubs to choose from. The Art League is still very active and growing all the time.

The April 7 meeting will take you down memory lane for a visit with friends old and new. We will take a look back at our history of the Art League, and acknowledge past presidents and applaud the dedicated volunteers who are the heart and soul of our club. Members like that have kept the spirit of the Art League alive and flourishing.

Many of our members volunteer in the area schools working with the children. This may be an opportunity to get involved again as a club. We have an invitation from the Rec Dept. to work with Camp Villages and share our love of art with children of all ages. Let's do it.

We like to get together to paint. How about a picnic and painting outside at one of the many beautiful spots here in The Villages? The one that comes to mind first is the new Paradise Park. Wally and I went there for a picnic and it was so peaceful and beautiful with lots of trees for shade. A white pelican swimming past us made it a perfect day. There are many picnic pavilions scattered around The Villages that would be perfect also. Let's plan something like that.

If there is any member who would like to help out with a painting picnic or volunteering at Camp Villages there will be sign-up sheets at the meeting. Let's do this.

A new badge has been designed that is symbolic of our journey from a small group that started at Paradise on the East side to the Art League we are today, crossing over the bridge and growing as the population of The Villages grows.

Along with the new badges a 25th anniversary yearbook is in the works. The directory will be included in the yearbook along with photos to tell the story of our history and its founders. If you want to have a keepsake yearbook you can order one at the April meeting.

See you at the movies.

Happy Painting,

Nancy

2014 Membership Directories will be included in the 25th Anniversary Year Book.

Artist of the Month—Dick Williams

"I AM CURRENTLY DRAWING WITH COLORED PENCILS AND GRAPHITE."

From 1934 to 2002 I resided in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin with a three-year interlude, 1952-1955, to serve Uncle Sam in the United States Marines in Korea.

I met Judy, my wife of 57 years now, at the University of Wisconsin and graduated in 1961. I took an Economics major but decided to pursue a career in business.

I retired in 1994. We have been residents of The Villages and snow birds to WI for the last 21 years.

I am currently drawing with colored pencils and graphite.

Thanks for asking me to show my art work as the April Artist of the Month.

Peek-a-Boo

Covered Bridge

Boat Crash at Lake Sumter

Thank You!

Thank you Carol Basso and Adeline Curlett for providing today's refreshments.
Also to Jan Kasma for decorations.
To help with snacks for a future meeting, contact Judy Kimmel 259-5781.

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Newsletter Submissions

Deadline 20th of month: leda.rabenold@gmail.com

April program—Jeanne Willette

Jeanne Willette was born and raised in West Michigan, and was formerly a decorative painting teacher for 40 years before pursuing watercolor and other mediums. Her love of nature and creativity combine to evolve into a unique blend of mixed media, especially watercolor and colored pencil. Jeanne has been an elementary art teacher as well as teaching adults, exhibited for many years, and been a judge and critique of art-work for many years. She loves to share the knowledge of which she has gained through her education, her experiences, and appreciation of the history of art.

Jeanne's demo will feature a "sampling" of four creative approaches to using art materials in a finished way. With ideas presented, members will be encouraged to make their own Easter card. Put a "fun flair" into the artwork you share with family and friends!

"I will be teaching four different techniques...I am calling it my 'Symphony of four.'"

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The Villages Art League Show Dates - For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org/

June 14	Registration-Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center
July 12	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center
September 6	La Galleria	La Hacienda Rec Center
November 1	Registration-Artist Showcase	Savannah Center
November 29	Artist Showcase	Savannah Center

Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at Saddlebrook Rec Center.

Officers:

President	Nancy Dias	751-1033
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Secretary	Helen Gromadzki	750-5651
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Art League Places to Exhibit

The Villages Art League has 2 art shows a year where you can show and sell your own artwork during a one-day event:

1) The second Saturday during July is our **Summer Art Festival** held at Lake Miona Rec Center.
2) The Saturday after Thanksgiving is the **Artist Showcase** at Savannah Center.

Last year the Art League introduced an exhibit at La Hacienda in **La Galleria** in September. That exhibit hangs for 3 months.

There is a monthly exhibit at Citizen's Bank in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month** program that started in 1998.

To display a painting at the **Citizens Bank**, on **Rt. 466** contact Diane Andrus 751-4824, **Rt.441** contact Catherine Sullivan 259-4308.

The **Florida Blood Center** at Spanish Plains Shopping Center has a 3-month exhibit open to all Village residents. Art pick-up and hanging-new-paintings day is always the first Tuesday of March, June, Sept. and Dec. at 10 a.m. For information call Fran Naughton 350-2169, Vivian Chaska 750-5367 or "Freddie" Ventu-roni 259-2577.

Art Workshops—Lifelong Learning College

For details, go to www.thevillagesartworkshops.com

Carlynne Hershberger	April 3-4	"Acrylic Landscapes"
Lynn Ferris	April 8-10	"Capturing the Light"
Sharon Wilson	April 14-15	"Designing Surrealistic Flowers"
Jeanne Willette	April 28-29	"Enjoying Mixed Media"

New workshop: Christine Peloquin, date to be announced soon

To register, call Lifelong Learning College 753-3035

Questions: Beverly Hennessy 753-1383
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Free Art League Workshops

MONDAY 9:00-NOON SADDLEBROOK REC CENTER

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

April Calendar

7—Art League business meeting & 25th Anniversary Celebration