The Villages Art League Newsletter

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS - 1989 - 2014

June 2014

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.." Thomas Merton

The President's Message

Nancy Dias

At the June meeting the room will be set up with tables for the Paint Around that will start after the business meeting. There is no artist demonstration this month. We are the demonstration. If you are participating please take a seat at one of the tables for your medium. This is a fun activity and not serious. You get to meet other members in a way different from our regular meetings. If you are not participating there will be seats at the front of the room for you.

Last month we had a discussion about the September La Galleria exhibit and this month we will vote on what kind of exhibit we all want. The Art League now has that 3-month time slot of September to December every year and last year there was a themed show. The question is do we want to keep the same theme or do we want something different?

The July Summer Art Festival is right around the corner and registration is this month on Saturday June 14. You can find all the information you need to know on our web site. The rules of the Festival and the procedure for registering are there.

Painting at Paradise Park is scheduled for June 9 so come join us. The tables are reserved for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for our picnic but you can come anytime to paint. Call Lynne Albers to reserve a sandwich.

Happy Painting, Nancy

Save the Dates

June 2 — 9 a.m. Art League business meeting and Paint Around
June 3 —10 a.m. Florida Blood Center Art Change-out
June 14— 9 a.m. Register for Summer Art Festival at Lake Miona
July 12 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Summer Art Festival at Lake Miona

Janelle Seibertich and Elaine Ring deserve our **THANKS** for providing today's refreshments.
To help with snacks for a future meeting, contact Judy Kimmel 259-5781.

Artist of the Month—Lisa Woodward

"I never paint the same thing twice. If it isn't fun I don't do it. I thank God for whatever talent I have."

Lisa's passion for art began at age 10 with her first oil painting class taught by her Aunt Marg. That painting won a blue ribbon. Lisa is basically self-taught. She retired after 32-years as a researcher with Burroughs Wellcome, a pharmaceutical company. She became a workshop junkie attending LOTS of workshops in NC and FL. Favorites include Charles Reid, Judi Betts, Cheng Kee Chee, in NC, and in FL Jean Grastorf, Janet Rogers, Karlyn Holman, Sue Connor, Marion Seigel, Joe Miller, Sterling Edwards, Mary Alice Braukman, Elizabeth St Hilaire Nelson, Stephen Bach, Maxine Masterfield, Pat Weaver, Jane Slivka and Pat Dews. Many of these were offered through the Life Long Learning College, a wonderful resource. Lisa has exhibited in shows in NC and FL winning several awards. Her work is in many private collections

Painting has given her a whole new way of looking at the world around her. She expresses her feelings about a subject, using line, color, value, texture, design and happy accidents. She considers herself a colorist. Her primary medium is watercolor, but she also paints using acrylics, inks, collage, and mixed media. Experimenting is her favorite activity. She says, 'I never paint the same thing twice. If it isn't fun I don't do it. I thank God for whatever talent I have.' She is grateful for all the art opportunities available in The Villages and for all the wonderful artist friends she has met along the way. She is honored to be Artist of the Month for The Village Art League.

Lisa's work can be seen at Gallery East, Belleview, FL and at exhibit venues in The Villages. She is a member of Florida Watercolor Society, Leesburg Art Association, Ocala Art Group, Village Art League and The Visual Art Association in The Villages.

Camp Villages

The Villages Art League is participating in Camp Villages on July 17th with the Camp Villages Buckaroos drawing what they want to be when they grow up. Thank you to those who volunteered.

Paint Around

Please bring a plastic tablecloth and your art supplies on June 2nd. You start with your own art project for the first 10 minutes and then everyone passes the art to the next one and you work on that for 10 minutes and so on until you get your own back. So bring something already sketched out with a reference if you want to pass it along with it. A good size is 11x14, nothing too big.

There were requests for a table for china painters and clayers so we can get a chance to see what that is all about along with the painting mediums. This is a fun activity and not serious. You get to meet other members in a way different from our regular meetings.

www.thevillagesartleague.org

There are some changes to our web site for you to explore. Look under Membership and you will find a Members Only button. We will email you the password to gain access. For now we have put in that section the monthly newsletters and the directory of members' names and contact information. It will be for members' eyes only.

There are places you can find information about our club and art shows. There is a list of links to art catalogs and other art clubs. The history has been updated. You will find information about the registration procedures and art show rules. There will soon be a place for artist's website links and you just need to let us know if you want to add your name.

While you're there take a look at photos of our April celebration. Thanks goes out to Jan Balow for taking great pictures that day.

Lifelong Learning College Art Workshops

For details or to sign up for the monthly Brush Strokes newsletter, visit **www.thevillagesartworkshops.com**

Fall Workshops:

Libit Jones "Addicted to Texture" October 14-15
Jeanette Robertson "Pet Drawings" October 16
Melissa Miller Nece "Secret Weapon of Color Pencil" October 20-21
Kate carney "Wild Child" October 23
Anne Abgott "Taking Ordinary, Making it Extraordinary" Oct. 27-29

To register, call Lifelong Learning College 753-3035
Questions: Beverly Hennessy 753-1383 or email: bbaug97@aol.com

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline 20th of month:
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Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at Saddlebrook Rec Center.

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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.

Another venue is a judged Exhibit at la Galleria that hangs from September to December .

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" Venturoni 259-2577.

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

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

ART LEAGUE MEMBERS MEET TO PAINT TOGETHER IN ALL MEDIUMS. EVERYONE WORKS INDEPENDENTLY AND HELPS EACH OTHER. THERE IS NO TEACHER OR LESSON.