The Villages Art League Newsletter

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS - 1989 - 2014

September 2014

"Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do." Edgar Degas

The President's Message

Nancy Dias

Labor Day is upon us and back home in Rhode Island it signals the end of summer. Close up the pools and bring out the fall clothes. That doesn't happen here in Florida and I still can't get used to it. Our weather gets better and better.

The snowbirds will be back and they will have to catch up with all the activities and events that they have missed. The latest is the opening on August 18 of the Eisenhower Art Gallery featuring the Silver Anniversary Art Exhibit. Ten Presidents of the Art League living here in The Villages brought their artwork to hang and an opening reception followed at 4 pm. Eleanor Simmons, one of the founders and President in 1994, was one of the first to arrive with her son Paul. A steady stream of people came to share the celebration of our 25 year history. This exhibit will hang until October 20. Go to our web site and learn more about the Eisenhower Art Gallery and the dates for 2015. There are pictures of the exhibit and reception. www.thevillagesartleague.org

Another exciting place to be is at La Galleria on September 6 for the opening of Inspired by the Masters Exhibit that will hang until December 6. Get your entry form in.

Fast approaching is the 17th Artist Showcase at the Savannah Center. I am looking for people to be on my committee. Soon there will be a meeting and you will be notified by email. If you are not planning to exhibit, then please consider volunteering for a few hours. It's a great way to meet the artists and see all the artwork. Bonnie is going to coordinate the volunteers again and will be looking for you to sign her sheet at the meeting. She will be traveling and wants to get it all organized before she leaves. Let's help her do that.

Happy Painting, Nancy

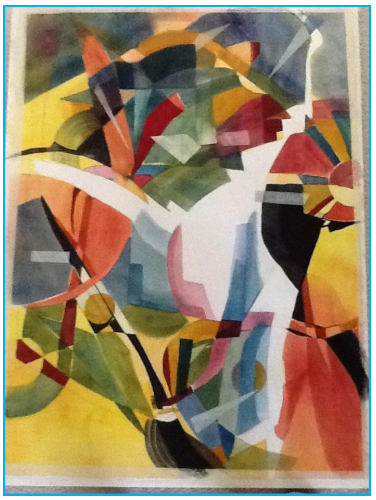
La Galleria Exhibit "Inspired by the Masters" is this Saturday, September 6. Information about the show, its rules and registration form are on the website: www.thevillagesartleague.org.

Artist of the Month—Bev Hennessy

Grew up in St. Paul Minnesota and raised 4 boys. I always had the creative and entrepreneurial desire inside me. In College I majored in Home Ecc and the creativity came out in sewing and cooking. Raising my boys, my entrepreneurial spirit bubbled up again and I created a pottery business with 4 employees for 7 years creating the designs and shipping 1000 pieces a week to all parts of the country while I worked full-time as office manager in the medical field.

I retired and came to the Villages and joined the VAA and VAL. My first experience with water color was with Lee Nelson. She helped me in my first painting and buying $200 of supplies. I was hooked.

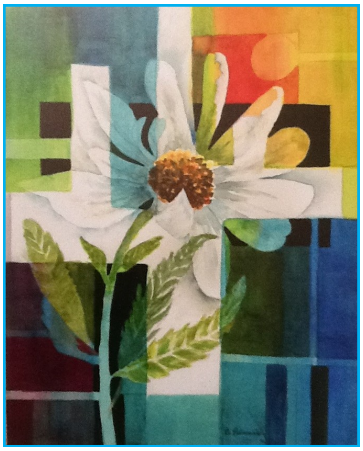
"I MUST DO ART, IT IS WHO I AM!"



With the development of the art workshops, I have studied with the best of the best in the country. The workshops have shown me the techniques and creativity of the wonderful world of art. I am like a sponge and want to learn everything. I can't get enough art.

The artists that have influenced me the most are Karlyn Holman, John Salminen, Sue Connor and many more.

I had the honor to have my painting in the Appleton Museum, Ocala in 2014 and a painting accepted in the Florida watercolor Society online show in 2014.



I have met some wonderful artists friends in my journey of art and I am honored to be the artist of the month for the Village Art League.

My entrepreneurial spirit is happy, my desire for artistic creation is happy and my life in the Villages is terrific!!

Joal's Fall Art Trip—Sunday, October 5th

Maitland Art Center in the morning / Art Festival around Lake Lily in the afternoon.
For details see Joal Litavsky, back of room or www.thevillagesartleague.org

September Calendar

1-Art League business meeting - 9 am
2-Blood Center change-out -10 am
6-La Galleria change-out - 8:30-10:00 am

September Program—Diane Andrus

A demo on animal portraits, feathers and flowers.

I've been doing art since before kindergarten. My aunt painted a little as a hobby, and I was soon aiding and abetting her. I was (and am) horse and animal crazy; as a result, I was always drawing them.

My grandmother lived with us and instilled love of flowers and gardening.

I studied art education and then, a little later, went back to school for a BFA in graphic design. Still later I got into picture framing which I am still doing.

I have never really taken any formal watercolor instruction, but it has always been my beloved medium.

Look at and analyze all the pictures and books you can find in your field of interest!

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I love the white paper too. I will paint in a somewhat oriental style, wet on dry paper, and layering color, a pet portrait and a plant portrait.

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 www.mmillernece.com
Kate Carney "Wild Child" Acrylic Abstract October 23 www.katecarneyfineart.com
Anne Abgott "Taking Ordinary and Making Extraordinary" Oct. 27-29 www.anneabgott.com
Sharon Wilson "Designing Watercolor Abstract with Charcoal Pour" November 6-7

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

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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

New this year is the **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center. It opened on August 18 with a fine art exhibit. It is not judged and will be changed out every 2 months starting in January 2015.

The Villages Art League has a fine art exhibit in **La Galleria** at La Hacienda every year from September to December that is judged.

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

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.

To display a painting at the **Citizens Bank** on Rt. 466 or on Rt. 441contact Diane Andrus 751-4824.

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, Margie Picard 750-1965 or "Freddie" Venturoni 259-2577.

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

September 6	La Galleria Exhibit	La Hacienda Rec Center
October 20	Eisenhower Exhibit	Eisenhower 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

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