The Villages Art League Newsletter

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April 2015

Quote of the Month: "I invent nothing, I rediscover." Auguste Rodin

Word of the Month: "bricolage" - an assemblage of available items

Co-President Jeanne's Message

A Real Gem...

The VAL has become a REAL gem! The VAL gives all of us a reason to enjoy creativity, experimenting, puzzle solving, validation, and a happier lifestyle thru our artwork. We feel our club is a gem, one that should be treasured, supported, and kept solid with our combined programs and volunteers.

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

Diane and I want to thank the many members who have expressed greetings of welcome and support for our upcoming year. Our five officers bring together a history of experience, knowledge and friendship as your leaders.

We are currently in 'planning mode' for the Summer Art Festival on July 11th at Lake Miona Regional Rec Center. Phyllis Speicher has planned programs for our meetings thru June, and we will follow up with more exciting announcements for the Fall and Winter. A new Directory will replace the old 2013 one which has become outdated. The Directory will be informational and provide many volunteer opportunities for you to participate in making our club "a gem"! Our e-mail addresses are listed so you can contact us at your convenience. We're happy you are part of the VAL with us!

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Artist of the Month—Leda Rabenold

I've been interested in art since youth, and took as many art electives as available throughout school. When I was in junior high my father built a wooden carry case to hold my oil paints and canvas boards. My first 'prize' was for a painting submitted in a school poster contest. It was of a dog. Coincidently, I began painting peoples' pets, mainly dogs, just a few years ago.

I had three wishes: to be a secretary, and a wife/mother, and have lots of time to paint when I retired! The Lord has blessed me with all three, and so much more!

Until we moved to The Villages in 2008, I would paint awhile, then put it away, sometimes for years while caring for our five children. I lived in PA until 1997 when we began 18 years of ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators; there I served as webmaster, corporation secretary and writer. During those years we lived in 13 different places in the States, and visited Tanzania and Kenya in Africa, England, the Philippines and India. Our son lives in Tanzania since 1991, and I've been able to go there six times. We are so privileged to live in this country!

WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL FLORIDA SURROUNDINGS IN WHICH TO FIND SUBJECT MATTER.

Paul and I officially retired last year. Now I have plenty of time to paint and beautiful Florida surroundings in which to find subject matter. I work with acrylics and spend Wednesday mornings with the Painting Pals at Laurel Manor. I've learned so much from other artists in The Villages and enjoy the opportunity to show my paintings during the VAL and VAA art shows. My "Making Hay While the Sun Shines" painting (below) was juried into the Fine Art Exhibition sponsored by the Ocala Art Group at the Appleton Art Museum in November 2013.

Thank you for the honor to be VAL's Artist of the Month!

Congratulations!

Arrachme has recently had many artistic successes. She is included in an article in March's **Style** magazine. Please look at it.

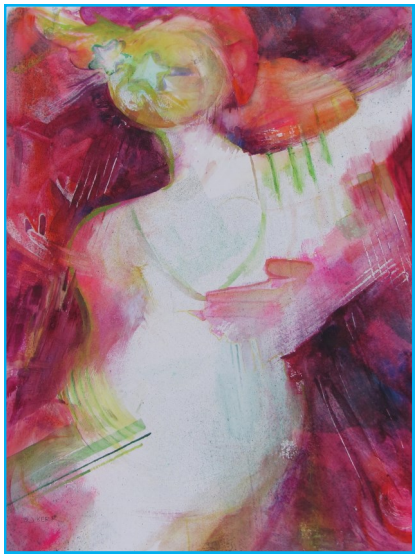
Visit www.thevillagesartleague.org/calendar-by-month.html for the 2015 calendar of art events in The Villages.

April Program—Barbara Kerr

Barbara has lived in Citrus County for 17 years after relocating from Annapolis, MD. She retired from a 24-year career in the Department of Defense and 12 years of teaching intermediate watercolor classes at The Art Center of Citrus County. She has judged numerous art events in Citrus County.

She availed herself of any available art classes (the University of Maryland, American University, St. John's College, and Anne Arundel Community College). She graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Education. She studied under more than 20 nationally recognized watercolor artists in workshops.

Barbara is the Past President, Ocala Art Group; Past President, Citrus Watercolor Club; and Past Program Chairman, The Art Center of Citrus County. Currently she is a member of The Nature Coast Painters and The Citrus Watercolor Club.



She has won many awards, been featured in one-person shows around Florida and exhibits in galleries in Florida and Maryland.

BARBARA STUDIED UNDER MORE THAN 20 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WATERCOLOR ARTISTS IN WORKSHOPS.

Thank You to Ellen Lowderman and Diane Weekley for providing the refreshments today.
To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

Lifelong Learning College Winter 2015 Art Workshops Overview

Susanna Spann watercolor April 7-8-9. www.susannaspann.com
Jeanne Willette acrylic/collage/canvas April 13.
Gerald Brommer watercolor/acrylic April 20-24.

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

Officers:

Co-Presidents	Diane Andrus	751-4824
	Jeanne Willette	753-6488
Vice President	John O'Hara	751-0780
Secretary	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
Treasurer	Gail Parker	751-0200

Chairpersons:

Artist of the Month	Bill Main	430-2923
Bank Exhibits	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Eisenhower Exhibit	Shirley Jerez	250-4751
	Irene Wantroba	753-9182
Email	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
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La Galleria Exhibit	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
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Upcoming Art League Show Dates
For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org

June 13	Register-Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center
July 11	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center

Art League Places to Exhibit

New in 2014: the **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a new fine art exhibit every 2 months that is not judged.

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.

New paintings are displayed each month at **Citizens Bank** on Rt. 466 or on Rt. 441.

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.

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 the month: leda.rabenold@gmail.com