The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: "There is a complex geometric basis for the design of all natural form. Each unique individual form affects adjacent forms, and so on; all together creating an environment unique to that time and place."
Wendy McAllister- jeweler and enamallist

Word of the Month: '**negative space**' Negative (adj)!, consisting in or characterized by the absence rather than the presence of distinguishing features. The background to an object (the not-the-object); just as important as the line and color (if used) in defining objects in artistic compositions.

Co-President Diane's Message

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

Happy August.

I hope everyone is having a GOOD summer, even though retirement and living in Florida (nearly perpetual summer) sort of steals the fire that summer held for us when we were school children.

I hope everyone who took part in the summer art festival had a very good experience. I think it went marvelously. I don't think I remember having so many people go through a show before. Hope you captured some of that multitude as purchasers of your art work. We tried some experimental things at this show and on the whole they went very well. As of the time I'm writing this (deadlines, you know). we haven't yet gotten together to evaluate and record the results and directions for next year. But we are gong to.

Congrats to the people's choice winners. Many thanks to the organizers and volunteers who made the show run so smoothly. Many thanks and WOWs to all the exhibitors who made the show so impressive. It's not at all too soon to think about November's show.

Jeanne and Gail have gone north to visit. (And others as well I don't know about). So here we are, the non-migratory skeleton crew. The change out for the Eisenhower exhibit went well. Check it out, it's nice. The next art endeavor is the Inspired by the Masters exhibit in the Galleria in September. Catherine S. will talk about the show during the meeting.

Some of our members were chosen by the recreation and design department to do murals within the French doors of the new Rohan Recreation center. Godspeed to all of them in painting the 6'x7' canvasses.

This is enough for now. Questions and comments always welcome.
Have happy vacations, those who are far from us!

Diane, and for Jeanne

CONGRATULATIONS! On July 11 **Summer Art Festival's People's Choice** awards were presented to:
1st Place, Ellen Hellwege; 2nd Place, John O'Hara;
3rd Place, Roger Sherman.
Honorable Mentions to Connie Gray, Phyllis Speicher and Jeanne Willette.

Artist of the Month—Jo Ruth Patterson

Jo Ruth Patterson grew up in Texas and New Mexico, attended the University of Texas at El Paso, and taught school for 9-1/2 years in El Paso, TX. She married in 1978 and moved with her new husband and son to Northern Virginia. There Jo Ruth started a new career in the Federal Service in human resources. During her career, she spent 6-1/2 years in Europe working for US Army Europe as a Human Resources Manager.

Jo Ruth always wanted to take painting lessons as an adult but she never had the time with a full-time career and being a wife and mother. When she retired in 2005, she and her husband sold their house and moved into an RV with their two dogs, Honey and Kelly. That Christmas, her husband gave her a box of watercolors, acrylics and oil paints. As they traveled across the country, Jo Ruth took art lessons in various locations. In Albuquerque, she studied under Joanne Kennedy, a noted watercolor artist, and fell in love with watercolors. When she moved to The Villages, FL in 2007 and saw all the opportunities for art lessons, Jo Ruth enrolled in Judi Adams' art classes. She worked with various media but found herself returning to watercolor because of its luminosity and spontaneity.

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Lian Zhen, a Chinese watercolor artist, has been her teacher and an inspiration for many of her paintings. Jo Ruth has taken many classes from Lian and loves his combination of spontaneity and detail in his watercolor paintings. She has also been inspired by numerous other artists' classes she's taken through the Lifelong Learning College and through the many daily opportunities to learn and practice new art techniques in art classes in the recreation centers.

Jo Ruth loves painting animals, birds and landscapes, especially African animals. She also does pet portraits. See her website, www.watercolorsbyjoruth.com, where you can view her paintings and purchase high quality prints of her work.

June Locke and Irene Wantroba are providing refreshments for our August meeting. To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

All Villages Art League members are invited to participate in the next La Galleria exhibit, **Inspired by the Masters**, running from September 12th through December 5th. Information, rules and entry forms are posted on the VAL website. Contact Catherine Sullivan, Exhibit Chair, if you have questions.

August Program—Gene Rizzo

Gene will give a "Techniques" demonstration showing his favorite painting techniques and icons of water, sky, palm trees, distant birds and more.

Born in Houma, Louisiana, a seacoast community, Gene developed his artistic skills by capturing the beauty of nature's wildlife, landscapes and seascapes with his sketches.

As a graduate of the LSU School of Architecture and Fine Arts, Gene was taught the basics of watercolor by guest lecturer and famed watercolorist Edgar Whitney. After a long and successful architectural career, Gene began a new and rewarding journey with watercolor art, developing his own styles and techniques from which he has produced many fine nautical and architectural images.

Since becoming a Tierra Verde, Florida resident and member of the Florida Watercolor Society and the American Society of Marine Artists, Gene has become an acclaimed nautical Watercolorist. His seascapes, lighthouses, wildlife, swamp and beach scenes capture the total essence and moods of his subjects.

Gene has exhibited in many outstanding and nationally rated juried Fine Art festivals in Florida, Louisiana and Georgia and his art can be found in many private and corporate collections throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. He has received many outstanding Fine Art awards.

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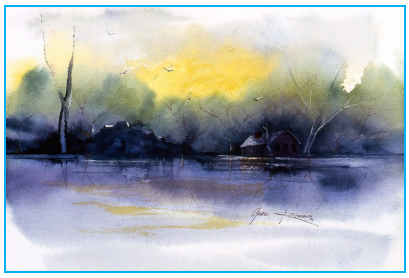

Lifelong Learning College Fall 2015 Art Workshops Overview

Kate Carney acrylic "Wild Child 2" October 14-15. www.katecarneyfineart.com

Gene Rizzo watercolor "Florida Land and Seascapes" October 21-22-23. www.generizzo.com

Cynthia Knox colored pencil "Serenity" October 26-27-28. www.cynthiaknox.com

Lyn Ferris watercolor "Capturing the Light" November 5-6-7. www.lynnferris.com

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners of the June-August Florida **OneBlood Art Exhibit** people's choice awards are: 1st place, Leda Rabenold; 2nd place, Cindy Ewing; 3rd place, Margie Picard.

EIGHT OF THE TEN ARTISTS CHOSEN TO PAINT MURALS ARE VAL MEMBERS!

Diane Andrus, Mike Daley, Nancy Dias, Phil Myers, Trudie Peterson, Leda Rabenold, Freddie Venturoni and Jeanne Willette's applications were selected for their artwork representing The Villages lifestyle. Val Mydske and Cindy O'Lear complete the ten Villages artists who will paint individual murals for the new Rohan Recreation Center.

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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	Jo Magram	845-807-7489
Bank Exhibits	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Eisenhower Exhibit	Shirley Jerez	250-4751
	Irene Wantroba	753-9182
Email	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
Historian	Joal Litavsky	259-0459
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	Irene Wantroba	753-9182

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

Upcoming Art League Show Dates For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org		
Sept 1	Art Exhibit change-out	Florida Blood Center
Sept 12	Inspired by the Masters Exhibit	La Galleria
Sept 14	Eisenhower Exhibit change-out	Eisenhower 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