The Villages Art League Newsletter

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December 2015

Quote of the Month: "As far as I am concerned, a painting speaks for itself. What is the use of giving explanations, when all is said and done. A painter has only one language." - Picasso
Word of the Month: "Burnished" Burnished is a process of polishing a surface, as Native American clay pottery known as 'black pottery.'

Co-President Diane's Message

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

Happy Holidays to You All!

We hope all of you are recovered from Thanksgiving and the Showcase. This is written to go to press after these activities take place, so I include in the message that all went well; merry and bright!

December's meeting is going to be a bit different. Hope this is only the first of the season's feasting parties (excluding Thanksgiving). We will start the meeting with only the very essential announcements, and then have our artist-of-the-month presentation by Jeanette Robertson.

Then on to the refreshments that we have brought to share. YUM As we finish our snacks, we will have a Holiday Ornament Exchange among those who brought them in.

The officers have planned a Holiday Illustration Challenge where we are going to make up groups to create an art work, on a theme, that we will later share with some of the assisted living facilities, etc., in the area. After the refreshments, these will be no starving artists' masterpieces, I'm sure.

Just a little heads up that some of the present officers will not be continuing for the next term year. Nominations are needed. Please give serving as a club officer some serious thought.

Best wishes for the Holidays and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Diane, written for Jeanne, John, Gail and Bonnie

Refreshment Committee for our December meeting consists of
Joyce Rick, Sandy Simpson, Judy Nahmias and Jan Barlow.
Thank you, ladies, and a special thank you to Sandy who created the table decorations!
To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina Schmidel at 259-8805.

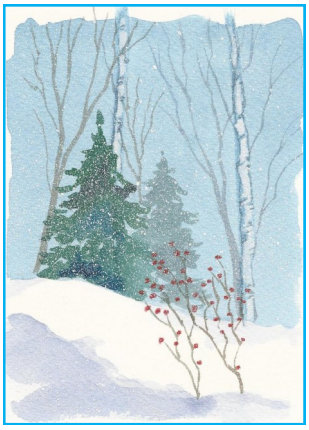
Artist of the Month—Jeanette Robertson

JEANETTE HAS BEEN A LIFE-LONG ARTIST.

Jeanette Robertson has been a life-long artist, working in watercolor, graphite pencil, and now colored pencil (since arriving in The Villages). She is from NY state. She graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology and worked in the textile industry for a number of years. Watercolor was always her passion and she loved to paint beaches and rural subjects.

In the early 1990's she started selling her work to greeting card companies. At the same time she also was selling her work in galleries around NY and Cape Cod, along with setting up in outdoor and indoor shows. She has also had art and paper card crafting books published by North Light and Sterling Publishing.

The artist has also given workshops and classes on painting. Now, she enjoys art for the fun of it rather than a career. *"I am now free to draw or paint what I want, rather than for its commercial value. I drew a bowl of clothes pins this year and enjoyed the abstract shapes."*



Have you visited the new **Rohan Rec Center,** honoring John Rohan, The Villages' director of recreation? Located at the corner of Morse Blvd. and SR44, this 10th regional rec center is a reflection of what life is like in The Villages, including historic displays and walls filled with paintings of landmarks, framed news clippings and photos of residents past and present. The main lobby features a giant ceiling mural painted by Dennis Graves depicting scenes from the community and inside several of the rooms are murals painted by artists in The Villages, many of whom are members of VAL.

Upcoming Art League Show Dates For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org		
December 1—10 am	One Blood Exhibit Change-out	Spanish Plaines Shop Center
January 6—9-11 am	Eisenhower Exhibit Change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center

COMING UP IN MARCH....

Our VAL meeting will be in support of a project to bring all our unused or extra art supplies to a veterans cause. Art supplies will be used for therapy and education in our tri-county area. Please set aside your items to bring to the March meeting for a festive in gathering and social time for our club!

2016 Art Trips

Contact Rebecca Schwartz for details of the South of France, **July 24-August 2.**
Tel: (352)633-3887, email: rebecca@schwartzusa.net; website: www.rebeccaschwartz.gallery.

Contact Joal Litavsky for information about the Euro Cruise on **September 3-13.**
Call (352)259-0459 or email: jowar43@cs.com.

Lifelong Learning College Winter 2016 Art Workshops Overview

Karlyn Holman *watercolor*—January 11-15. www.karlynsgallery.com

Jeffrey Smart Baisden *colored pencil*—January 18-20. www.jeffreysmartbaisden.com

Lyn Asselta *pastel*—January 20-22. lynasselta.com

Karen Knutson *acrylic*—January 25-29. www.karenknutson.com, www.karenknutson.blogspot.com

Linda Baker *watercolor*—February 1-5. www.lindadalybaker.com

Fealing Lin *watercolor*—February 8-12. www.fealingwatercolor.com

Sterling Edwards *watercolor*—February 15-19. sterlingedwards.com

Myrna Wacknov *watercolor*—February 22-26. www.myrnawacknov.com

Kathie George *batik/watercolor*—March 1-3. www.kathiegeorge.com

Sandy Mauldin *yupo*—March 7-11. www.sandymaudlin.blogspot.com

Virginia Lloyd-Davis *Sumi painting*—March 14-15-16. www.joyfulbrush.com, www.facebook.com/VirginiaLloydDavies www.youtube.com/virginiald

Sharon Wilson *watercolor*—March 17-18. (no website)

Trish McKinney *acrylic*—March 21-23. www.trishmckinney.com, www.facebook.com/trishmckinneystudios?ref=hl

Gerald Brommer *watercolor/acrylic collage*—April 4-8. (no website)

Kate Carney *acrylic*—April 12-13-14. www.katecarneyfineart.com

Anne Abgott *watercolor*—April 18-19-20. http://www.anneabgott.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

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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
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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
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	Irene Wantroba	753-9182

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

Art League Places to Exhibit

New in 2014: the **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a new fine art exhibit that is not judged. 2016 dates/times are: Jan. 6 from 9-11 a.m.; May 9, July 11, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

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 Plaines 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