



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: "Belle epoch"

Co-President Jeanne's Message

AHHHHHHH.....Summer has arrived!

Think gorgeous scenery of rolling hills, vineyards and the blue-green of olive trees, arched doorways to quaint country homes, curvy winding village streets, and the sky that changes many times throughout the day. Tuscany -ancient, historic, artsy. Now is your chance to delve into the world of Italian art - you can Google Tuscany landscapes and get many images of what makes up the genre known as Tuscan Art. If you have not had the privilege of traveling there, as I have not, then we have to rely on the "what if's, the imagination, the dreamy goal of getting there in person." I hope all of you who are interested and have registered for the Summer Art Show, July 11th, will show at least one piece of your liking in the theme of this presentation. Visitors will really be amazed at our creativity and craft, be it painting, drawing, collage, fibers or mosaics.



Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

I want to thank Ellen Hellwege for the wonderful job she is doing with the registration for the Summer Art Show. As this is a new, register-by-mail-only process, we appreciate your early response and final assignments to a booth/table. Also, we have Dianne Zalewski who has helped prepare the forms and some of the planning for the show. Diane and I are so proud of Shirley Jerez who is chairing this event along with her committee of 10. Let's make this summer show a real experience as we 'travel' to Tuscany via artwork.

Other things are happening as usual in the VAL! We have the beginnings of another great volunteer effort by donating artwork to the Cornerstone Hospice House for the patients and their families. John O'Hara has arranged a date in June to accept paintings for this wonderful place in our Villages.

Many thanks to Shirley Jerez and Irene Wantroba and their hanging crew for the beautiful display at Eisenhower Rec Center. We had 30+ paintings and its really a nice look at the VAL at their best. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and take a look at the lovely multi-media room and your VAL friends' artwork.

We have had lovely attendance at the meetings even tho the "birds" have flown to the north. Please plan to attend the VAL meeting on June 1st...come have some refreshment and some art spirit to rev you up for the coming summer shows. We will have our usual Artist of the Month, and a PASTEL demo by Sharon Yatsy.

Thank you, all of you, if you are connected to the VAL in any way.

See you at the meeting,

Jeanne

and for Diane, who is traveling the Mediterranean at this time.



Artist of the Month—Nan Kohr

A lot of my art work has tropical themes not only because I live here in Florida but because I spent my first 50 years in Hawaii. I love the popular Hawaiian artists and sure wish I could paint as well. Most of my art is in oil with some acrylic background to start.

This is an opportunity to show you a few of my newer pieces of art as well as some older ones. My only training was a few art courses in high school plus good friends over the years offering advice on how to make the pictures better.

The greatest admirers of my art are my daughters, Heather and Holly. Heather has recently asked me to paint a barn owl peeking through a fence to see the baby chick up in a bird house "Not ready to Fly." She also wanted a painting of male and female Kentucky cardinals on a rustic country fence. Holly asked for the traditional Hawaiian birds, the Nene Nene Geese, squawking at each other on the Pali cliffs.

When I first came to Central Florida I took many pictures. From these pictures I arranged some longhorn cows and bulls near an old barn and a field of round barrel hay stacks. Many pictures of sandhill cranes, blue herons, Florida swans, alligators as well as various tropical flowers - hibiscus, orchids, magnolia blossoms, and Bird of Paradise, even pineapples and bananas have been sold to our friends and neighbors.

I am grateful for my VAL friends for their support and caring.



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Calling All Village Artists!!!

The Villages Recreation Dept. is looking for talented resident artists who would like to submit and be considered for painting a mural in the new Rohan Regional Recreation Center. Artists must submit an 8.5x11" rendering of their depiction of "The Villages" showing the lifestyle, community, iconic areas, events or scenery. Eleven (11) artists will be chosen for the final project (may work in a group if preferred). Entry forms are available at any recreation center or at districtgov.org. (See The Daily Sun article of May 21st.) For info, email madison.taylor@districtgov.org or call her at 750-3525.

Congratulations!

Judge Robert Stenstream presented awards to these artists during the VAA Spring Artistry Show at the Annex:

1st-Cynthia Ewing, 2nd-Shannon Dowd, 3rd-June Love.

Award of Merit: Betty Waisnen, Marlene Jensch and Dick Jacobson.

Honorable Mention: Victoria Peterson, Jane Bowman and Phil Myers.

May Program—Sharon Yutzy

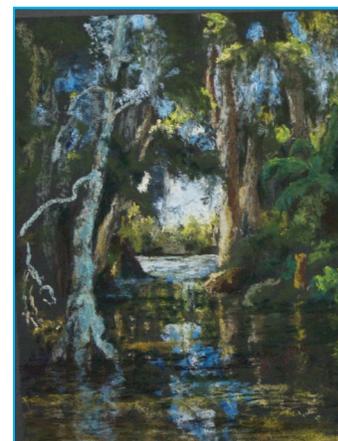
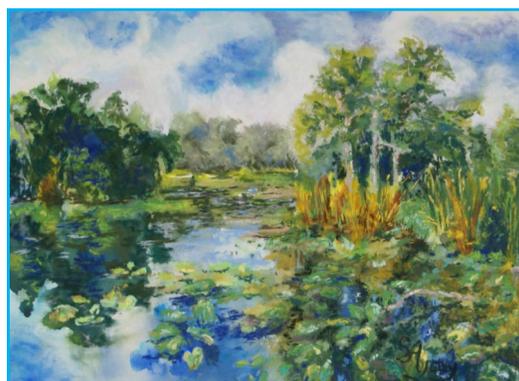
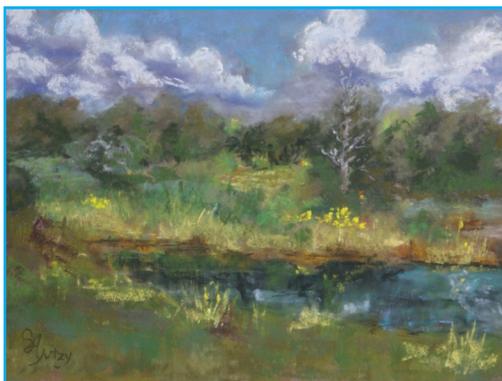
Sharon was born in Baltimore and spent most of her life in Maryland, graduating from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, with a degree in English with plans to become a magazine editor. Instead she joined her father's heavy/highway construction company.

At the age of 50, Sharon began studying art and registered for a one-week class given by classical watercolorist, Gaylie Shiles. Recognizing her potential, Gay invited Sharon to continue studying at her atelier. In 2004, Sharon and her husband relocated to Florida and within a year, she began to study watercolor with Jane Slivka at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts. She also joined the Leesburg Center for the Arts where she took a workshop given by Marylee Voegele. Marylee introduced her to the Leesburg Art Association (LAA). Since joining LAA, she has served as newsletter editor, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President and is currently Treasurer. In 2010, Donna Tweedle and Suzanne Zielinski founded the Pastel Society of Central Florida of which she is a charter member and treasurer since its inception.

During the past 4 years, Sharon has studied with a number of acclaimed pastel artists. Each workshop has provided valuable learning experiences that have expanded her skill with soft pastels. Sharon considers herself a continuing student. She welcomes new experiences and "happy accidents."



SHARON
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Thank You to Maryann Goniea and Dianne Zalewski for providing refreshments for the June meeting. To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

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



The Villages Art League Newsletter

**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
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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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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

June 2	Florida Blood Center change-out	Spanish Plains Shop. Center
July 11	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec Center
July 13	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