The Villages Art League Newsletter

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The word of the month is **Fin de siècle**

Co-Presidents' Messages

FROM JEANNE....

I am so inspired and grateful for all the kindness shown to our new committee for the VAL. We have met to get acquainted with each other and plan for the future of our club. The openness, the creativity and history of our group will be our priority in serving you with wisdom, meaningful sessions, and opportunity to exhibit. Becoming an 'art friend' to someone new each month, and being an 'art friend volunteer' is our new objective. We have a wonderful committee to lead you on! Please submit your concerns, ideas or comments in writing to one of us. Thank you for your confidence and continued support!

FROM DIANE....

Well folks, here I am again as co-president! The club has grown since I was president six years ago. I am pleased and thrilled to be teamed with Jeanne, John, Gail and Bonnie. Together, we, and with all of your help, will go forward to a better, stronger club. We have some plans.

Jeanne and I, and all the club, want to thank Nancy very much for all of her work during the past 25th year anniversary. Thanks, Nancy, Pauline, Helen and Dorothy for all your good works.

New Committee for VAL

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette, Co-Presidents

Bonnie Canning, Secretary

Gail Parker, Treasurer

John O'Hara, Vice President

Artist of the Month—SusanJane Donohoe

I call both the Twin Cities, MN. and San Francisco, CA. home, having spent half my life in each Metro Area.

My careers have always provided for insightful interaction between myself and others. My careers in sales, counseling and as an award winning Kitchen & Bath Designer, demanded that I understand the human psyche in order to satisfy the needs of my clients. To understand was to imagine myself in their shoes.

Today I imagine myself into my paintings. I become what I am painting. Whatever I am painting, I feel its shape, its color, its texture. This intense involvement exacts an exchange, a connection of the essences and leaves behind a bit of my soul in every work.

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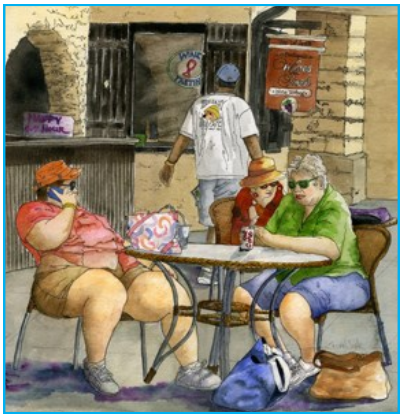
As a Florida resident, I find that the exotic wildlife of Florida and the aging population often find their way into my paintings. My paintings tell a story. I try to infuse my characters with a personality that draws the viewer into the story being told.

I use watercolor to interpret my art. I find it mesmerizing to watch the vibrant pigments mingle on the paper, as the liquid travels across the shape that it is bringing to life.

Painting is my life. My work is the culmination of all that went before. It is the "me" that I am sharing with you.

My work can be seen and purchased at Kings Gallery, The Villages, FL.; The Florida Artists Gallery, Floral City, FL.; local Art Shows, and on my website www.SusanJaneArtist.com.



Eisenhower Art Gallery Exhibit will change on March 9 and stay up until May 11. The new forms are available on the web site, www.thevillagesartleague.org under Art Shows, or you can pick up an application from Nancy during the March 2nd VAL meeting. This venue is for everyone from beginner to experienced and is not judged. We have had many compliments about our artwork and quite a few sales. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Dias or Carol Hickman. Our contact information is on the back page of the newsletter.

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

March Program—Billie Edwards

In 2014 I traveled to France to attend two painting workshops. The artist in the classroom picture is Kathie George. I took the first workshop from her. That is the subject of today's demo.

I moved to The Villages in 2005 from Chesapeake, VA where I attended Tidewater Community College and received a degree in Media Advertising Arts. The program included studies in illustration, design, painting, drawing, broadcasting and work in various mediums.

My love of art goes back to my high school days where art was my favorite subject. My first creative outlet was in the early 70's when I began cake decorating. From 1977 to early 1979, my husband and I had a cake shop in Virginia Beach. After many long hours and sore, aching hands we closed the business. That led me to college and commercial art. After getting my degree, I worked for a series of government contractors doing illustrations of missiles, ships, aircraft parts and layout work. In the late 80's CAD (computer aided drawing) came on the scene. I was not interested in learning how to use the computer for art work and left the field to manage a gourmet foods manufacturer.

I HAVE DONE SEVERAL MURALS IN THE VILLAGES AND ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL ART SHOWS.

In the mid 90's I began taking some watercolor workshops and joined a local art group. That was my first effort at showing and selling my work.

Since moving to The Villages I have enjoyed having the time to work in watercolors, acrylics, and most recently batiks. I have done several murals in The Villages and enjoy participating in local art shows. I have been a member of the VAA & VAL since 2006.

Thank You to Jan Barlow and Madeline Maccarone 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

Janet King watercolor March 4-6. www.janetkingwatercolors.com
Brenad Swenson watercolor March 9-13. www.swensonsart.net
Kate Carney acrylic March 18-19. www.katecarneyfineart.com
Jaimie Codero watercolor March 23-25. www.aquarellestudiosandgalleries.com/
Sharon Wilson watercolor March 26-27.
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

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	Bill Main	430-2923
Bank Exhibits	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Eisenhower Exhibit	Nancy Dias	751-1033
	Carol Hickman	259-4084
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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

March 9	New Eisenhower Art Exhibit	Eisenhower Rec Center
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