The Villages Art League Newsletter

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May 2015

Quote of the Month: "A painting is not about an experience. It is an experience." Mark Rothko

Word of the Month: "Fauvism " A group of French artists known as 'the Fauves' in early 1900's led by Matisse and Derain suggests Vivid color creating motion in painting.

Co-President Diane's Message

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

Hello friends!

Time travels so fast for us middle-aged folks. 60 is the new 40. I buy that.

The steering committee for the Summer Art Festival met recently and made decisions on many things. The committee consists of Shirley Jerez., Carolyn Johnson , Nan Kohr, Pat Claunch, Ellen Hellwege, Diane Andrus, Bonnie Canning, Diane Zalewski, Terri Behar and Jeanne Willette.

Chairperson of the show is Shirley Jerez

Volunteers-Bonnie Canning

Registration- Ellen Hellwege and Shirley Jerez

Refreshments- Loli Larson and Pat Claunch

World of Artists Program- Diane Zalewski

Publicity—Jeanne Willette

The theme of the show will be "Tuscany." More to follow on the theme. Registration will be done by mail this year. The show rules are posted on the website. The registration form will appear on the website on May 13 to be downloaded and mailed in with entry fee. Registration will close June 13. Notification of table assignment made by mail.

As part of the "World of Artists" we encourage you to work/demo at your tables at your convenience during the show. "The World of Artists" will, for a short time, ask to borrow an individual piece of your art to be prominently displayed, with your name and table number. Then you can be quickly found, and sell your creation. Luck to all.

Talk soon. Talk much. Merry May!

Diane, Jeanne, John , Gail and Bonnie

Artist of the Month—Terri Behar

I spent my entire life in Indiana until I moved to The Villages! My early career was in dentistry as an assistant and office manager. After 20 years my interests changed to sales. Eventually I ended up in newspaper advertising, where I could express my creative talent. I stayed with the paper for another 20+ years until we retired to Florida in 2010!

I've always been creative even as a child but was never given any formal training, even in High School or College. I started taking evening classes in drawing and composition back in the late 80's and 90's. My first workshop was in colored pencil and pastels. I've done portrait, wildlife, landscapes and abstracts. But after I took a class in watercolor I fell in love with that medium. I now do mostly watercolor and have won several awards for my Watercolor Collage work and have been accepted in some Art Galleries in Indiana.

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I find I'm always learning and willing to try different mediums all the time! I'm always trying to improve my art through workshops and classes. Thank you for making me the Artist of the Month!

Congratulations!

The judge of the VAA Annex Winter Show presented these awards:
Paintings: 1st-Billie Edwards, 2nd-Adeline Curtlett, 3rd-Wendy Lahey; Award of Merit: Eileen Navikas, John O'Hara and Marilyn Bachelor; Honorable Mention: Terri Behar and Joon Boody. Photography: 1st-Diane Pattie.

The judge of the VAA LaGalleria Spring Show gave these awards:
Paintings: 1st-Sue Franz, 2nd-Marie Tranovich, 3rd-Ruth Ann Maury; Award of Merit: Adeline Curtlett, Lisa Woodward, and Susan Donohoe; Honorable Mention: Carol Hickman, Judy Nahmias, and Kathleen Hansen.
Photography: 1st-Jerry Sundin, 2nd-Maureen Terrien; Honorable-Mention Diane Pattie.

At Sumter Landing's Arts Round the Square (ARTS) on April 12, People's Choice awards went to:
1st-Freddie Venturoni, 2nd-Leda Rabenold, 3rd-Betty Eich;
Honorable Mention: Charlie Carrozzo, Eileen Sklon and Ed Eakins.

For the exhibit of March 2 at Florida Oneblood Art Gallery, votes were counted and winners are:
1st-Leda Rabenold, 2nd-Jean Patterson and 3rd-June Locke.
Next change-out is June 2 at 10 AM.

May Program—Anita (Nita) Anderson

Anita Anderson is a native Floridian and has lived in Ocala for many years. Her demo is called reverse pallet knife painting. You put the oil or acrylic paint on and sculpt into it creating images.

Nita was a teacher of oil and acrylic at Central Florida Community College. She is an artist who sees art as a medium to reach and touch humanity. Her belief is not one thing made by man did not come into existence without the aid of an artist. This is why art is so important to be taught in the schools. She taught for 20 years through the Adult Education Program and gives art classes at Gallery East School and All About Art in Belleview, FL. Nita has given lectures and numerous workshops and has judged many juried shows including, for the last 6 years, the Art and Crafts for the Women's Club in Ocala.

Nita is a member of Fine Arts on Broadway and President and VP from 2001-2004. She has been a co-op member of Gallery East for 15 years, and Vice President for two of those years. She previously owned the Spirit of International Art through which she took American Art to Europe to be exhibited in galleries and brought European art back to America for exhibit, and planned travel trips to Europe.

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Anita's art can be seen at Gallery East, All About Art, Eggs Over Easy, Pasta Faire, and Lakis Greek Restaurant. Her murals may be seen around Ocala and Belleview. She has received many awards in many States.

Thank You to Jean Wall and Shari Taylor for providing refreshments for the May meeting.
To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

Lifelong Learning College Fall 2015 Art Workshops Overview

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

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

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:

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Chairpersons:

Artist of the Month	Jo Magram	845-807-7489
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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

May 11	Eisenhower Exhibit change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center
June 2	Florida Blood Center change-out	Spanish Plains Shop. 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