The Villages Art League Newsletter

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November 2015

Quote of the Month: ""The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work." - Emile Zola
Word of the Month: "Cubism " An early 20th century style and movement in art, especially painting in which perspective with a simple viewpoint was abandoned and use was made of simple geometric shapes, interlocking planes, and, later, collage. Cubism was a reaction against traditional modes of representation and Impressionist concerns with light and color. The style, created by Picasso and Braque, named in 1908, was inspired by the later work of Cezanne and by African sculpture.

Co-President Jeanne's Message

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

"Remember, happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends solely upon what you think." - Dale Carnegie

A light breeze, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and gentle warm temperatures have put all of us in a different mind set for November. Many of us are looking toward the holidays already, and most of us are realizing that the art shows are demanding our attention after the lazy summer days! We look forward to these events with fresh energy and ideas, hoping that we can capture the passion we need to complete artwork or start up in a slightly new direction.

I like what Dale Carnegie's quote says about what we should all be about. Our thoughts and what drives us to create are so very important, and we want that to be our theme as we enter in to a new "season" in the VAL. Getting together with like-minded artists and attending a workshop are wonderful starts besides getting to art club meetings. We are hoping that our VAL will provide interesting programs and stimulating talks and experiences for you!

Let's all dive in and help the newbies get acquainted, assume some responsibility in one of your art groups, and strive for friendship and positive energy to progress thru this new "season." I look forward to meeting with you again and I know our Committee of leaders would appreciate your support. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way this past summer and fall. The VAL is YOUR club and we want to know you better!

Sincerely, Jeanne for Diane

PS: Browse thru the SHOWCASE at SAVANNAH Center on November 28 from 9:00 to 3:00. This is a VAL event, important. And plan to be at the Christmas Party December7th.

Mail-In Registration for Artists' Showcase

The Artists' Showcase is Saturday, November 28 from 9 to 3 at the Savannah Center. This is a Fine Art Show for two-dimensional hanging art. Show Rules and Registration forms are available: www.thevillagesartleague.org

Registration closes November 16 or when spaces are filled. No refund for cancellations. A wait list will be kept.

2016 Art Trips

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

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

Lizette Murray and Diane Robbins are providing refreshments for our November meeting. Thank you!
To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

Artist of the Month—Helen Poor

Helen Poor is an experienced artist, art educator and photographer. She holds both a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Fine Arts and Art Education from Syracuse University with minors in Art History and Illustration. She attended Syracuse on a four year, full tuition scholarship. She has also done graduate work in photography at Roger Williams University. Professionally, she taught visual arts and art history to high school, college level and adult students in New York, Virginia, MA and Rhode Island. She relocated to the Villages in 2009 and continues her art/photography in Central Florida. Helen belongs to three Art Organizations locally, and continues work with schools and students as Chairperson of The Villages Visual Arts Assoc. Scholarship Fund.

HELEN'S SUBJECTS INCLUDE PEOPLE, NATURE, ARCHITECTURE, GENRE AND STILL LIFE.

Exhibiting art, first in New York and then New England, Helen taught and also worked on painting/photo Commissions. Her subjects include people, nature, genre, architecture and still life. Her works were selected for juried shows In N.Y. and RI, including The Cooperstown NY Art Assoc., The Newport Art Museum, The RI School of Design Museum, The Warwick Museum, The Bristol RI Art Museum, The Wickford Art Association, and the R.I. Art Educator's Exhibits. She exhibits with three Art Organizations in The Villages.

Helen has had her works published by the International Library of Photography, and several of her photos were selected for the Spirit of New England Calendar, including the cover. She has done illustrations for the Brown University Alumni Magazine, and has had art published in newspapers, educational curriculums, and catalogs. Judging, art for college admissions and scholastic competitions, and evaluating art/ photograph for scholarship awards continues. Her works and photographs are now regularly exhibited, and are sold locally, in Central FL.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Awarded ribbons in VAA's **Fall Annex show** are: Photography 1st place Helen Poor. Paintings 1st place Vivian Chaska, 2nd place Ruth Ann Maury, 3rd place Freddie Venturoni; Award of Merits to Sue Franz, Kathy Enos and Dawn Mastrodonato; Honorable Mentions to Jeanne Willette, Beverly Grant and Amy Zelle.

At **Brownwood Artists Round The Square (ARTS)** Peoples' Choice awards were presented to:
1st place Cheryl Gates, 2nd place Charlie Clayton, 3rd place Leda Rabenold;
Honorable Mentions to Bill Main, Betty Eich and Charlie Carrozzo.

At the **OneBlood Art exhibit** Peoples' Choice ribbons were won by:
1st place Cindy Ewing, 2nd place Mary Doggett and 3rd place Marge McQueston.

November Program—Laura Miller

Laura Miller has been teaching art, like, forever, first at Catholic school, where she taught small children and at a cultural center for young adults, then later at Catholic Charities for adults and in an assisted living center for seniors. She has, also, taught at the Adult Learning Center in the Villages. She attended the Art Students League in Manhattan, and Dee Cret in New Jersey. She has studied with famous watercolorists like Mario Cooper, Daniel Greene and Mr. Cheng Khee Chee.

During her watercolor demo she will explain how art is really the emotional expression of your feelings, that light and dark are the most important thing. She will also talk about texture and what makes a good design or composition. She will explain the concepts of painting in a fun, exciting, and entertaining way.

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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

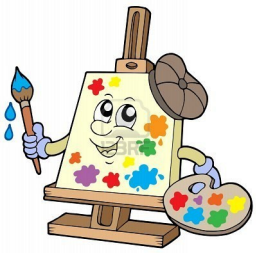
Fealing Lin *watercolor*—February 8-12. www.fealingwatercolor.com

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, https://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 , https://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. 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

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
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Chairpersons:

Artist of the Month	Jo Magram	845-807-7489
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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		
Nov 9	Eisenhower Exhibit Change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center
Nov 28	Artists Showcase	Savannah Center
Dec 1	OneBlood Exhibit Change-out	Spanish Plains Shop 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