The Villages Art League Newsletter

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October 2015

Quote of the Month: "Whatever object you are painting, keep in mind its prevailing character, rather than its accidental appearance." - Benjamin West, 1801
Word of the Month: "Expressionism " Art in which the painter imposes his emotions and subjectiveness into the subject of the painting. The artist utilizes distortion, exaggeration and fantasy to express his or her inner emotions and reactions to the subject depicted.

Co-President Diane's Message

Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette

Welcome back Jeanne and some of our snow-birds from the Far North. You were missed! Gail and Bonnie are away now, so we still are on a "skeleton" crew. Perfect for the Halloween month of October.

The committee for the Artists' Showcase has been selected:

Chair—Catherine Sullivan
Registration—Diana Crow and Jay Summers
Advertising & Publicity—Billie Edwards
Volunteers—Bonnie Canning

Below is the explanation for the workings of the registration process. Bonnie has asked me to call for volunteers and a sign-up sheet is going to be passed around at the meeting. We still need someone to work on refreshments and coffee for the show. Let's all work together to make a great show the end of November.

Diane, for Jeanne, John, Gail and Bonnie

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 will available in early October on the VAL website www.thevillagesartleague.org.

The Artists' Showcase registration forms can be mailed ON or AFTER Monday, October 19. Registration forms postmarked before October 19, 2015 will not be accepted. Registration closes on Monday, November 16 or when spaces are filled. No refund for any cancellations. A waiting list will be maintained.

Registration forms will be available at the VAL meeting on October 5 for members who do not have computers.

Ming Berry and Marta Croft are providing refreshments for our October meeting. Thank you!
To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

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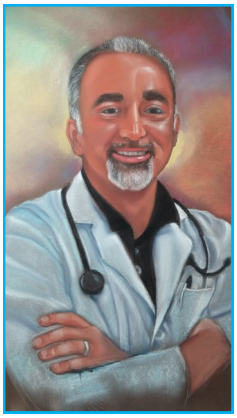
Artist of the Month—Catherine Sullivan



While studying at FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology), I gained experience in the fashion industry designing for two custom couture houses in New York during the summers. I later owned and operated a wholesale and retail custom Stained Glass Manufacturing Company.

After retiring in 2002, my husband and I moved to The Villages where I began painting in earnest, finally fulfilling a lifelong dream.

My philosophy is that you should never stop seeking to learn something new. I have taken many classes and workshops including an eight-week course at the Appleton Museum under the direction of Vicki Pritchard painting in the Old Masters' style.

My preferred mediums are oil, pastel and watercolor. My style is realism and I favor portraiture. Most if not all of my subjects are from cherished family photos. Currently, I am accepting portrait commissions.

As President of the VAL (2012 and 2013), I chaired the Fine Art Showcase at the Savannah Center for four years while leading a group in Artistry in Motion Demos at several shows. I am also a member of the Visual Art Association and the Ocala Art Group and have attended the Portrait Society of America 2015 Conference in Atlanta Georgia.

In 2013, I introduced and chaired the VAL "Inspired by the Masters" Exhibit at La Galleria in The Villages and again chaired the Exhibit in 2014. This Exhibit has now become an annual event for the VAL and I am honored to chair it for the third year.

I cannot imagine my life without being able to express my love of art and I hope to continue to explore and share this part of me for a very long time to come.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Appleton Museum of Art is showcasing seven Villages artists through November 1. **A Toast to the Arts** features artwork of Carol Basso, Arrachme Collins, Beverly Hennessy, Ruth Ann Maury, Fran Naughton, Barbara Wensel Severns and Lisa Woodward. Awards were given to Barbara Wensel Severns, second place, and Carol Basso, honorable mention. Works by the Ocala Art Group features 35 paintings chosen from about 120 entries.

Award winners of VAL's **Inspired by the Masters Exhibit** at La Hacienda are: Best of Show, Billie Edwards; First Place Betty Eich, Second Catherine Sullivan, Third Carol Hickman; Honorable Mention went to Marge McQueston, Jeanne Willette, Connie Giacobbe, Nancy Davinis and Betty Waisanen.

September Program—Betty Waisanen

I became interested in painting while teaching pre-Kindergarten children in New York. In those days children learned through experimentation with blocks, music and art. Their watercolor dabbling was fresh and colorful and free. I try to remember that whenever I pick up a brush. I began painting in watercolor at my retirement in 1995, have studied under many well known artists and, now enjoy sharing what I have learned with evolving watercolor painters.

This demonstration uses three colors which are painted one over the other to create a subtle mood for the finished painting. The development of the painting will be done in just those three colors. This technique is best for a water landscape (see examples).

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Lifelong Learning College Fall 2015 Art Workshops Overview

Kate Carney acrylic "Wild Child 2" October 14-15. www.katecarneyfineart.com

Jeanne Willette watercolor "3-Part Harmony Fun Art" October 19.

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 3-4-5. www.lynnferris.com

For details or to sign up for the monthly Brush Strokes newsletter, visit **www.thevillagesartworkshops.com**

Registration for the 2016 winter workshops is November 6 at the Spanish Springs Expo.

2016 Art Trips

Join Rebecca Schwartz on a painting adventure to the South of France, **July 24-August 2**. Stay at the beautiful Domaine du Haut Baran for ten days, a beautiful French Country Estate, one and a half hour's drive from Toulouse. Venture out every day to quaint villages, markets, pre-historic caves, great shopping and tasty meals, and return to the studio setting at the Estate to complete your paintings, where Rebecca will teach and offer gentle guidance and critiques. Space is limited, so sign on as soon as possible to hold your place on this extraordinary trip. For more information contact Rebecca, Tel: (352)633-3887, email: rebecca@schwartzusa.net; website: www.rebeccaschwartz.gallery.

Only 5 category "mid-ship Balcony" cabins are left at for Joal Litavsky's Euro Cruise on **September 3-13**. $3,339.39 includes cruise, air, round trip coach to Orlando, taxes & gov't fees. Trip is on brand new Carnival "Vista" and visits five countries. For more information see Joal at VAL meetings or call (352)259-0459 or email: jowar43@cs.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		
Oct 19	Registration opens Artists Showcase	Mail-in only
Nov 9	Eisenhower Exhibit Change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center
Nov 28	Artists Showcase	Savannah 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