



The Villages Art League Newsletter

1989 - 2015

September 2015

Quote of the Month: "Every act of creation is first an act of destruction." -Pablo Picasso

Word of the Month: Intaglio (from Italian)

n. a design incised or engraved into a material.

- a gem with an incised design

- a printing process in which the type or design is etched or engraved

v. to engrave or represent by an engraving " a carved box with little entaglioed pineapples on it"

Co-President Jeanne's Message

GET REAL, BUT NOT TOO REAL - it's the title of a chapter in my favorite art book, Nita Leland's (c.2006) "The New Creative Artist." As we begin the autumn season with the VAL in September, I'm reminded that many of us like a little kick to get going with daring compositions and a sense of newness.

Leland reminds us that two creative assets are memory and imagination. Conjuring an image is part recall and part invention. The recall is memory, the invention is imagination. She suggests that none of us can remember everything about a subject. This gives us an opportunity to invent. The more we draw, the more we experience the storage of ideas. Remind yourselves that we are unleashed by our imaginations and we can take liberty in exaggeration and distortion. Give the viewer something to smile about!

Our summer Tuscan Art Show was a wonderful collection of the ingenuity and magic our VAL members can produce. Lets keep it going with the 'Inspired by the Masters' show coming up in September, and the Fall Showcase at the Savannah Center in just 12 weeks. I foresee a hit parade of creativity and spontaneity....so GO FOR IT!

As I write this from the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, I've been able to reflect and plan for future art opportunities. Because I am in "refresh mode" I was able to complete 2 paintings this week, both very different than anything done before. My creativity is flowing and I'm looking forward to greeting all of you in a couple weeks! I hope your creative juices are flowing, as well.

Diane and I, John, Gail and Bonnie and all the committee people wish you a happy and successful season. Please take time to acknowledge things you like about the club, people you admire, techniques you prefer and honors bestowed on your fellow VAL members. I cannot wait to see what is up your sleeves for our next few shows!!! Please...get real, but not too real.

PS...Lee Asta asks us to announce the upcoming events at Gallery East. Lee is a featured artist for September. Their Fall show opens in September with a reception on the 2nd Friday nite from 5-7 p.m., and a SAGE lecture on Oct. 25 will be presented by an unusual couple on photography in Cuba. Call Lee for any further information, and stop by the gallery in Belleview sometime!



Diane Andrus & Jeanne Willette



Artist of the Month—Phil Myers

I was born and raised in Chillicothe, Mo.

I attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. I started off with a double major in Accounting and Art, but was advised after my first year that I should concentrate on only one study. So, I graduated in 1970 with a B.S. in Accounting.

After graduation, I married and then went into the U.S. Air Force. I served for 4 years. I have two sons who were both born during my time in the USAF. After being discharged, I returned to Maryville, MO to further my education. I soon graduated with another B.S. in Computer Science in 1976.

My career in IT began at that time. I held several positions from 1976 thru 2011 as a computer programmer, systems analyst, data processing manager, software QA manager, consultant and software release engineer at various locations. During that time I relocated to New Hampshire in 1984 and then to The Villages, Florida in 2006.

I retired in 2011 and restarted my passion for art. I work primarily in watercolor and acrylic. I am a member of VAL, VAA, and Wet n'Wild watercolor groups. I also enjoy playing golf a few times every week. I was recently honored with being selected as one of the artists to paint a mural which will be permanently displayed at the new Rohan regional rec center.



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The Refreshment Team for our September meeting consists of Barbara Dasinger, Janet Gardner, Diane Hill and Janet Stewart. Thank you, Ladies! To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina at 259-8805.

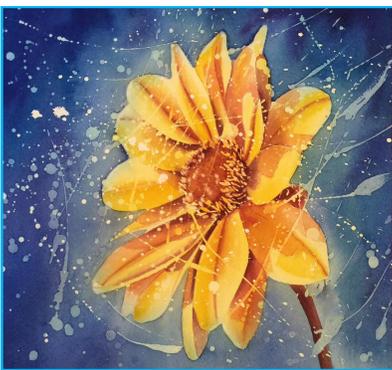
Joal's Euro Cruise September 3 - 13, 2016

There are only 5 category "mid-ship Balcony" cabins left at \$3,339.39. Includes cruise, air, round trip coach to Orlando, taxes & gov't fees. Trip is on brand new Carnival "Vista" and visits 5 countries. For more info see Joal Litavsky at VAL meetings or call (352-259-0459) or email at jowar43@cs.com.

September Program—Julie McGlone and Jan Barlow

Julie McGlone and Jan Barlow will be demonstrating several techniques to create a batik watercolor painting. When these two put their heads together, chaos usually follows. Come enjoy the fun.

Jan moved to the Villages ten years ago, lives in Village of Hadley with husband Rick and furbaby Harley. She is a member of the VAA, VAL, CPPG, as well as social clubs. As a Certified One Stroke Art Instructor, Jan teaches One Stroke Painting, as well as Iris Folding Art. She recently started working with colored pencils and won 2nd Prize in the "emerging Artists" contest. When she is not painting, she enjoys golf and had two holes in one while here in The Villages.



Julie enjoys teaching watercolor classes at Colony Cottage and claims, *"Life begins when you get out of your comfort zone."* That is exactly how she operates—in the deep end, always seeking new challenges.

The demo will be a large sunflower with complementary blue background. We will use hot wax on gold threaded unryu rice paper.



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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

Rebecca's Painting Trip to the South of France July 24 - August 2, 2016

I would like to invite you to join me on a painting adventure to the South of France. We will 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. We will 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 I will teach and offer gentle guidance and critiques.

I have been drawing and painting all my life, and teaching in all media for the last twenty-five years. I have experience sketching and painting for the same number of years throughout many countries in Europe, Asia, Canada, and the United States. Space is limited, so sign on as soon as possible to hold your place on this extraordinary trip.

For more information contact me, Tel: (352)633-3887, email: rebecca@schwartzusa.net; website: www.rebeccaschwartz.gallery.



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**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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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

Sept 12	Inspired by the Masters Exhibit	La Galleria
Sept 14	Eisenhower Exhibit change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center
Nov 28	Artist 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
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