The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: *Aubergine: a deep purple color associated with eggplant.*
Quote of the Month: *"No day shall erase you from the memory of time."*
Inscribed on the 911 memorial, a quote from Virgil.

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

"Art Mecca!" Did you know this term is now being touted by The Villages Media? I was called this week and asked why we have such an abundance of art groups as well as many artisan clubs now teaching, showing and selling. I think the growth of our Villages and all the opportunity available in our leisure to pursue something meaningful, fun and interesting has led our retirees to try getting creative. With over 2,000 clubs and so many recreation centers, there certainly are chances to try something new every day.

Our two largest and historically strongest art clubs continue to grow and evolve. Painting and drawing always bring us the most members who want to learn and experience creativity at all levels. Being part of a large group offers not only a creative venture, but is both a challenge and a life-long joy! No wonder we are in an art mecca…add sunshine and a beautiful community to the mix and you are inspired to try almost anything.

Aren't we fortunate to be in this art mecca?! Think about what brought you to this point: a favorite art teacher, a childhood camp project, family outings, friends involved in the arts…it goes on and on. The JOY of art is always in the 'process.' Keep growing, and knowing, art people.

Artfully speaking,
Jeanne for our governing committee of Ron, Gail and Bonnie

NEW VAL MEMBERS:

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Artist of the Month—Doreen Lowther

Where to start. I do remember with fond memories of kinder, standing at the easel with bright colored pots of paint lined up in the easel tray, what seemed like a huge brush in my hand and paper attached to the easel. Let my imagination flow. That leads to 2nd grade when the teacher would have us put the point of the pencil to the paper and do a continuous line to classical music, when finished she had us color in the shapes. Perhaps, this early drawing method is why I enjoy breaking down some paintings into geometric shapes.

My art education is mostly self-taught with a couple college courses and a bunch of art workshops thrown in. I found and find art museums a great source of help as when I needed to know how black on black is achieved in the folds of material I went to the Louvre and d'Orsay Museums. I was lucky to have lived in France twice, Madrid Spain, the island of Montreal and the last place before coming to The Villages was Hawaii, those are the highlight places. In Paris the second time I was able to paint with other artists at an atelier in the outer layer of Paris center. While living in Hawaii I won, 2 years in a row, the children's Christmas story contest by The Honolulu Advertiser. Then, we moved to The Villages.

I am a member of The Villages Art League, Visual Arts Association, Colored Pencil Painters Guild and Writers 4 Kids. I am the President and founder of The Villages Fencing Club; my love is the sabre. I work in pastel, pen and ink, pencil, colored pencil, acrylic and oil; many times the photo will suggest what it should be worked in. I've done a few paintings in oil pastels. The VAL has been a wonderful way of being with my peers, seeing and doing new and interesting art forms.

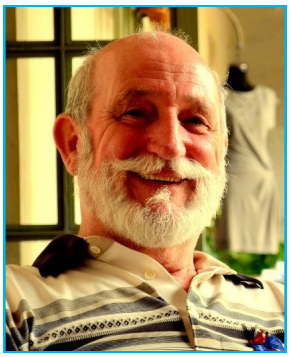
CONGRATULATIONS ARTISTS!

Awarded ribbons for art exhibited in VAA's **Winter Annex Show** are: Best of Show-Bridgette Greb. 1st place-Marlene Jensch, 2nd-Linda Carpenter, 3rd-Terri Behar; Award of Merits-Leona Asta and Marge McQueston; Honorable Mentions-Wendy Lahey, Ruth Lawrence and Marsha McGill. Photography: 1st-Dawn Mastrodonato, 2nd-Diane Pattie, 3rd-Helen Poor. *Stop by the Sheriff Annex on Rt. 466 to see the exhibit.*

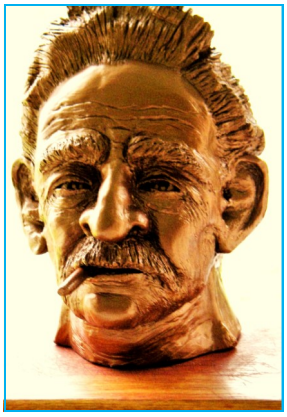
Ribbons were awarded for VAA's **Spring LaGalleria Show** to: 1st place-Bridgette Greb, 2nd-Ruth Ann Maury, 3rd-Lois Kamp; Award of Merits: Freddie Venturoni, Carol Bertino, Dolores Pare' and Sue Franz; Honorable Mentions: Norma Parcell, Kathy Enos and Barb Justice. Photography: 1st-Betty Eich, 2nd-Helen Poor.

In the current **Leesburg Art Association Spring Show 2016,** Villages artists won these awards:
Seasoned Artists Division: Best of Show-Nancy Dias, First Place-Ruth Ann Maury
Emerging Artists Division: Award of Distinction-SusanJane Donohoe

April Program—Brian Dickson



Brian studied Fine Art and Spanish at London University in his native England along with Educational Theory – the methodology used in teaching those subject areas. He did his Post-grad work at San Francisco State University in California in the late 1960's ['Flower power' years!]. His experience with Art media is very diverse and includes the following: Painting; watercolors, acrylics, oils, screen-printing, murals. Drawing; graphite, silver point, scraperboard, scrimshaw, pastels, colored pencils, pen and ink. Sculpture: clay, wood, stone, plaster and 'found' objects. Theatre: set design, set building, set decoration and painting, costume design and fabrication, theatre lighting. Photography: dark-room techniques, composition and manipulation, camera management.



Brian is a trained Silversmith and lapidary. He is the Vice President of the Gems and Minerals Society of The Villages. He is also a member of the VAA's Art students Scholarship Fund committee. Brian sails a Radio/Controlled 1mt Soling model yacht and a 12 foot sailing boat from his dock on Paradise Lake and flies a R/C 'drone'. He is also addicted to Golf - now that he is too old to play his beloved Rugby.

Besides teaching Art, Brian Coordinated the International Baccalaureate (IB) program in two schools and introduced the program in 3 other schools. He later became a visiting Art Examiner for the IB Art program – he has evaluated Art submissions from students worldwide. He still conducts school inspections for the IB throughout the Americas. Brian was a School Principal in International Schools for over 15 years – his 40-year-career as an Educator includes living in the UK, the USA, Colombia, Uruguay, Chile, The Bahamas, Lebanon and Botswana.

He is the proud father of two talented artists and grandfather to two aspiring young artists.

Lifelong Learning College Winter 2016 Art Workshops Overview

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. http://www.anneabgott.com

Lyn Asselta pastel-April 25-26-27. http://lynasselta.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

Art Films coming to The Villages Rialto Theater

ATTENTION!

"Goya" - Thurs, March 31 at 7:10 p.m.; Fri., April 8 at 7:00 p.m.; Wed., April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

"Florence and The Uffizi Gallery" - Sat., April 9 at 12:45 p.m.; Thurs., April 14 at 1:00 p.m.; Tues., April 19 at 7:00 p.m. The VAA and Scholarship team is helping to promote the presentations; a portion of each ticket will benefit the Scholarship Fund. More information and links to the film trailers, are in the VAA March newsletter—click here.

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month - leda.rabenold@gmail.com

The Villages Art League Newsletter

Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at Saddlebrook Rec Center.

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Art League Places to Exhibit

Eisenhower Art Exhibit in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is not judged. 2016 dates/times are: Jan. 6 from 9-11 a.m.; May 9, July 11, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

La Galleria at La Hacienda from September to December that is judged.

Citizens Bank on Rt. 466 or on Rt. 441 monthly exhibit. Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month.**

Summer Art Festival held at Lake Miona Rec Center the second Saturday during July.
Artist Showcase at Savannah Center the Saturday after Thanksgiving. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.

Florida Blood Center at Spanish Plaines Shopping Center has a 3-month exhibit open to all Village residents. It changes the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December 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

Loli Larson and Jo Magram provide refreshments for our April meeting.
Phone Laina Schmidel at 259-8805 to offer to bring snacks for a future meeting.

Upcoming Art League Show Dates
For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org

May 9—1-3 pm	Eisenhower Change-out	Eisenhower Rec .Ctr.
June 7—10 am	One-Blood Exhibit Change-out	Spanish Plaines Shop. Ctr.
July 9—9am-3pm	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec. Center