The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: *"Detail"* - an individual respect, feature, characteristic, or attribute.

Quote of the Month: *"Until the rainbow burns the stars out of the sky, I'll be loving you."* - Stevie Wonder Song, From the Dallas Salute on July 12, 2016

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

Finding love and beauty amidst the strife of the past month, across the country and in the world, was a challenge. But the above quote seemed to command attention. If you Google the song "I'll be Loving You" you will see the lengthy lyrics have some very impressive images we could borrow to begin to put words to art. Other visuals in the song include "til the dolphins fly, and the parrots live at sea." I love the imagery so much that I wanted to share it with you! I often get ideas, as an artist, using music, writings, movies, games, people, conversations, geography, nature and science to influence creativity. For over 10 years I have been using stars, moons, insects, floral and animals in my artwork. Occasionally I drift into abstract images giving relief from DETAIL. Detail is what defines your subject and gives it life and interest. Always take a moment to look over your artwork when it's almost done and make sure it has some interesting detail included. It's one of the last art principles that I can give you for guidance to include in your compositions. The uniqueness that detail gives art is always worth the time it took to include, bringing your pieces to final stage.

I was lucky enough to be under a gigantic double rainbow 2 weeks ago, driving in and out of the rain going to Orlando. I not only thought of it as a special sign, but a reminder that without rainbows we cannot dream, or imagine the sacredness of life. Any rainbow tucked into the background of your artwork can bring a reward. That small detail might mean hope to someone!

Wouldn't it be fun for all of us to use this piece of music as a theme for our next 'member-to-member' meeting?! That would be October...I will be happy to provide the lyrics for us to follow. No requirement as to size - but you have 2 months to consider your entry!

See you at the VAL meeting on August 1st!

Creatively speaking, Jeanne...
for Ron, Bonnie, Diane and many others doing volunteer jobs for your VAL

WELCOME NEW VAL MEMBERS!

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Artist of the Month—Maureen Terrien

Maureen Terrien was a realtor for over thirty years in Fort Lauderdale, Florida when she saw an ad for a photo contest for the Lauderdale by the Sea's annual Visitors Guide cover for 2005. She took some pictures of the beach and submitted one and it won. That was the beginning. She caught the photography bug and has been perfecting her art ever since.

After moving to The Villages with her husband in 2007, Maureen joined The Villages Photography Club, The Villages Art League and Visual Arts Association where she learned the basic elements of a good photograph. She grew her passion for digital art and has shared what she has learned with club members in workshops on digital painting. Maureen has created a unique collection of iconic and scenic Villages images as well as local wild life and landscapes which she digitally transforms to resemble fine-art paintings.

Maureen's images have won her many awards including Photographer of the Year plus ribbons at The Villages art shows, Florida Camera Club Council, digital photo competitions and The Daily Sun Paradise in Pictures awards.

A huge THANK YOU to the people who made sure everything was taken care of at the VAL Summer Art Festival. Most especially to Diane Weekley and Ellen Hellwege, Jo Magram, Maryann Goniea, and Bonnie Canning. The refreshments and additional greeters and monitors added the assurance we needed to make it a spectacular summer event for all Villagers!

4th EUROPE TRIP WITH JOAL

Italian Trip - April 22 to May 2, 2017

Lake Como, Milan, Lugano Switzerland, Italian Riviera, Lombardy, Cinque Terre, Verona, Venice and Lido. If you like George Clooney, fashion art, history, breathtaking scenery, good meals, romance, Alps, staying where the rich and famous play - you'll love this trip!

Call Joal at 352-259-0459 for the complete itinerary.
Under $4,000 includes air, 9 hotels, local cuisine, private deluxe coach, multi-lingual tour director and local guide.

August Program—Julie McGlone

How to Create Cards from Your Artwork

Yes, it's 100 degrees outside. Yes, the calendar says the holidays are four months away. Yes, you never want to see snow the rest of your life. BUT Julie says you can thank her in December for forcing you to watch this demo on holiday cards in August.

What can you possibly learn that be worth dragging yourself out of an air-conditioned house? Some watercolor techniques for pine cones, evergreens, winter landscapes, and sleds that provided hours of fun when you could actually bend down to use them. And of course, the big reveal will be setting up note cards and adding interesting borders to fluff up your artwork.

Julie is the author of Life Takes Detours and Erasing Maddie. One day she said to her husband, "Did you ever notice that artists are eccentric and writers are ditzy?" He didn't skip a beat. "Yes, I'm married to both of them."

After forty years of watercolors, she started oil painting. The problem is – new styles of painting require more supplies to hide when the FedEx man shows up at the door. I should have bought a bigger home.

Splash with Us" watercolor class is held at Colony Cottage on Mondays from 1:30-3:30 and 4-6. The Wednesday class is 9:30-12:00. As her former principal wrote, "Once a teacher- always a teacher!"

Congratulations!

Nancy Dias' painting "Exploration" has been selected by Juror Ted Nuttall for the 45th Annual Florida Watercolor Society Exhibition. Nancy is one of 100 Florida participating artists. This year it will be in Ocala at the College of Central Florida CF Webber Gallery from September 6 through October 21. The convention will be held at the Hilton at Rt. 200 & 75 on September 23 and 24. Nancy was President of the VAL in 2014.

Lifelong Learning College Fall 2016 Art Workshops

Oct. 12-13-14 **Joanna Coke** "Opaque vs Transparent Watercolors"

Oct. 17-18-19 **Linda Lucas** "Joyful Colors" watercolor

Oct. 24-25-26 **Cynthia Knox** "Color Pencil Portraits"

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 **Christine Peloquin** "Mixed Media Collage with Drawing and Painting"

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.

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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

Upcoming Art League Show Dates
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September 6—10 am	Florida Blood Center Change-out	Spanish Plaines Shopping Center
September 10—8:30-10 am	Inspired by the Masters Exhibit	LaHacienda Recreation Center

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