



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: "*Chi*"...it means spirit or energy. Lifelike spirit is the 1st of 6 Chinese art principles, dating from the 4th century A.D. - the energy of heaven in harmony with the world. - Bonnie Canning, Chinese Art Teacher

Quote of the Month: "*The biggest disease this world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved. I know that I can only love for a minute, for half an hour, for a day, for a month, but I can give - and I'm very happy to do that.*" - Princess Diana

President's Message

I like this quote from Lady Diana. As February approaches, we always think of matters of the heart - of love and giving. Our VAL has members full of both...those who not only love what they do, but share it with all others. I'm so proud of the people who make our art league interesting with their creativity, ideas, ability to problem solve, and be a friend. My hope is that we can know our members by name, recognition, AND a smile. So be a friend and make a friend each month!

Life is precious, as was our artist and friend Bill Main who passed this month. Bill was a gentle giant, a quiet spirit who loved the world of art and was a wonderful watercolorist. His presence at VAL meetings will be missed. Let his tenacity and place in our midst encourage you in your art path.

Our months are filling up with lots of opportunities to be involved, learn, and produce. Our next "really big show" comes up mid-July and we know it will provide an avenue for all of us to support our club and come to the table with hands and hearts. I look forward to all the labors of love coming out of paints, brushes, pencils, glue, media of all kinds!

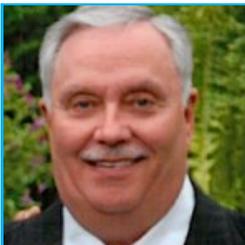
Artfully speaking,

Jeanne

PS: Don't forget to pay your annual dues this month so the new Directory will be complete with your contact information.



Jeanne Willette



IN REMEMBRANCE

Bill Main passed away on January 8. An accomplished watercolorist, Bill often helped to organize, lead and teach those who wished to learn more about watercolors. His focus was to help new artists establish a love for learning the basics of how to paint. Bill served as VAL Vice President in 2010 & 2011 and chaired the Artist-of-the-Month program in 2014.

VAL DUES ARE DUE!

VAL annual dues of \$15 cover the calendar year January-December. If you haven't already renewed, please come to the Membership table prior to the start of the meeting and bring along your VAL badge.

Or you may mail your check, written to V.A.L., to Margie Picard at 928 Ramos Drive, The Villages, FL 32159.

Artist of the Month—David Ellis

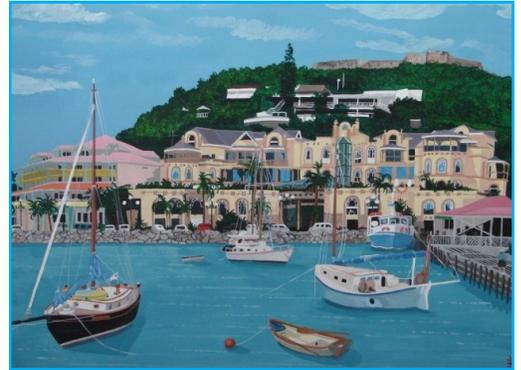


I am a self-taught artist who was born in 1952 in Marquette, Michigan. I spent most of my childhood next to the Lake Superior shores. That is where I fell in love with the water and the beach. I've been painting for 45 year now. I enjoy the relaxation of creating my artwork for the public. Since 1971, I have sold over 500 paintings of which most were commissioned paintings.

I work in the medium of acrylic. I do a lot of realistic artwork for people's homes and businesses alike. I have painted pictures for people all over the United States and a few overseas. My wife and I currently reside in The Villages where I to have the opportunity to display my artwork.

My artwork has changed over the years from a mixture of themes to a tropical theme. Since visiting the Caribbean, I fell in love the Bahamas. Whether it is realistic, abstract, or pop art, my paintings now have the Caribbean colors.

Years ago I was interviewed by Barry Stutsman from the television show "Michigan Magazine." I have been featured in several magazines in my hometown of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and also featured in a book by Phyliss Dobson on Michigan Artworks. I have displayed my artwork in numerous art galleries and art shows over the years. I was contacted years ago by Michael Eisner from Disney for a job in the Ideas Department. At the time I had to decline due to family issues, which I regret. Also was contacted by Dick Boss of the NFL about my sports paintings which I did for awhile, but the distance from Michigan to California was just too far to uproot my family.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Three VAL members were selected for the **Florida Watercolor Society's Online 2015 Annual Show:** Ruth Ann Maury, Susan Jane Donohoe and Nancy Dias. First Place was awarded to former VAL President, Nancy Dias. All entries can be seen at floridawatercolor.org/online_show.

Peoples' Choice awards for the current exhibit at **OneBlood** in the Spanish Plains Shopping Center went to: 1st Place Freddie Venturoni, 2nd Place Leda Rabenold and 3rd Place June Locke.

If you are a VAL member and are not receiving the VAL emails, please contact Bonnie Canning at bmbcanning@gmail.com.

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

February Program—ARTISTE' SALON SHOW

THE VAL ARTISTE' SALON SHOW will be a delightfully surprising gathering.

It's ALL ABOUT YOU!

This exciting club meeting is an opportunity to bring a piece of artwork, your very own. It can be 'in the works', finished and/or even unframed. It could be a favorite you did some time ago. We want to see what you have done. This VAL Artiste' Salon will have an "Impressionist" flair like the French artists showed in the early 1900's.



Please bring a medium or smaller size piece and a table easel if you have one, to display your artwork. Our coffee hour will start just before 9:00 a.m. and the brief business meeting at 9:15. Plan to be a little early so our display will be arranged around the room for viewing.

This art showing of our members' art REPLACES the monthly demo. We hope your participation will be of value to everyone in the club and we will get to see, as a group, some lovely new things!

NEXT MONTH....Our VAL meeting will be in support of a project to bring all our unused or extra art supplies to a veterans cause. Art supplies will be used for therapy and education in our tri-county area. Please set aside your items to bring to the March 7th meeting for a festive in-gathering and social time for our club!

Shiela O'Brien and Raymonde Winans provide refreshments for our February meeting.
Thank you, ladies! To help with snacks for a future meeting, phone Laina Schmidel at 259-8805.

Lifelong Learning College Winter 2016 Art Workshops Overview

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.sandymauldin.blogspot.com

Virginia Lloyd-Davis *Sumi painting*—March 14-15-16. www.joyfulbrush.com, 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, 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. <http://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



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Art League Places to Exhibit

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

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 Plains 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

Officers:

President	Jeanne Willette	753-6488
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Artist of the Month	Jo Magram	845-807-7489
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Contact Rebecca Schwartz for details of the South of France, **July 24-August 2**. (352)633-3887, email: rebecca@schwartzusa.net; website: www.rebeccaschwartz.gallery.

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

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

March 1—10 am	One-Blood Exhibit Change-out	Spanish Plains Shop. Ctr.
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