The Villages Art League Newsletter

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July 2016

Word of the Month: *Kaleidoscope*

Quote of the Month: *"Some people come into your life as blessings. Some come in as lessons." - Mother Teresa*

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

From Jeanne....

Kaleidoscope Summer!

Bits and pieces; shapes and colors - patterns and lines, textures and design - pretty much describes the life of an artist, artisan and citizen of the "good ole USA."

I hope this note comes to you at a good time this summer. Having just arrived back home from a month of family celebrations in Michigan, I was constantly thinking of how many opportunities each of us have, on a daily basis, to measure what we like and prefer, in terms of the above description. Nothing was lacking while I was looking for signs and inspiration to finish 5 compositions waiting for their final touches for the Summer Art Festival. Did you find the precious time to complete new work as a sense of pride and accomplishment?!

Thank you, dear friends of the VAL, for your love of art and support of our club. Your attendance at meetings and willingness to help in any situation is so appreciated. AND thank you for the outstanding and unique artwork you continue to surprise us with! Our July meeting will be casual and informative - please wear red, white and blue to honor our patriotic holiday.

Thinking ahead, get ready for our annual "Inspired By the Masters" VAL show at LHC. Give us your "take" on a piece of art and provide a photo of that along with your entry. Details forthcoming soon on this.

See you at the Summer show at Lake Miona Saturday the 9th of July. Come and enjoy - even if you are not exhibiting. Find the piece you are most drawn to and chat with that VAL member.

Happy KALEIDOSCOPE SUMMER, Jeanne, President

Artfully for your Committee of Ron, Bonnie, Gail...and Phyllis, Jay, Laina, Leda and Jo

WELCOME NEW VAL MEMBERS!

Lucy Fraser, 2159 Arrobes Place, 32162, 847-404-3456, castlegreenglass@live.com

Josephine Vogel, 1902 Lancaster Lane, 32162, 352-751-5069, jovogel@embarqmail.com

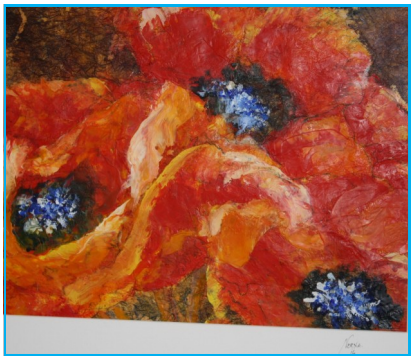
Artist of the Month—Verna Walker

Verna became the artist she is despite her life experiences. The oldest child of a poor family, art had no part in her early life. The talent was discovered by her 7th grade teacher who dedicated months coaxing her vast gifts into life. As the years went by family and children filled the days, yet she hungered for any chance to use her hands to bring things to life.

Approaching middle-age living in California, Verna pushed her way into the art courses at a junior college. She painted in oil and on porcelain, fashioned pottery and ceramics. An "odd job" was creation of a huge stained glass entrance with etchings for the entrance of the mansion of the Gallo wine family in Modesto.

In 1980 she was severely injured in an auto accident in Denver. For months she struggled to regain even the most rudimentary motor skills. Years passed as she labored to recover. Then came the day when a physical therapist with skills as an artist introduced Verna to the world of water colors. Year by year the skills began to reemerge. 35 years later Verna has once again resumed her place as an honored colleague of those whose life is art.

Verna is nearly fully self-taught, yet in The Villages today she is the teacher for those who wish to learn. Finally her life's wish has come true—she has her own home studio and paints with joy and gratitude each day.



SUMMER ART FESTIVAL REMINDER—July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center

Everything is moving along nicely for the summer art show and we are looking forward to all of you being in the show or at the show. Please be sure to remind your neighbors, friends, and family of the show and post it on Facebook. For those of you in the show, be sure to be watching your e-mails for important information for the day of the show.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!! Ellen Hellwege and Diane Weekley, Co-Chairs

NOTE: (Because of the July 4th holiday, the regular VAL meeting date has changed to July 11th, so this is to remind you to attend the Summer Art Festival on July 9th.)

July Program—Diane Weekley

How to Frame Your Art

I began painting in oils, moved to acrylics and then watercolor. I have painted on and off throughout my adult life while raising a family and working full-time as a Commercial Underwriting Manager and Insurance Educator in the insurance industry for 25+ years. Upon retirement I got more involved in painting, had my own Faux Finishing business for 8 years and now love painting in watercolor and acrylic and teaching watercolor to share what others have shared with me. Along with this I learned to do my own framing and feel it is important to have your work look professional, front and back, and enjoy showing others how easy it is.

CONGRATULATIONS ARTISTS!

Ribbons were awarded for the **VAA LaGalleria show**: 1st Place Ruth Ann Maury, 2nd Marge McQueston, 3rd Lois Kamp; Award of Merits to Bridgette Greb and Brian Dickson; Honorable Mention to June Berte. Photography: 1st Place Jerry Sundin, 2nd Helen Poor.

Note regarding the Eisenhower Rec Center exhibits:

This show changes every three months. **TODAY—July 11 from 1:00 to 2:50 pm, is the change-out.**

This is a great place to exhibit. In the last exhibit five paintings were sold! The rules allow one painting per member per exhibit, size 16"x20" or less, hung only once. Some have not reclaimed their paintings at the time of change-out. Paintings that are not reclaimed become a problem. It isn't possible to store them on site and the coordinators should not be expected to deliver them. For future exhibits, a reminder email will be sent to those whose work is displayed. Please be responsible so that this venue can continue to be successful.

Questions? Call Cindy Ewing (352) 299-7619 or Janet Marks (865) 654-8776, Co-Chairs

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
For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org

July 9—9am-3pm	Summer Art Festival	Lake Miona Rec. Center
July 11—1-2:50pm	Eisenhower Exhibit Change-out	Eisenhower Rec. Center

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