# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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**June 2016**

**Word of the Month**: *Greige, a combination of grey and beige.*

**Quote of the Month:** *"If you are lucky enough to be at the beach, you are lucky enough!" - Anon*

## President's Message

Jeanne Willette

"THE HOUR OF EXPRESSION" - Lucky you!

INSPIRATION! My quote from above about the joy of being lucky, leads us to believe that being in our favorite places during our favorite season will bring us inspiration to create!

Analyzing what inspires us, we cannot forget those fleeting thoughts and ideas, the experimentation that gives us pause to get things right on our papers and canvasses, and leads to the right approach for a successful outcome -THAT is our 'hour of expression!' How delightful when all those elements come together.

The basis for the success of the VAL as a club is how it can, as a whole, be an inspiration to the members. As a group, we are evolving month by month into a more unified creative body of artists. Our common thread is a need and desire to be creative - to move toward the beauty of expression. We are inspired and we have a calling to inspire others by sharing.

Gather your thoughts in journaling to catch those fleeting moments that can only be described as "hours of expression." Get some lucky summer ideas this month.

HAPPY JUNE TO YOU ALL.

Artfully, your president Jeanne Willette speaking
on behalf of our committee: Ron Kucinski, Bonnie Canning, Gail Parker

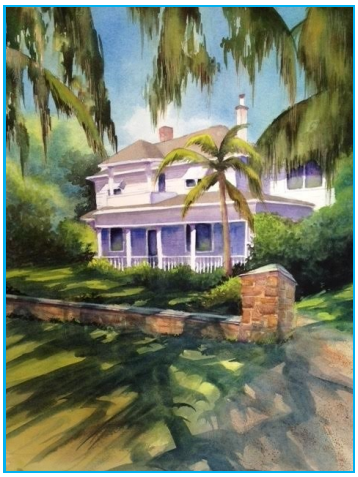
COMING EVENTS: We need you to volunteer!
- The Summer Art Festival—July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center, 9:00-3:00
- "Inspired by the Masters Show"—September at LaHacienda LaGalleria
- The Fall Artists Showcase—November 26 at Savannah Center, TBA

**NEW VAL MEMBERS:**

Judi Carberry, 622 Laurel Run, 259-1305, jlcarberry@aol.com
Agnes Brown, 1873 Grove Terrace, 633-7168, robertnagnes@aol.com

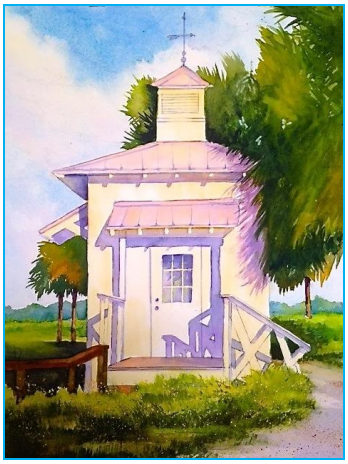
## Artist of the Month—Diane Page

My love affair with art began in college after taking an art history course. I was so inspired by John Constable's *The Hay Wain* and the paintings of Vermeer that it has led to a lifelong pursuit of learning the art of painting. After graduating college, I took a year long trip to Europe and visited every famous art museum from Norway to Greece. Upon returning I worked as a real estate agent for 30 years and have a love of homes and buildings and so it is the play of light and shadow combined with architecture that most inspires me.



I began studying in my twenties with oil painting but switched exclusively to watercolors some years later. I was very fortunate to have studied with some of the top watercolor artists for the last 40 years and have learned something from all of them.

My work has been shown in local galleries in Bucks Co. PA as well as here in Florida. I have also been commissioned to do many paintings. I teach a watercolor workshop twice a year in Fruitland Park as well as substitute teach for several art classes in The Villages.



**SUMMER ART FESTIVAL UPDATE—July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center**

Jo Magram is doing a super job on getting the advertising together. We will be having 4 identical ads within 7 days of the show in the Daily Sun that are 2 columns wide and 4 inches tall. She has also put a flyer together that will be in each of the regional recreation centers beginning June 1st.

Registrations have been heavy – over 61 on the first day! WOW. There are still a few spaces open as of this writing.

Maryann Goniea is busy doing photo shoots for the slide show that will give viewers ideas on hanging pictures and displaying their 3D artwork with it.

Refreshments for the artists and volunteers has been planned. All we need now is for our wonderful members to volunteer to be greeters and help with the refreshments. It is going to be a fun show so be sure to spread the word to all your friends, neighbors and people in your various clubs you might be a part of.

A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE –

IT IS A TEAM EFFORT & YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VILLAGERS MAKE THEIR HOMES BEAUTIFUL!

Ellen Hellwege and Diane Weekley, Co-Chairs

## June Program—MEMBER TO MEMBER ARTISTE' SALON SHOW

### It's ALL ABOUT YOU!

We had such a positive response in February, we're doing it again! You are invited to bring in a piece of 2D or 3D art, in any medium, finished or unfinished, to show what you are doing. (It does not have to be framed.) Please come a few minutes early to set up your work, and bring an easel to display it, if necessary. It will be set on a freestanding table. And please bring a small index or other card with your name on it to display with your piece. There will be plenty of time to view and enjoy everybody's artwork after the business meeting, in lieu of the usual demo.

Since Jeanne will be out of town, Vice President Ron Kucinski will chair the meeting.

### CONGRATULATIONS ARTISTS!

Paintings of these VAL members were sold during the last exhibit at the **Eisenhower Rec Center**: Ruth Lawrence, Joal Litavsky, Sandy Simpson and Lisa Woodward.

Ribbon winners of the exhibit at **OneBlood** are: Norma Parcell for "Wisteria Villa," Diane Andrus for "Elephant Walk," and Margie Picard for "What Did He Say?" Staff and donors enjoyed the exhibit. Some pictures were sold.

Ribbons were awarded during the **VAA Annex show**: 1st Place June Berte for "Iromusi", 2nd Ruth Ann Maury for "In Harmony" and 3rd Freddie Venturoni for "Emily's House."
Photography: 1st Place Helen Poor for "No, You Can't Have this Seat", 2nd Vince Laspina for "A Few Friends" and 3rd Diane Pattie for "Winters here."

**Note regarding the Eisenhower Rec Center exhibits:**

This show changes every three months; July 11 is the next change-out. This is a great place to exhibit. Last month five paintings were sold! The rules allow one painting per member per exhibit, 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

# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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

**Officers:**

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| President | Jeanne Willette | 753-6488 |
| Vice President | Ron Kucinski | 750-3520 |
| Secretary | Bonnie Canning | 259-9553 |
| Treasurer | Gail Parker | 751-0200 |

**Chairpersons:**

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| Artist of the Month | Jo Magram | 845-807-7489 |
| Bank Exhibits | Catherine Sullivan | 259-4308 |
| Cornerstone Hospice | Jim Zatlukal | 633-9771 |
| | Marie Tranovich | 633-5903 |
| Eisenhower Exhibit | Cindy Ewing | 299-7619 |
| | Janet Marks | 865-654-8776 |
| Email | Bonnie Canning | 259-9553 |
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| La Galleria Exhibit | Catherine Sullivan | 259-4308 |
| Membership | Jay Summers | 350-2116 |
| | Lois Kamp | 753-9371 |
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| Program | Phyllis Speicher | 391-5967 |
| Publicity | | |
| Refreshments | Laina Schmidel | 259-8805 |
| Sunshine | Charlie Clayton | 750-4110 |
| Volunteers | Bonnie Canning | 259-9553 |
| Webmaster | Leda Rabenold | 352-1918 |
| 50-50 Raffle | Shirley Jerez | 250-4751 |
| | Irene Wantroba | 753-9182 |

## 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**

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| June 7—10 am | One-Blood Exhibit Change-out | Spanish Plaines Shop. Ctr. |
| 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