The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: *Stabile...the art of construction/sculpture worked in metal, wood or other usually in an abstract design. Calder was the leader in modern stabiles and used his favorite colors of red, marine blue, or white to depict his large stabiles seen in many cities.*

Quote of the Month: *"Do whatever you do intensely. The artist is the man who leaves the crowd and goes pioneering. "*
- Robert Henri

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

A couple months ago I used the word 'brilliance' for our word of the month. It may have gone over some heads as to why I even mentioned it in regard to art-making. It's a word that Robert Henri has a small chapter on in his book 'The Art Spirit'...a book I hope all of you 2D and 3D people have in your libraries. The series of art lectures are important at different times in your art career, as we learn more about ourselves and the work we do to bring forth an idea into reality.

Another word that a friend of mine uses is 'shiny' people. The shiny people are often alive with ideas, promotions, deeply emotional and spiritual, and always reaching out to others in various ways. I hope that you are both shiny and exhibit brilliance in all you do.

Brilliancy according to Henri, is going toward color, not toward white. Henri speaks of cumulation and contrast, black being difficult, juxtapositions' of pure color with neutrals, vitalization of color and simplicity, a sense of texture, and the mysterious. Color can only be beautiful when it means something.

In the VAL, I see brilliance and shinning people all around. The upcoming Summer Art Festival, the Inspired by the Masters show in October, and the Fall Showcase at Savannah Center will bring out the best of our club. Please consider volunteering or exhibiting in these upcoming events. Thank you to all our leaders already in place to make these great venues so important to our club!

I would like to remind you that our 'workshop areas' at Saddlebrook, Paradise and Mulberry are all there for your use weekly. See the times listed in this newsletter. AND, BTW...we have been notified that we will not be moved from Saddlebrook until after the FALL elections in November. So hold on and keep on keeping on! Artfully Yours, Jeanne

NEW VAL MEMBER:

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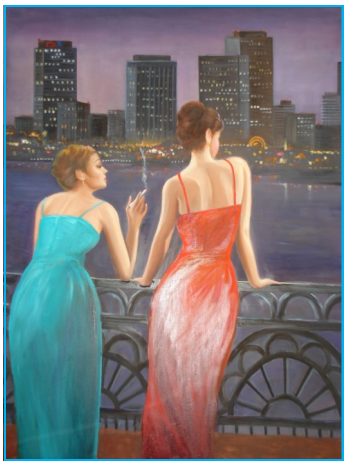
Artist of the Month—Dolores 'Loli' Larson

Born in Madrid, Spain, my love of Art began at a very early age. I began by taking classes from a renowned Spanish artist, Emilio Soler.

Rather than continue painting, my career took a different path and I went into the fashion industry. My enthusiasm for Art never diminished so in 1991 I made the decision to return to my original love of painting.

I took additional classes in Paris and the Instituto of Bellas Artes in Madrid. I attended art classes in California and took several private classes from different artists.

Thank you for taking the time to read my biography. I hope you love my oil paintings as much as I enjoyed painting them.



CONGRATULATIONS ARTISTS!

On April 9th, VAL member Carol Bertino was awarded "Best of Show" at the Pastel Society of Central Florida's Spring Expressions exhibit held at the Leesburg Center for the Arts and judged by Richard Colvin (Director, Mount Eustis Museum of Art).

On April 10th at ARTS at Lake Sumter, People's Choice awards were given to: 1st Place, Ed Eakins, 2nd Judi Roach, 3rd Cheryl Gates. Honorable Mentions to: Betty Eich, Maureen Terrien and Susan Rhodes.

SUMMER ART FESTIVAL DATES TO REMEMBER

ATTENTION!

May 6—Registration forms and instructions, rules and floor plan will be on the VAL website.

May 13—Register by mail beginning this day through June 24, when registration ends.

July 9—Date of art show at Lake Miona Rec Center, 9 am-3 pm. Artists may set up beginning at 7 am.

Ellen Hellwege and Diane Weekley are Co-Chairs of this event.

May Program—Trip of a Lifetime to Southern France

A micro-melting pot - that's The Villages. The program for this month is presented by three long-time members of the VAL. Coming from three different states and three different occupations, Bev Hennessey, Marge McQueston, and Fran Naughton have become close friends through their art experiences here in The Villages. The culmination of this friendship resulted in a magical journey to Southern France to paint, tour, learn, and have fun.

Last September these three friends boarded an airplane in Orlando, destination Le Vieux Couvent in Frayssinet, France with a side trip to the beautiful city of Toulouse. Le Vieux Couvent is a collection of ancient buildings, courtyards, terraces, and gardens. The artists travelled every day to surrounding towns and an ancient underground cave to paint on location and take photos as great topics for painting in the studio. Professional artists Karlyn Holman and Wei Lan guided these students with their creations through meaningful lessons and most welcome critiques. The art buddies enjoyed scrumptious gourmet meals and local wines and cheeses with indoor and outdoor dining. Because they learned so much and had loads of fun, these three artists are returning to Le Vieux Couvent this September for another magical journey accompanied by twelve artists from The Villages with Sue Primeau as their instructor. Bev, Marge, and Fran are looking forward to sharing their experiences, photos, and paintings with VAL members.

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

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

Fran Naughton, Bev Hennessy and Marge McQueston provide refreshments with a French theme for our May 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