The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: *"Relish"* - the Spice of Life!
Quote of the Month: *"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls."* - Aesop

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

Gratitude has so much to do with attitude, and attitude has everything to do with living well. As we draw near to Thanksgiving, our creative nature gives way to gratefulness, a chance to express is at a high point - it's a seasonal renewal period, starting another year.

Fall Showcase 2016 is here! A great chairperson, Dore Dumas, has given new life to this last time at the Savannah venue. With the inclusion of 3D this year, the variety and dimension of the Showcase has expanded. Join the fun and exhibit or volunteer this year - look for a special piece of art at the show, get to know that artist or artisan. Encourage and share, support and be a friend. With 70 spaces to fill, there will be plenty to observe and be inspired by. Give us your feedback and become active. Dore is a newer VAL member and we are so proud of her courage and conviction to make a successful Showcase!

Our Artist of the Month (AOM) is Cindy Ewing...she is another courageous member making the Eisenhower Exhibit a show in itself. Our Demo artist will be Shiao Ploss, a vibrant Chinese artist jumping right in and teaching and sharing her culture with us. Plan to attend and see these 2 members.

We are thankful for our good fortune and community. Have a wonderful time creating a special Thanksgiving card for family and friends!

See you November 7th at Saddlebrook. Remember we move to Moyer Rec Center in January for 6 months.

Yours truly, Jeanne Willette, for your VAL committee and chairpersons

LOOKING AHEAD...

Many of you will remember that a committee was formed after the 2015 Fall Showcase, to review that event and venue. Most everyone who responded felt that advertising and it being a holiday weekend were the main reasons for poor attendance. It was decided by that group to not only move the date, but the place, in addition to trying a few new highlights to the day itself. Looking ahead....we have secured a date and time for October, 2017 at the Eisenhower Rec Center. We thank Catherine Sullivan for the work of that group and hope that this change will be a happy solution to the VAL members!

PLEASE, please attend THIS year's Showcase at the Savannah Center on November 26th. There is no place like that beautiful entertainment center, and we promise to promote your desire for a successful show. Get a friend and give it your best words to neighbors and relatives who may be visiting for the holiday.

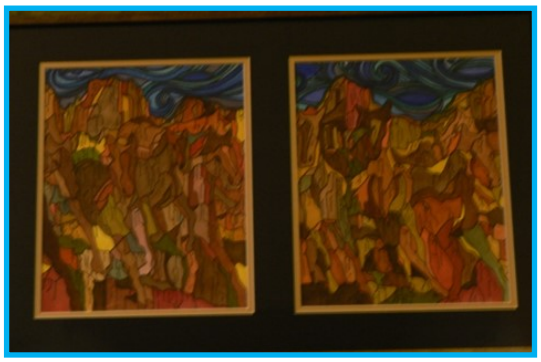
Our VAL DECEMBER MEETING WILL ONCE AGAIN FEATURE A SELECTION OF FINGER FOODS BROUGHT BY ALL OUR MEMBERS, FESTIVE MUSIC, AND A FEW SURPRISES. PLAN TO ATTEND AND JOIN THE FUN, WEARING YOUR HOLIDAY SWEATERS AND COLORS! More on this to follow in November.

Artist of the Month—Cindy Ewing

Born and raised in Maryland, my first experience in the world of art was doodling as a child.

I married in 1980 and had a daughter in 1983; after struggling several years with depression I went back to work in the food industry where I learned to do my art in icing on cakes.

By 1992, I became a widow when my husband, Joe was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident. After checking out mentally for a while, a trip to Italy inspired me to open a little café. Seven years later, I would make the decision to sell the "Fat Cat Café" because I needed to have back surgery which meant no lifting for a period of three years.



With the business gone and my daughter off to college, I took a soul-searching solo trip across country on my motorcycle. This trip inspired me to paint a watercolor diptych called "The Mountain Spirits."

In November 2012, I moved to the villages with Stewart. My first art club was Bonnie Canning's Chinese watercolor which gave me the baby steps I needed to get the creative juices flowing again. From there I joined the "Wet and Wild Watercolor" class under the supervision of Susan Donahue; it was her out-of-the-box thinking that took me to levels of painting that I had never experienced before.

NEW FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: When you renew your membership you will be asked to include the media that you usually work in—i.e., w/c, ac (acrylic), oil, p (pastel), gf (glass fusion), sc (sculpture), mm (multi media). Dues are $15 a year (January-December) and you may pay beginning this month at the Membership Table.

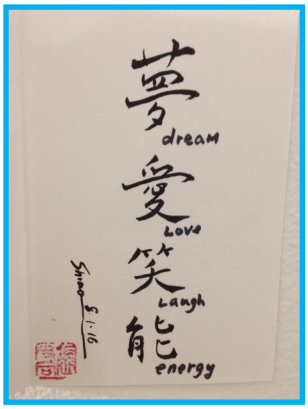
4th EUROPE TRIP WITH JOAL — 11-Day Italian Trip - April 22 to May 2, 2017
Trip: $2349—Air: $1400

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 which includes air, 9 hotels, local cuisine, private deluxe coach, multi-lingual tour director and local guide.

November Program—Shiao Ploss

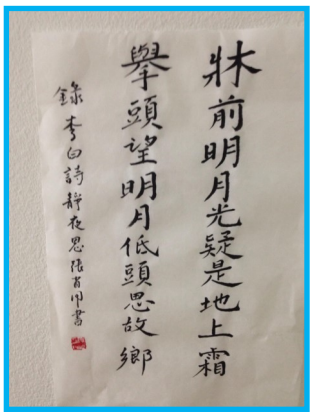
CHINESE BRUSH CALLIGRAPHY: HOW TO WRITE YOUR NAME

This is a fun opportunity to try Chinese Brush Calligraphy with a native artist. Each piece has its own touch and everyone will appreciate your new unique creation. Begin with your imagination and use your own handiwork to complete a piece one step at a time. You can choose to write your name, family name, pet's name in Chinese Brush Calligraphy. Learn how it is done, so you can do your own and discover the crafts-man/artist in you.



BIO: Born to a family of artists. Introduced to Chinese calligraphy at 3 years old, has been practiced for decades, has been teaching and lecturing in Chinese art for several years, and regularly exhibits her calligraphies.

Description: Shiao will introduce a step-by-step process of how to create Chinese characters for name, with brush strokes. This written language has evolved over 4000 years, during which many styles have been developed. In order to understand these styles, we will briefly be looking at the history of Chinese calligraphy.



CONGRATULATIONS recent RIBBON WINNERS!

- **Annex** art show: 1st place-Ruth Ann Maury, 2nd place-Barb Justice, 3rd place-Marlene Jensch; Honorable Mention: Lois Kamp, Barbara Pancoast and Amy Zelle. Photography: 1st place-Helen Poor.

- **OneBlood** art gallery: 1st place-Diane Pattie, 2nd place-June Locke, 3rd place tie-Norma Parcell and Ella Mizzell.

- **ARTS** at Brownwood: 1st place-Leda Rabenold, 2nd place-Betty Eich, 3rd place-Freddie Venturoni; Honorable Mention: Charlie Clayton, Charlie Carrozzo and Ron Kucinski.

WELCOME NEW VAL MEMBERS!

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The committee for presenting a slate of officers for 2017 is forming at this time. Carolyn Johnson is chairing the small group and your ideas are welcome. The slate is presented at the January meeting, and voted on at the February gathering.

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

Officers:

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

Chairpersons:

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
Historian	Wendy Lahey	753-4729
La Galleria Exhibit	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Membership	Jay Summers	350-2116
	Lois Kamp	753-9371
Newsletter Editor	Leda Rabenold	259-1918
Program	Phyllis Speicher	391-5967
Publicity		
Refreshments	Laina Schmidel	259-8805
Sunshine	Charlie Clayton	750-4110
Volunteers	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
Webmaster	Leda Rabenold	259-1918
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.
Artists' 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 9 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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November 14—1-2:50 pm	Eisenhower Change-out	Eisenhower Recreation Center
November 26—9 am-2 pm	Artists' Showcase	Savannah Center
December 6—9 am	OneBlood Change-out	Spanish Plaines Shop Center

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