The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: Ostentatious - conspicuous.

Quote of the Month: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."

- Jimmy Hendrix

President's Message

Jeanne Willette

REMINDER: **Labor Day meeting is extended to the NEXT Monday of September, the 12th, at Saddlebrook.**

Fall in Florida is a glorious time, and the start of a new 'season.' It brings a feeling of freshness and renewal. The new energy will help you prepare for the many upcoming events.

'Inspired By the Masters' is our next big club event and a perfect opportunity for you to try something special and different. This will be my 4th year to enter. I'm hoping this year's attempt is successful – it's inspired by Diego Rivera. We thank Catherine Sullivan and her aide, Diane Andrus, for handling the registrations and hanging for this outstanding show at LHC. Changeover at LaGalleria is on Saturday, the 10th at 8:30-10:00.

On Thanksgiving weekend we are very excited about the Annual Fall Showcase at Savannah Center, a wonderful venue. This is a 2D/3/D show and we want a good turnout on Saturday, November 26th, 9:00-2:00. Dore Dumas is the new chairperson and she is already making some positive changes you'll be hearing about soon. Please volunteer if you are not exhibiting – a 2-hour commitment is all you are requested to do. Call Dore at 865-643-3673 or viadumas@yahoo.com.

Our program chair Phyllis Speicher has many good demo's planned for the next few months. Jo Magram has also booked several 'Artist of the Month' members. We will announce at the September meeting what our 'member to member' plans are for October. We've had 2 of these meetings in the past 6 months and members are raving about them! It's everyone's chance to show something they are working on.

We welcome new members each month and now realize that diversity is an excellent way to pump new life into a club! Hello to all 18+ new members (just in the past 2 months.)

Brunch is served at 8:45 a.m. so come have coffee and make a new friend. Business starts at 9:10 a.m. I can't wait to greet you!

Jeanne Willette, President, for Ron Kuchinski, Gail Parker, Bonnie Canning, Phyllis Speicher, Jo Magram, and Jay Summers (Membership), and Leda Rabenold (Newsletter).

Lifelong Learning College Fall 2016 Art Workshops

Oct. 12-13-14 **Joanna Coke** "Painting Flowers with Transparent & Opaque 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

Artist of the Month—Dore Via Dumas

Dore Via Dumas was born in Richmond, Virginia and has moved over 48 times. She is number two of four girls, the daughter of an Air Force Lt. Colonel and a mother who studied at the Memphis Art Academy. Throughout her travels she learned to appreciate many kinds of art. In high school, she failed art because she didn't want to make her pictures "exactly" like the teacher's. With much help from her mother, she found her own voice. After trying a variety of media, she took a pottery class and discovered her true calling. She could be dirty and not get in trouble and she could make all the things she had been making out of mud as a child.

As a single mother of two children, Dore traveled around Florida and Alabama selling in art shows and to shops and galleries, and winning numerous awards for her work. She also taught pottery to children. Years later, she attended the University of South Alabama and received her B.S. in Special Education and a Master's of Information and Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. Throughout her teaching career she continued to make her pottery.

Another medium that interested her was mosaics. As a teenager, she lived in Italy where she visited Spilembergo Mosaic School and fell in love with the color and texture of the glass. Later in life she decided to learn about mosaics. She is a self-taught mosaic artist.

After retiring from teaching, Dore moved to The Villages and joined the Mulberry Clayers and Sculptors and the Small Wonders Miniature Club. She incorporates pottery with miniatures and creates tiny worlds. She also belongs to the VAL, VAA, Tennessee club and the Belle Aire Society.

In July, 2016, Dore went to Certaldo, Italy, for ten days to study animal sculpture. On returning, she shared her knowledge and experiences with the Mulberry Clayers. Her philosophy is to have fun and create things that give her joy, and to remember "there are no mistakes in art, only creative opportunities."

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!

Example: In Milan we will see the statue of Leonardo DaVinci, Michelangelo's last sculpture, Milan Cathedral (Italy's largest church), Sforza Castle, impressive collection of art. There is an optional $39 day in Switzerland; among the sites to see is the largest Renaissance Fresco.

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.

September Program—Jeanne Willette

"The Mixed Media Collage Adventure"

Several different mediums are used in collage these days. This demo features elements of pastel on stretched canvas followed by acrylic painting and the addition of 'ephemera,' hand made papers, and your own original images.

Creatively speaking, your finished piece will touch your soul!

Jeanne's art career began in the late 50's with fashion illustrating; a decade later Decorative Painting and teaching for over 30 years in West Michigan, while raising a family of 3 children, active in schools and churches. A desire to move into watercolor, led to a return to university for a Bachelors degree in art and psychology. After teaching elementary education for a few years and owning a gallery for 4 years, the move to Florida became a reality. Now after 20 years of art-related experiences, the enjoyment of Mixed Media presents surprises and delights with each piece. As life has unfolded over the years, so has the artwork that continues to evolve in style and technique. The word 'amazement' perfectly describes the finished paintings and titles!

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of People's Choice ribbons in the OneBlood art gallery during June-September: 1st Place-Mike Daley "Les Pied's Da Modele", 2nd-Diana Crow "Swan Splendor" (both oil), and 3rd–Diane Pattie "Just This Side of Wrinkles" (photo).

PLEASE NOTE: Sept. 6 is change-out day at the Florida Blood Center (OneBlood), at 10 o'clock.

The Eisenhower Rec Center art change-out date is September 12 from 1-2:50 p.m. The rules allow one painting per VAL member per exhibit, size 16"x20" or less, hung only once. Co-Chairs: Cindy Ewing 352-299-7619 and Janet Marks 865-654-8776. Entry forms: www.thevillagesartleague.org/eisenhower-entry-form.html

Art Scholarship will benefit with the new film coming to the Rialto Theatre on September 11th. The special art film will be shown on the "Gardens of the Artists", such as Monet. It is possible that a second date will be secured for showing.

WELCOME NEW VAL MEMBERS!

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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

September 6—10 am	Florida Blood Center Change-out	Spanish Plaines Shopping Center
September 10—8:30-10 am	Inspired by the Masters Exhibit	LaHacienda Recreation Center
September 12—1-2:50 pm	Eisenhower Change-out	Eisenhower Recreation Center

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