



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Word of the Month: "Bluebird"

Quote of the Month: "In the United States, if you believe in yourself and you're determined and persevere, you're going to succeed." - Gloria Estaban

President's Message

Bluebirds make me happy, and I frequently put them into my artwork! The beginning of the year is a nice time to be happy and think of the things that do make your heart sing! Coming into the VAL many years ago (over 25) I was so glad to meet artists in the early Villages, and see what I might be able to do when I officially retired here. It was certainly a serendipity moment when the opportunity came for me to become a leader of this group. I was determined to create a VAL club that united to continue under our established by-laws, making this a proud group of creative minds. It was a bluebird moment, and I see it all the time in the VAL!

I've also, through my messages, tried to maintain a sense of basic friendship and support to new and renewing members, and forge a path with our common knowledge, an art group vital and excited with art! By attending meetings and workshops, being Artist-of-the-Month or doing a demo, or sharing in our Member-to-Member events, our fabulous members have shown that the VAL offers what we all want and need, knowledge, experiences and motivation. I hope you all feel empowered to continue in one of your 'dreams' or an item on your 'bucket list.'

Since my presidency is nearing an end, I want to thank all members, but especially the Steering Committee, people who make my position a joy every month. Lovely Diane Andrus shared the presidency for almost a year, and since then, Ron Kucinski has gracefully accepted the call to be V.P. His calm and humorous personality has helped the decision-making process with wisdom! Our vivacious and knowledgeable secretary, Bonnie Canning, has not only kept accurate and interesting notes, but serves as our go-to person, sending news to the membership often several times in a month.

Gail Parker, our trusty and faithful treasurer, is without a doubt one of the best, EVER! Her reports are concise and prompt - always making recommendations for the betterment of the club. Then we have Jo Magram, our Publicity and Artist-of-the-Month queen; Phyllis Speicher, our versatile and able Program Chair; Charlie 'Mr. Sunshine' Clayton, keeping us up on news of members; Jay Summers and Lois Kamp, our Membership coordinators; Laina Schmidel, our Refreshment gal; Bev Hennessy, our Workshop chair who survived the College's closing by continuing to work thru stress, keeping all her nationwide presenters.

We thank our various Show chairs such as Catherine Sullivan, Dore Dumas and Diane Weekley, Cindy Ewing/Janet Marks at Eisenhower, and Freddie Venturoni's girls at One Blood. Joal Litavsky is sponsoring another trip to Europe in the spring and passed her Historian job on to Wendy Lahey. As you can see, it takes a lot of Villagers to make a Village Art League!

Thank you members for your love and support. I know the next years will prove that we did succeed in our goals and values, and the new leadership will continue this legacy. However, one last person we can never forget or thank enough, is Leda Rabenold, our wonderful communicator who puts this news out on the airwaves to you! She makes all things possible, a little bluebird in my ear, each month reminding and perfecting these messages to you!

BTW, the January meeting at Moyer was way "OVER THE TOP"! Nearly 100 in attendance and so much interesting art to appreciate and gaze at. Thank you all for making it a great beginning of 2017!

Your bluebird gal, with art on my mind, Jeanne



Jeanne Willette

REMINDER OF VAL MEETING LOCATION...AT MOYER REC CENTER.

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

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 at the Membership Table.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Leslie Bowers, 3594 Pepperidge Cir, 32162, 352-633-9144, lbowers@rochester.cc.com
George Burr, 1446 W. Schwartz Blvd, 32162, 920-421-8799, f3jusa@gmail.com
Cherry Cape, 380 Laurel Lane, 32162, 352-753-4751, alcjr@comcast.net
Kathleen Domenicucci, 2371 Longbow Tr, 32162, 802-770-2334, kdfdvt@comcast.net
Marsha Koenig, 401 Bishopville Lp, 32162, 352-750-1857, marshabk@comcast.net

CONGRATULATIONS!

Three VAL members were selected by Ron Thurston AWS who judged the Florida Watercolor Society online show. Peg Lefebvre won Honorable Mention, Nancy Dias was selected for the 5th year, and Diane Timperley were among 70 Florida artists chosen. See their paintings here: <https://floridawatercolorsociety.org/online-show/#!>

**Three Loose Women: Unleashed Talent in Painting
Art Exhibition and Sale: March 3-March 31, 2017**



"Forever seeing new beauty:"
The Art of Carol Basso

"Life stories in art:"
The Art of Linda Linham

"A luminous point of view:"
The Art of Esta Mann

Artist's Reception: Friday, March 3 | 5-9:00 p.m.
Brick City Center for the Arts Gallery
23 SW Broadway Street, Ocala, Florida 34471
352-369-1500 www.mcaocala.com email: info@mcaocala.com

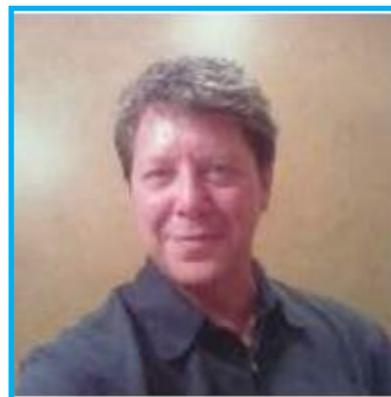
4th EUROPE TRIP WITH JOAL — 11-Day Italian Trip - April 22 to May 2, 2017
Call Joal at 352-259-0459 for cost and the complete itinerary.

February Program—Mark Polomchak

Born and raised in Northwestern Indiana, a 1975 graduate in fine art at Indiana University, Mr. Polomchak has exhibited his watercolors in various art shows and galleries throughout the United States and Canada. Prior to attending Indiana University the artist spent two years pursuing a career in music at Franklin College before giving in to his true calling, watercolors. He teaches at various art groups and art conventions around the United States.

Mark's heartwarming style is achieved through the simplicity and grace of his painting. He produces a wide range of images finding much of his inspiration in the serene lifestyle of the Amish, in the landscapes of the Midwest and the seascapes of New England. Mr. Polomchak's variety of subject matter also includes contemporary florals, abstracts, the Southwest, and wildlife. Check out Mark's website, polomchak.com, for his originals and limited editions.

Mark will demonstrate how to paint an apple picture.



Winter 2017 Art Workshops Overview

Joye Moon watercolor—February 2-3, www.joyemoon.com

Tom Lynch watercolor—February 6-9, www.tomlynch.com

Mel Stabin watercolor—February 13-14 & February 15-16, www.melstabin.com

Karen Knutson acrylic—February 20-23, www.karenknutson.com, karenknutson.blogspot.com

Kathie George batik (wax & watercolor)—March 1-3, www.kathiegeorge.com

Lynn Ferris watercolor—March 7-8 & March 9-10, www.lynnferris.com

Sandy Mauldin watercolor—March 13-15, sandymaudlin.blogspot.com

Carol Frye abstract watercolor—March 22-24, www.carolfrye.com

Jeanne Willette mixed media—March 29-30

For details or to sign up for the monthly Brush Strokes newsletter,
visit www.thevillagesartworkshops.com

To register or with questions, call Beverly Hennessy 753-1383 email: bbaug97@aol.com



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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. Exhibit dates for 2017 are: Jan 9, Mar. 13, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13.

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 held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 27, 2017.

VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.

Florida Blood Center at Spanish Plainses 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 MOYER REC CENTER

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Moyer 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
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Refreshments		
Sunshine	Freddie Venturoni	259-2577
Volunteers	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
Webmaster	Leda Rabenold	259-1918
50-50 Raffle	Shirley Jerez	250-4751
	Irene Wantroba	753-9182

Upcoming Art League Show Dates

For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org

March 7—9 a.m.	OneBlood Change-out	Spanish Plainses Shop Center
March 13—1-2:50 p.m.	Eisenhower Change-out	Eisenhower Rec Center

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