# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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**January 2017**

**Word of the Month**: *"Gloriosity"* - Webster describes it as a way of life. Something so glorious that it is strange!
**Quote of the Month:** *"May your heart always be joyful. May your song always be sung, and may you stay forever young." - Bob Dylan*

## President's Message

Jeanne Willette

It's the NEW YEAR – 2017! Can you believe it? Another fresh year; 12 months to look forward to. I'm already thinking of the directions and ideas I've wanted to pursue recently – topics to explore, a new medium, bright color combinations, a workshop to attend, a gallery to check out, a new artist statement.

Our 'Quote of the Month' by Bob Dylan says it all, and my hope for you is that you can believe and live those words: "may your heart be joyful and your song be sung. May you stay forever young."

**Your** New Year's Resolution can certainly include the usual items, but let's think of some possibilities that can actually be achieved: i.e., acts of kindness, forgiveness, sharing, volunteering, leading, smiling, shaking hands, and hugging. Put your energies into your work and put your trademark on all your endeavors – at home and in the studio. Let's remember our fellow artists and artisans on the same journey, and offer the hand of friendship and support. It can be a magical time when souls combine their ideas – a collaboration of true uniqueness!

Best wishes for a year filled with memories and events. Make it special, keep it true and let your song be heard. Thank you for the privilege of being your leader – I've enjoyed it so very much.

Happy New Year, Jeanne

**REMINDER OF VAL MEETING CHANGE…**

**FROM SADDLEBROOK TO MOYER REC CENTER FOR JANUARY 2ND MEETING.**

Directions: take Morse Blvd. south, cross over Rt. 466A, at first circle stay left onto Moyer and go between the driving range and fire station, continue on Moyer till you see the Rec Center on the right-hand side.

## Artist of the Month—Connie Giacobbe, Mosaicist

I have been working professionally as a mosaic artist for over 17 years. Most of my work is carried out in a direct method, utilizing the knowledge and techniques taught by my Maestro and Maestra in Italy. Some of my designs are permanent public displays in Melbourne, Australia (at Patterson Street Station), in Great Exuma, Bahamas (at Barracuda Bar) and in Dallas, Texas (in the Children's Hospital Pediatric Ward). Many of my art pieces are in private collections in Germany, Italy, Hong Kong and the U.S., to name a few. My mosaics have been published in a magazine called "Mosaic Arts Now" and also the book "Mosaic Fine Art Portraits." While creating mosaics I try to allow the colors, the shapes, and the tesserae to become my voice, hopefully one that others can also hear.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS, ARTISTS!**

Winning Peoples' Choice awards at ARTS in Spanish Springs were: 1st Place Betty Eich, 2nd Vivian Chaska, 3rd Charlie Clayton; Honorable Mention: Nancy Dias, Earl Forsythe and Cheryl Gates.

Ribbon winners at the current LaGalleria exhibit are: 1st Place June Allard Berte, 2nd Bridgette Greb, 3rd Barbara Justice; Award of Merit: Palma Kolowski and Bobbi Rubin; Honorable Mention: Cheryl Gates and Marie Tranovich; Photography Helen Poor.

*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.*

## January Program

Greetings will start at 9:00 with meeting starting at 9:30. Coffee and refreshments will be served halfway thru the meeting giving us a chance to get settled and the program to start.

Please remember to bring a piece of art you have worked on recently, in whatever phase it is in...does not have to be a formal presentation. Show us what you are doing. Even though we suggest miniatures, it does not have to be 4". It can be what ever you decide to show.

We want take in the new space, at Moyer! When Saddlebrook is completely renovated in 6 months, we will return to that venue. Let's celebrate the new year together with a fresh start, and a mindset of exploration.

Connie Giacobbe will be our Artist of the Month. Greet her and see her extremely unique mosaics.

Looking forward to seeing you at Moyer after the New Year!

**DON'T FORGET:** For the next six months, beginning on January 2nd we will meet at the Moyer Rec Center while Saddlebrook is closed for renovations. **Directions**: take Morse Blvd. south, cross over Rt. 466A, at first circle stay left onto Moyer and go between the driving range and fire station, continue on Moyer till you see the Rec Center on the right-hand side.

**Winter 2017 Art Workshops Overview**

Karlyn Holman watercolor—January 16-20, www.karlynsgallery.com

Amy Lindenberger colored pencil—January 23-24 & January 25, www.amylindenberger.com

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

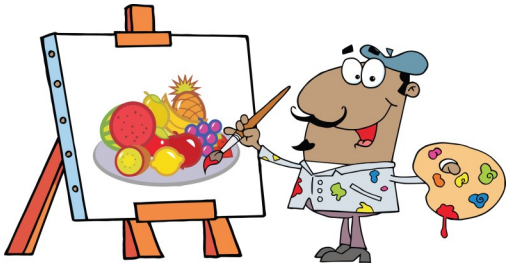
Karen Knutson acrylic—February 20-23, www.karenknutson.com, karenknutson.blogspot.com

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, sandymaud-lin.blogspot.com

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



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

**Officers:**

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**Chairpersons:**

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| Artist of the Month | Jo Magram | 845-807-7489 |
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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 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 MOYER 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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| January 9—**5:00-6:50 pm** **Note time change!** | Eisenhower Change-out | Eisenhower Rec Center |

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