The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"Art is a tryst, for in the joy of it the maker and the beholder meet."*
- Kojiro Tomita

President's Message

Bonnie Canning

Dear Fellow Members ~

This month ~ July ~ brings us one of our VAL's biggest events ~ **the Summer Arts Festival**, July 8th at Miona Rec Center, 9:00 – 3:00.

Last year we had over 3,000 attendees on hand to view (and buy!) the fabulous art presented by more than 70 exhibitors! Some of our members were exhibiting for the first time ever at a show, and they were totally amazed and sometimes overwhelmed by the response from The Villages community attendees.

Our Festival team, headed by Chair Dore Via Dumas, has been hard at work to make this year's event even better! Ellen Hellwege and Diane Weekley are wrapping up their efforts to process all the registrants and assign them their exhibit space, and Jo Magram is working her publicity magic to make sure that the word gets out to all the local media about the event. On the day of the show Janeen Whetstone's volunteers will be on-hand all day to greet the myriad attendees at the door with programs and monitor the rooms to help the exhibitors in any way they can.

For those of you who are exhibiting, we appreciate all the hard work you put into your fine exhibits. Although there is no way we can guarantee your sales, I hope you can appreciate all the effort to make the Summer Arts Festival a successful show for you. All your fellow members wish you the best!

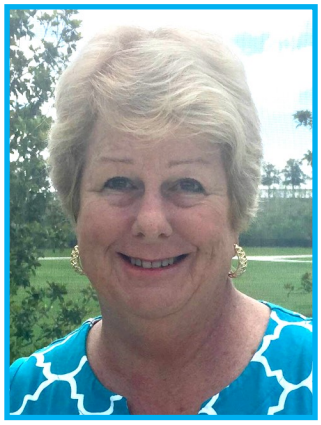
And we sincerely hope that those of you who are not exhibiting will be there on July 8th to support your fellow members, and to admire (and buy!) the top-notch and beautiful art pieces offered by our exhibiting members.

Let's all get together and make this the best Show ever!

Your president,
Bonnie Canning

REMINDER OF VAL MEETING LOCATION…AT MOYER REC CENTER.

Artist of the Month—Michele Popko



Michele has been an artist most of her life. Growing up in Old Mystic, Connecticut, she started exhibiting her work at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival and local art shows in her early teen years. Her artistry has been influenced by the cultures and traditions of the many places she has lived including Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Rhode Island and New York City.

Her artwork can be seen in many homes and business across the country as wall murals, canvasses, custom-painted furniture, glass-ware, platters, porcelain knobs, and watercolors. She has shared her expertise by teaching painting classes in oils and acrylics. One of her most popular courses introduced students to a variety of techniques using stains and patterns for decorative furniture painting.

Michele is best known for her versatility, attention to detail, whimsical designs and color combinations. People come to Michele when they are looking for fine gifts that will be treasured for years to come. She enjoys working with clients to meet their custom needs for themselves or for a personalized gift.

Since moving to The Villages in 2015, she has enjoyed being introduced to several different art mediums including silk dyes which she has used to create beautiful hand painted scarves.

VILLAGE ART WORKSHOPS

Art Center: Spruce Creek Professional Center, 10935 SE 177th Place, Summerfield, FL 32162

August 8-9	Gene Rizzo	Florida Adventure	Fee $132
August 10	Gene Rizzo	Florida Landscape	Fee $ 66
August 15-16	Kathy Mantel	Big—Bold—Batik	Fee $132
August 17	Kathy Mantel	Finishing up	
August 26	Artist Supply Sale	9 am—1 pm	
(August 25)	Artist Supply Sale Set-up	2-4 pm	Rent a table $20

Sell paints, brushes, easels, books, DVDs, anything you do not want to use or store in your art room.

Questions: Contact Bev Hennessy—352-572-5317

To Register, send check payable to Beverly Hennessy, 9256 SE 170th Humphreys Loop, The Villages, FL 32162

July Program—SusanJane Donohue

SusanJane will demo watercolor techniques.

Where I come from:
I call both the Twin Cities, MN and San Francisco, CA my hometowns, having spent half my life in each Metro Area. Today however I call Florida my home.

My Career:
My careers in sales, counseling and as an award winning Kitchen & Bath Designer demanded that I understand the human psyche in order to satisfy the needs of my clients. I use that same ability now to interpret my subjects in watercolor. I find it mesmerizing to watch the vibrant pigments mingle on the paper, as the liquid travels across the shapes that it is bringing to life.

My Painting Process:
My paintings include whimsical creations that make one smile, compositions that comment on the issues of today's world, and others that are simply recording the beauty that surrounds us.

My paintings tell a story. I try to infuse my characters with a personality that draws the viewer into the story being told.

My work is the culmination of all that went before. It is the "me" that I am sharing with you. This is a link to her website: www.susanjaneartist.com/

SusanJane's work has been accepted into the Georgia Watercolor Society, Central Florida Watercolor Society, California Watercolor Assoc., and Florida Watercolor Society exhibits where she has won several awards. In 2016 she won 1st place awards in Citrus Watercolor Society and Leesburg Art Association art shows, and her work is displayed in the King's Gallery, The Villages, and Rainbow Springs Co-op Gallery, Dunellen.

Daytona Trip—Wednesday, August 30

Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art (most extensive collection of Florida art in the world), plus 2-hour Cruise on a paddle wheel boat down the majestic intercostal waterway with breathtaking scenery (bring your sketchbook).

To register, send your non-refundable check in the amount of $80 to Joal Litavsky, 1004 Sierra Blanca Ct., The Villages, FL 32159—reservation deadline is July 15th. Include your meal choice of prime rib, shrimp, turkey or ham and your phone number. A portion of the fee will go to the VAA Scholarship Awards.

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

Officers:

President	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
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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 on July 8, 2017.
Artists' Showcase held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 28, 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		
July 8	VAL Summer Art Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lake Miona Rec Center
July 10	Eisenhower Change-out, 1-2:50 p.m.	Eisenhower Rec Center

Congratulations! These artists were awarded ribbons in the current **LaGalleria art exhibit**: 1st Place-June Allard-Berte, 2nd-Mark Richardson, 3rd-Ruth Ann Maury; Award of Merit-Lois Kamp; Honorable Mention-Cheryl Gates; Photography-Eileen Sklon. The show will hang until September 9th.