The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something. " - Author unknown*

President's Message

Bonnie Canning

My Dear Fellow Members ~

Thank you for the honor of electing me your president for 2017. I certainly look forward to helping our VAL have its best year ever! But I have big shoes to fill by following 2016 President Jeanne Willette. She has been so inspiring, not only in bringing our club together, but also in expanding the breadth of our membership in keeping with our VAL objective, as stated in our by-laws, "to encourage all forms of Fine Arts, and its appreciation throughout the area."

I'd also like to thank last year's outstanding volunteers ~ our other Steering Committee members ~ Vice President Ron Kucinski and Treasurer Gail Parker, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Leda Rabenold, the Chairs of our two outstanding shows, Diane Weekley and Dore Via Dumas, our Membership Co-chairs Jay Summers and Lois Kamp, Artist Of the Month Chair Jo Magram, monthly program/demo Chair Phyllis Speicher, Refreshments Coordinator Laina Schmidel, our various special exhibits Chairs Catherine Sullivan, Cindy Ewing, Janet Marks and Freddie Venturoni, and all the other volunteers who so graciously gave their time and their hearts in service to our VAL. In fact, there would be no VAL, with all its activities and events, without our wonderful volunteers!

Now I am calling for volunteers for a very important upcoming event ~ The VAL Summer Art Festival in July. It's not that far away! Even (and especially!) those of you who are planning to exhibit can pitch in by helping with the many activities that must take place before the day of the show. Specifically, we need volunteers for Show Chairperson(s), Publicity, Registration, and Volunteer Coordinator (for the day of the show). Volunteers are welcome to share these important responsibilities. Please seriously consider stepping up to the plate to help your club with this important event!

Do you sense a theme here? Yes, it is the importance of volunteers! And volunteering has so many rewards ~ a feeling of accomplishment, the gratitude of others for your service, meeting and getting to know your fellow members, and the joy of helping your club to be the best it can be!

Volunteers don't get paid ~ that's because they're priceless!

Your president and fellow artist,
Bonnie

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW!

VAL dues of $15 cover the year January through December. Please renew your membership at the Membership Table this month.

Artist of the Month—Marleen Jensch

My name is Marlene Jensch and I am an artist.

It took awhile for me to say that out loud. But, while taking one of my first art workshops during the winter in Naples, FL we were given a homework assignment to tell 3 people, "*I am an artist.*" At first, I was not comfortable saying that. However, when I got home from class, my husband asked me if I enjoyed the class. I told him "*yes*", and guess what, "*I'm an artist.*" After that, it became easier to say and I am now confident in making that statement.

Mediums I enjoy are watercolor, mixed media, collage and fiber. Fiber was my very first journey into the art world. While living in Cincinnati, Ohio, I joined an art quilt group and an artistic figures in cloth group, or as I call them "art dolls." I took lots of workshops to learn all I could about making art quilts and art dolls. I needed some help with color theory and value in picking fabrics for my projects and a friend suggested I take some watercolor classes.

In early 2005, we discovered The Villages and began spending winters here. I discovered the Art Workshops at The Villages LLLC and took all the classes that appealed to me. Some of my favorite artists are Karlyn Holman, Birgit O'Connor, Gerald Brommer, Sterling Edwards, Sharon Wilson, Jeanne Willette and more.

I am very thankful for the wonderful friendships I have made through The Villages art organizations. I belong to the VAL, VAA, Hibiscus Watercolor group, Allamanda Chapter of the Quilting Guild of The Villages and a newly formed Art Quilt Group.

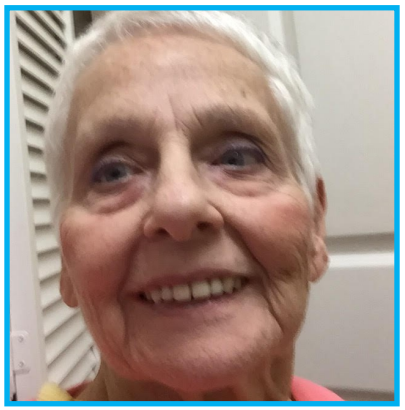
Thank you for the honor of being the VAL Artist of the Month.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ribbons were awarded to these artists at the **OneBlood Art Exhibit**: 1st place, Diane Pattie; 2nd place, Jean Patterson; 3rd place tie, Nancy Dias and Judy Hryck.

Awarded for artwork in the current **Annex Show** are: 1st place, Helen Poor; 2nd place, Ruth Ann Maury; 3rd place, Fran Naughton; Award of Merit, Marge McQueston; Honorable Mentions, Adeline Curlett and Marsha McGill. Photography, Eileen Sklon.

March Program—Pat Ford



I have painted with oils for about 55 years and have used acrylics almost as long. During that time I've studied with two Universities and a number of private instructors. My favorite floral instructors were Joyce Pike and Rudy Colao.

I began my career doing primarily landscapes and seascapes, then for about 21 years did florals almost exclusively. The last 15 years have included a fascination with watermedia and a mix of oils and watermedia. I enjoy color and am referred to as a colorist. I enjoy the subtle blending of soft colors as well as the juxtaposition of one color next to another. My paintings have a rich, soft, romantic almost ethereal quality. The oils will often have an impressionistic almost watercolor quality, and watermedias are bright and colorful.

I've taught workshops in Clearwater, Marco Island, Santa Rosa, and The Villages, FL; and in Traverse City, MI. In 1999 published "Best of Floral Painting II" and the magazine cover for "North Light Book Club." Commissioned by The Compassionate Friends to do their 1996 fund raising Christmas card, which they totally sold out for the first time. Commissioned by the Traverse Symphony Orchestra to do their 1991 Christmas card, also a first-time sell out.

Laying in the foundation of a painting is probably the most important step in the entire painting. I will demo a floral painting.

REMINDER OF VAL MEETING LOCATION…AT MOYER REC CENTER.

Winter 2017 Art Workshops Overview

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

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

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Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Moyer 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. 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
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March 7—9 a.m.	OneBlood Change-out	Spanish Plaines 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