The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"Every artist ought to be an exhibitionist."* ~ Egbert Oudendag

President's Message

Bonnie Canning

Hi Fellow Artists ~

The VAL members' artistic talent never ceases to blow me away! I have been attending our semi-annual shows for 12 years. I don't know how it happens, but the members' diverse skills and creativity keeps getting better and better! Last month's **Artists Showcase** at Eisenhower Rec Center (a new venue) continued the tradition of presenting our members' world-class artistic capabilities. And what a great turn-out of attendees, many first-time visitors to a VAL art show! I heard glowing compliments from them all day.

Of course, this wonderful exhibit didn't happen by magic! And organizing the show in a brand new venue presented many unexpected challenges. I can't thank enough our fantastic Show Team, co-chaired by Michele Popko and Carol Hickman. Registration Co-chairs Annie Dotzauer and Judy Kimmel, with help on the floor plan and program from Diane Weekley, handled the complexities of registration very professionally. Annie showed real initiative in squeezing in as many exhibitors as the Eisenhower Rec Center could possibly hold! Jeannie Willette and Betty Eich worked hard to generate creative advertisements, press releases and radio announcements for a media blitz to publicize the show. And Janeen Whetstone brought it all together the day of the show by organizing 20+ volunteers and the VAL Information Table with help from Volunteer Coordinator Nan Kohr, and Carolyn Olsen provided a great spread for exhibitor refreshments. Kudos to you all! We certainly could not have done it without your tireless energy, problem-solving abilities and hard work!

Many, many thanks to our 2017 Show Team and exhibitors!

Bonnie

December 4th is our Holiday Party! Our thanks to Lois Kamp for volunteering to organize the party.

Artist of the Month—Tom Bray

My wife Kay and I have lived in The Villages for 4 years. We are snowbirds, spending our summers in PA close to our two sons and their families. Our two granddaughters are, of course, our pride and joy.

Art has always been a part of my life. I have enjoyed sculpture, stained glass, carving and driftwood art. I tried oil painting and decided I am just not good at it, but I admire those who are. I spent over 30 years creating theatrical props for an excellent community theater in Minnesota, a fun and inspiring time well spent.

Now that we are here my creative juices led me to the Sculpture Club. I feel confident working with any type of clay. For some reason I feel free with it. Maybe my years working in community theater stoked that fire.

I'm very pleased to be November's Artist of the Month. Anything I can do to support VAL, I am happy to do. It's a splendid organization with a lot of very talented people.

Congratulations, Artists!

Annex Show Judges Awards: 1st Place-Ruth Ann Maury, 2nd-Marge McQueston, 3rd-Marie Tranovich; Best of Show-Lois Kamp; Award of Merit-Freddie Venturoni; Honorable Mention-Terri Behar; Photography-Helen Poor.

Artists Round The Square (ARTS) Peoples' Choice Awards: 1st Place-Betty Eich (photo); 2nd-Leda Rabenold; 3rd-Marilyn Hill; Honorable Mentions: Mary Tadic, Cheryl Gates and Ron Kucinski.

OneBlood Art Show hung on September 3, Peoples' Choice Awards : 1st Place-Leda Rabenold, 2nd-Margie Picard and 3rd-Nan Kohr. Next hanging is December 5 at 9 :00 am.

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

November Program—Meagan Chaney Gumpert

Fused Glass – the basics and beyond

What is fused glass? This exciting, hands-on presentation is designed to introduce curious beginners to the foundations of glass fusing and encourage experienced artists with advanced techniques. Cutting sheet glass, selecting colors for layering, dichroic vs iridized glass, and kiln firing methods will all be discussed. Gain a thorough understanding of the process and leave feeling inspired!

Meagan Chaney Gumpert is a studio artist working with low fire clay and kiln cast glass. Primarily inspired by nature, her wall reliefs and sculptures are held in numerous corporate and private collections and are shown nationwide. She has served as a Resident Artist at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, The Clay Studio of Missoula, and Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts. Gumpert has a BA in Studio Art from Meredith College and completed a post-baccalaureate ceramics program at the University of Florida. She now teaches workshops and maintains a private studio in Ocala, FL where she lives with her husband and two young children.

Thank you!

We are grateful for Cindy Ewing and Janet Marks who agreed to run the Special VAL Exhibit at La Galleria, which replaced "Inspired By the Masters" due to illness of its co-chairs. Cindy reports there were 24 participants, and that one photograph entry has been sold. Wanda Boyd and the folks who regularly hang the art at La Hacienda were gracious enough to help. All went well.

Upcoming Art League Show Dates **For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org**		
November 13	Art Exhibit Change-out, 1-2:50 pm	Eisenhower Rec Center
December 5	OneBlood Exhibit Change-out, 9 am	Spanish Plaines Shopping Center
December 9	Remove LaGalleria Artwork, 8:30-10 am	LaHacienda Rec Center

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

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

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.