The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"The world today doesn't make sense, so why should I paint pictures that do?* ~Pablo Picasso

President's Message

Bonnie Canning

Hello Fellow Members ~

I hope you are all excited about our upcoming **Artists Showcase** to be held at the Eisenhower Rec Center on Saturday, October 28th!

The Eisenhower Rec Center is a new venue for this show, which had been held at the Savannah Center since its inception. In a poll of our members 18 months ago, you suggested that a location further south in The Villages might encourage more attendees.

And the majority of those polled also felt that changing the Thanksgiving weekend traditional date to sometime earlier would also be beneficial. So, working with The Villages Recreation Department, we came up with our new date and venue ~ the last Saturday in October (the 28th this year) at the Eisenhower Rec Center.

We are all hoping that this new date and location makes the **Artists Showcase** bigger and more popular than ever!

Registration for the Show started September 18th for Priority Members (those who have volunteered in the past for a VAL activity), and September 25th for all other members, and runs through October 13th. The **Artist Showcase** registration Form, Rules, and the Floor Plan for the Eisenhower exhibit space can be found at the VAL website: (www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html).

So if you are planning to exhibit, you better hop to it! And I encourage all members to support their fellow artists by getting out the word about the show to all your friends and neighbors, and by attending the Show!

Best wishes for a Fabulous 2017 Artists Showcase,
Bonnie

Artist of the Month—Lois Dowd

Lois and her husband, Richard, moved to The Villages from Massachusetts and have been here for four years. Lois has been painting for over 15 years. She is so glad to be part of the art community in the villages and to be a member of the VAL.

Lois took art classes in Massachusetts, was taught by artists in the American Water Color Society and was in several juried art shows.

Since the move to The Villages, she regularly takes art classes and paints in her home studio. The media in which she works are water color, acrylics, pen and ink, alcohol ink and fabric painting. Her favorite media is water color. Lois enjoys variety in her paintings but especially enjoys painting subjects in nature.

Lois has been in several art shows in The Villages which have been fun events and a chance to see all the wonderful work of other artists.

VILLAGE ART WORKSHOPS

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

Oct. 2-3-4 Cecile Baird Dramatic Lighting in Floral & Glass-Color Pencil Fee $290

Oct. 10-11-12 Vlad Yelisehyev Freedom of the Brush-watercolor Fee $316

Oct. 9-16-23-30 Susan Donohoe "The Basic of Watercolor" (contact Susan at fancyt@me.com)

Nov. 7 Jo Ruth Patterson "I Bought Alcohol Inks!! Now What Do I Do?" Fee $66

Nov. 8-9 Joanne Sharpe "Whimsical Watercolor Art & Lettering" Fee $225

Nov. 11-12 Pat Jawanda "Pen and Ink with Watercolor" Fee $132

Nov. 14-15-16 Anne Abgott watercolor "Boats, Gardenias and Peppers" Fee $308

Nov. 6-13-20-17 Frank Zampardi Mini Drawing Workshop (contact Frank at frank.zampardi@gmail.com)

More workshops are posted at www.villageartworkshops.com

Questions: Contact Bev Hennessy—352-572-5317

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

October Program—Lois Kamp, Encaustic Artist

When Lois Kamp saw her first an encaustic demo by Carrie Knupp, the Encaustic Guru and award winning encaustic artist, at the July 2014 VAL meeting, it was love at first site and Lois knew she had to try her hand at it. The next week Lois signed up for classes with Carrie at her Leesburg studio and continues to learn and take lessons from her. Lois is very thankful to Carrie, her mentor and friend, all the result from a VAL demo.

My artist statement is simple: I am a curious person who likes to play. I like happy accidents and spontaneous explosions. I like drips over the side of the canvas because it reminds me that life is sometime messy. I love working in wax because it is challenging, spontaneous, unpredictable, adventurous, and with a mind of its own. Sorta like my cat. I am an intuitive painter. I pick the colors, put them together and hopefully stop when I see something or before I make mud. I embrace what the universe gives me.

In today's demo I will be using melted bees wax with pigment and resin on Da Vinci birch panel, rice paper or card stock. My waxes are Enkaustikos Hot cakes or R & F wax. My brushes are all natural brushes. I clean up with soy wax. I buy my supplies through Amazon or Jerry's Artarama. The ionized aluminum sheet is from Ace Hardware. The griddle is from my kitchen. My husband will never get pancakes again.

Peoples Choice Awards were presented on Saturday, September 23 at **VAA's Fall Fine Art Show** : 1st Place Brian Dickson, 2nd Ellen Hellwege and 3rd Sharon Wilson. Congratulations!!

Upcoming Art League Show Dates For details: www.thevillagesartleague.org		
September 25-October 13	Registration for Artists' Showcase	U.S.Mail
October 28	Artists' Showcase, 9 am-3 pm	Eisenhower Rec Center
November 13	Art Exhibit Change-out, 1-2:50 pm	Eisenhower Rec Center

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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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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

Newsletter Submissions Deadline:
20th of the month -
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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.