



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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**Quote of the Month:** "What art offers is space ~ a certain breathing room for the spirit." ~ John Updike

## President's Message

Hello Fellow Artists ~

I'm so happy to remind you that we have three terrific art exhibition opportunities coming up this month and in October!

First of all is our ever-popular **Member-To-Member art show** at this month's meeting on **September 4th** (yes, Labor Day!). So if you are planning to attend, please bring a sample of your "labors" to show off to your fellow members. The only rules are that it must fit on a table, and you need to provide a table easel, if necessary.



Bonnie Canning

The following Saturday, **September 9th**, is an opportunity to display your hanging art for three months at a **Special VAL Exhibit at La Galleria** in the La Hacienda Rec Center, running until December 9th. (This replaces the annual "Inspired By the Masters" exhibit.) There is no fee to participate. Full details about this exhibit are printed on page 3 of this newsletter.

And best of all, we have our big **Fall Artists Showcase October 28th** at the Eisenhower Rec Center! Our volunteer Show Team, headed by Michele Popka and Carol Hickman, are hard at work to bring you a spectacular venue to exhibit and sell your works. This is our last major art show of the year, so hop on the bandwagon! For further information and registration rules and form, please go to [www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html).

Of course, none of these events could happen without our dedicated VAL volunteers! All of us fellow members applaud their energy and hard work in making the VAL the wonderful club that it is!

Thank you all,  
Bonnie

## Artist of the Month—Bill Beck



As a teenager, living in a three-room apartment, I built cabinets at the kitchen table and was forced to clear it for breakfast, lunch and dinner. My first serious woodwork was at a U.S. Army craft shop in the 1960's. Marriage and long working hours keep woodworking time to a minimum. Turning a pen for my wife in 2007 started me on lathe turning. Now you might say that I am living the dream...doing what I want, when I want, for however long I want.



All materials (with the exception of paint) are recycled. Landfills, tree surgeons, and landscapers have been the source of materials since 2008.

I have been told that my work is "surrealistic". Being self taught I do not know if that is true or not. Viewers will frequently ask, "What is it?" The only answer is whatever you see in it.

My turnings were displayed publicly for the first time at the Jacksonville, Florida, Public library in the winter of 2010. Since then I have been selected as the turner-of-the-month by Woodturnersresources for November 2010 and awarded the month of September 2011 and February 2012 for their calendars. I was juried into the Amelia



Island Arts Assoc. in January of 2011. Selected as "artist of the month," April 2011 by the Amelia Island Arts Assoc., and September 2017 by the Villages Art League. The Jacksonville MOCA (Museum of contemporary art) displayed several examples of my work from 2012 through 2015. As an adjunct to my artistic endeavors, I volunteer at the Villages Woodshop creating crematory urns for indigent veterans



I hope you have as much pleasure viewing my work as I have had in creating it.



### VILLAGE ART WORKSHOPS

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

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|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Sept. 7       | Debi Rice       | Jewelry-Beginning Wire Wrapping                  | Fee \$ 45 | Supply Fee \$20 |
| Sept. 26-27   | Sharon Wilson   | Abstract Realism-Watercolor & Acrylic Inks       | Fee \$128 | Supply Fee \$5  |
| 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 |                 |

More workshops are posted at [www.villageartworkshops.com](http://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

## September 4 Member-to-Member exhibit

Three times a year we share with our VAL members whatever we are working on currently, in the past, finished or in progress. Please bring a piece to display that can be enjoyed by our group as a club, taking time to discover and be inspired by those that are working on unique paintings and other artworks.

We begin at 8:30 by placing our artwork on easels or in a simple way on the many tables available. Be sure to place your business card or a VAL card on the work so we may know the artist.

Thank you for your thoughtful and interesting approach to this our 4th Member-to-Member Show just for us. Make a new friend and chat with other club people, and say hello ~ you don't know who might be new or returning!



**See you at Saddlebrook Rec Center on Monday, September 4—Labor Day**

### SPECIAL VAL EXHIBIT!

#### LA HACIENDA GALLERIA—SEPTEMBER 9-DECEMBER 9, 2017

Due to the serious illnesses of both Catherine Sullivan and Diane Andrus, who have been the organizers and directors of the “Inspired By the Masters” annual show held every September at La Hacienda Rec Center, the VAL Steering Committee has decided to down-scale the exhibit. Unfortunately it's just impossible to put such a show together without Catherine & Diane's immense experience and expertise.

Luckily, Cindy Ewing and Janet Marks, who run the Eisenhower Rec Center exhibits so professionally, have graciously agreed to step up on short notice to run a simplified version of the exhibit. We will have no theme, judges, awards or reception ~ just a special once-a-year exhibit open to all VAL members.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are not going to be in the October Showcase to exhibit their works, although October exhibitors are certainly welcome to participate in the September showing!

Members who wish to participate in this Special Exhibit should bring their hanging art work (one item only), framed or gallery-wrapped, wired, with bumpers, and not exceeding 42 inches in either direction, to **La Hacienda Recreation Center on Saturday, September 9th from 8 am to 10 am**. No entries will be accepted after 10 am. Entry forms will be available when you bring your art work, or may be downloaded from the VAL website at [www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html) and clicking on “Eisenhower Exhibit Entry Form.”

Entries must be picked up promptly on Saturday, December 9th no later than 10 am. Any entries not picked up by that time may be donated to charity.

**For further information, please contact Cindy Ewing at [village2427@gmail.com](mailto:village2427@gmail.com) or 352-299-7619 or Janet Marks at [csponburgh@msn.com](mailto:csponburgh@msn.com) or 865-654-8776.**

### OneBlood Art Gallery, Spanish Springs

The turn-around for the next changeover of the art at OneBlood Art Gallery will be on Tuesday, September 5th. We are requesting that you only bring one painting as we are limited for space for hanging artwork. We will be accepting paintings between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. All are welcome—there is no charge. We just ask that you bring a smile!

- Freddie Venturoni



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

## Officers:

|                |                 |          |
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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 Plainses 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 SADDLEBROOK 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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| For details: <a href="http://www.thevillagesartleague.org">www.thevillagesartleague.org</a> |                                  |                                  |
| September 5   | OneBlood Change-out, 9 am        | Spanish Plainses Shopping Center |
| September 9   | LaGalleria Exhibit, 8:30-10 am   | LaHacienda Recreation Center     |
| September 11  | Eisenhower Change-out, 1-2:50 pm | Eisenhower Rec Center            |

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month - [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com)