



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands ~ one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." ~ Audrey Hepburn

President's Message

Hello Fellow Artists ~

I'm thrilled to report that we had another super **Summer Arts Festival** last month thanks to the hard work of our show team led by Dore Via Dumas. She was ably assisted with publicity by Jo Magram, registration beautifully orchestrated by Diane Weekly and Ellen Hellwege, and almost 20 day-of-the-show volunteers coordinated by Janeen Whetstone. Attendees were fascinated by artists Brian Dickson, Steve Lang, Earl Forsyth, Margie Picard and Frank Zampardi demonstrating sculpture, stained glass, 3D painting, silk painting and drawing throughout the day. Kudos and many thanks to all these fellow members who worked so hard to make this show a success!



Bonnie Canning

And speaking of successful shows, we desperately need to form a new team to organize and manage our October 28th **Artists Showcase**. The call is out for Show Chair(s), Publicity Manager(s), Registrar(s) and Day-of-the-Show Volunteer Coordinator(s)! Please note the "(s)" ~ this means that each job can be shared by two or more volunteers. We hope that those who want to exhibit in the show will step up to volunteer. All the jobs, except the Volunteer Coordinator, can be done before the day of the show. It is those who exhibit at the show that benefit from it, so we hope that those of you who want to exhibit will volunteer your time, talent and energy to putting on the best show ever for you! **If we don't have our dedicated volunteers, we can't have a show!!** So please contact me, Bonnie Canning, at bmbcanning@gmail.com or 352-259-9553 as soon as possible to volunteer!

With thanks to all VAL volunteers,

Bonnie



VAL MEETINGS RETURN TO THE SADDLEBROOK REC CENTER BEGINNING THIS MONTH

Artist of the Month—Annie Dotzauer



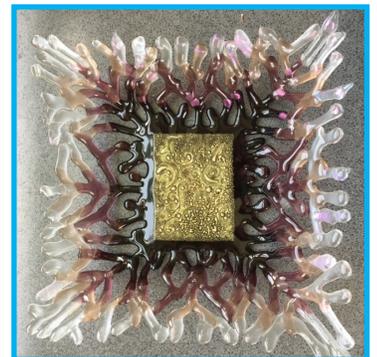
I am a former art teacher, (taught Art for 17 years) third grade teacher, fifth grade teacher and then an administrator. I have an art degree, but never had a chance to practice my craft until now. I retired 5 years ago. About 4 years ago I discovered glass. I became obsessed with glass. We even built a glass studio for me two years ago. I am constantly trying to learn new techniques and experimenting every week (or daily). I now have three kilns and looking to buy my fourth. I have a very supportive husband who gives me tools on birthdays, Christmas and anniversaries.



In the past year I have been honored to have one of my pieces published in glass art magazine. The CEO of Colors for Earth (manufacturers and distributes glass enamels) has purchased two of my pieces. I was featured in Slumpys 2017 catalogue (largest distributor of artist glass for the entire eastern part of the USA). And I demonstrated and again my work was featured in Las Vegas last November at the international fused glass convention. Whew, I felt ever so honored!



I belong to a glass fusion club with 50 active members. I have taught multiple glass classes at Gallery East in Belleview Florida. In our glass fusion club I have been demonstrating and teaching glass techniques to our members here in The Villages. I have also produced over 20 “how to” projects for our club members. We have two large Skutt kilns at the recreation center as well as various grinders and saws. I am currently in charge of the kilns but have a wonderful team who help with the daily firings.



I am oh so fortunate.

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

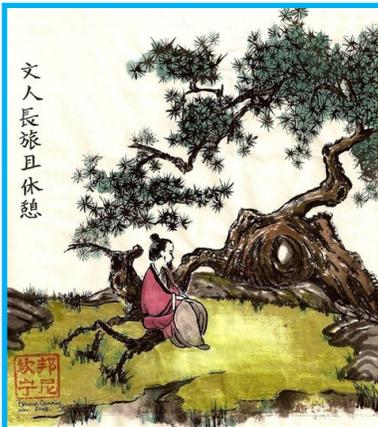
To Register, send check payable to Beverly Hennessy, 9256 SE 170th Humphreys Loop, The Villages, FL 32162

August Program—Bonnie Canning

Chinese Art Presentation and Demo “Beauty in Simplicity”

Why do Chinese paintings look so different from Western art? What are Chinese artists trying to tell us? What techniques and tools are used to create Chinese paintings? Can I learn to paint in the Chinese style?

Bonnie Canning’s presentation and demo will answer these and other questions about the 3,000-year development of Chinese art, as well as demonstrate the beauty of Chinese art in its simplicity. And it will include a show and tell of Bonnie’s collection of Chinese art equipment—brushes, rice papers, ink sticks and stones, colors, seals and other materials.

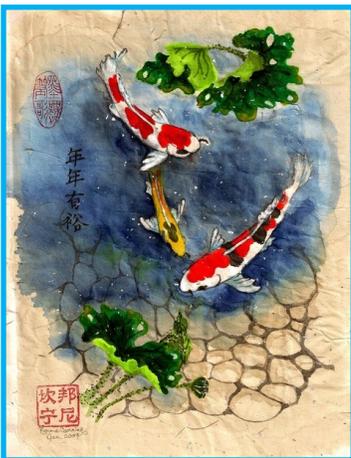


I began drawing and painting as a little girl, when I discovered that, unlike my sisters, I had absolutely no musical talents. I got my first commission and sold my first painting when I was thirteen. I continued my artistic endeavors throughout high school, where I designed the covers for my high school’s literary magazine, was president of the Art Club, and sold portraits of my classmates to their adoring parents.

Thinking that I wanted to make art my career, I began college as an art major. But my fascination with all things Chinese soon led me to change majors and schools. I was the first undergraduate to receive a degree from the

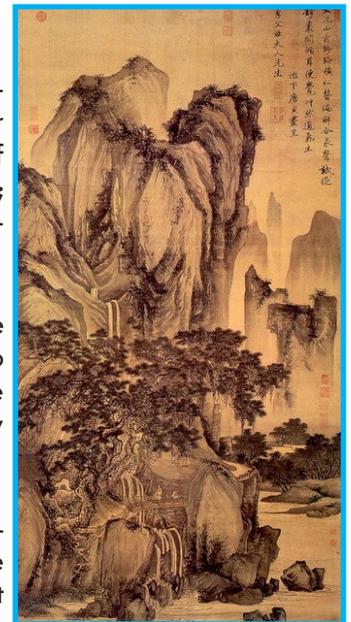
George Washington University’s Sino-Soviet Institute in Chinese Language and Studies.

After receiving a master’s degree in Information Science, I went on to a corporate management career. Meanwhile I pursued my artistic interests on the side by taking up fiber crafts. I became fascinated with spinning various types of fibers, from cotton bolls to dog hair, lama to sheep’s fleece; and, using natural dyes for color, produced woven art hangings for many years.



Upon retirement in 2000, I returned to my interest in Chinese culture and art. After moving to Florida in 2005, I began to concentrate on Chinese painting techniques. I look to the paintings of ancient and modern Chinese masters for my inspiration.

I have taught Chinese Painting at the Lifelong Learning College, and since January 2014, I’ve been teaching Chinese painting every Saturday to a group of enthusiastic artists at the Pimlico Rec Center.



CONGRATULATIONS—Paintings were hung at the **OneBlood Art Gallery** on June 6th. Visitors to the gallery voted for their favorite and these artists were awarded prizes: First place—Diane Pattie (photography), second place—Lydia Fallette, third place—Leda Rabenold. Next change-over will be on September 5th.

Daytona Trip—Wednesday, August 30

Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art and 2-hour cruise with meal on a paddle wheel boat. \$80.

See Joal Litavsky if interested.



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

Officers:

President	Bonnie Canning	259-9553
Vice President	Jeanne Willette	753-6488
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Chairpersons:

Artist of the Month	Jo Magram	845-807-7489
Bank Exhibits	Catherine Sullivan	259-4308
Cornerstone Hospice	Jim Zatlukal	633-9771
	Marie Tranovich	633-5903
Eisenhower Exhibit	Cindy Ewing	299-7619
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Email	Steve Lang	303-803-3442
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	Irene Wantroba	753-9182

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 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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September 5	OneBlood Change-out, 9 am	Spanish Plainses Shopping Center
September 9	Inspired by the Masters 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