



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi Fellow Members ~

I hope all of you are taking advantage of everything the VAL Website has to offer to all of us! It is a fabulous resource, and the place to go to answer many of your questions about the VAL! Just go to

www.thevillagesartleague.org.

Are you someone who likes to extend your artistic skills by attending classes and workshops conducted by local and nationally-known artists? Now the VAL website lists current classes and workshops offered around The Villages area. Click on the "Workshops" tab at the top of the Website Home page for a detailed listing.

Or maybe you need the rules and forms to enter an exhibit or one of our shows. Just click on the "VAL Shows" tab! Art Venue Tracking Forms, Show Display Tips, and VAL Art ID cards are also at this tab. (The rules and registration forms for specific shows are highlighted in orange as soon as they are available.)

The "Membership" tab gives you access to a searchable list of VAL members. This list is not available to the public! To access this list, click on the "Members Only" button, and when asked, enter the Password, for privacy's sake. Feel free to ask someone if you don't know the password.

A frequently-used new feature, the "Contact Us" tab, gives you the opportunity to ask any question you may have, or offer suggestions and ideas to help the VAL better serve its members. With this communications tool, your emails come directly to me, and I usually answer you within 24 hours.

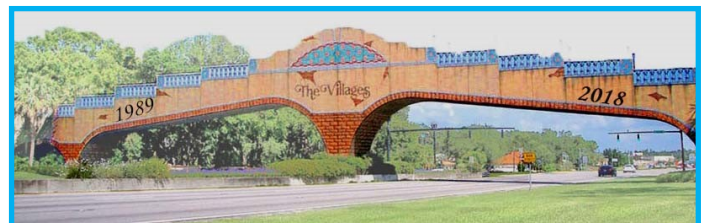
Please take time to explore these and many other wonderful features of our VAL Website at <http://www.thevillagesartleague.org>. It's there for you ~ our members! And many, many thanks to Leda Rabenold, our Webmaster (and Newsletter Editor), for making it all happen!



Bonnie Canning

Creatively yours,

Bonnie



Artist of the Month—Alexander “Sandy” Turnbull

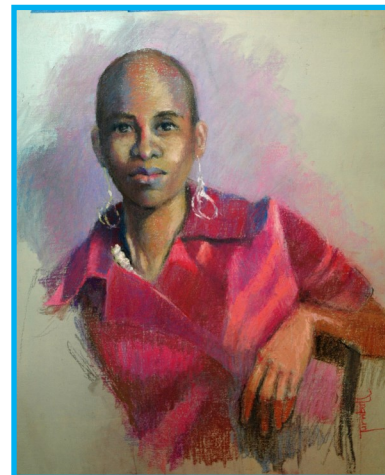


Alexander “Sandy” Turnbull is considered a “painterly artist” who portrays his subjects using vibrant color, expressive strokes and a respect for good composition. Over the past 10 years, his medium of choice is pastels, using them for commissioned portraits of people, animals and landscapes.

He is an artist now living in The Villages, Florida with his wife of 46 years. He was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. After graduation from college and service in the U.S. Air Force, he worked as a mechanical design engineer, which included design of mechanical systems in commercial buildings. He has also produced architectural renderings for contractors and a real estate developer.

Throughout his forty plus working years, he improved his artistic skills in classroom studios, personal studies, and numerous workshops. He has taught art for a retail commercial art supply company and has given painting demonstrations and art lessons.

Currently he is a member of the Village Art Association, the Village Art League and the Central Florida Pastel Society.



SUMMER ART FESTIVAL—JULY 7, 2018

The Summer Arts Festival will be here before you know it! We are finalizing the committee members for this event and still need some volunteers. Diane Weekly and Ellen Hellwege have generously volunteered to chair the registration committee and Janeen Whetstone will be managing the Volunteers. But we still need assistance with the publicity, refreshments and a day-of-the-show volunteer coordinator. Of course we always need volunteers to help greet our guests, provide breaks for the artists and to man the information desk. If you are willing to assist with any of these duties, please contact Janeen Whetstone at (352) 459-1952 or email her at janwhet@gmail.com.

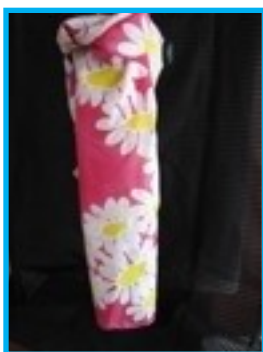
The Summer Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 7th from 9am to 3pm at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center. There will be space for 70 artist exhibitors. Registration will begin June 1st for members who have volunteered for the club throughout the year, June 8th for general members and closes on June 27th. Artists with 2-D and 3-D art are invited to display at this show. All artist exhibitors must be up to date with their membership dues.

April Program—Margie Picard

Margie Picard has never had any formal art training and most of her creations come from the fact that she has been given this gift of art. She loves to create and has always done some form of artwork throughout her life. All through school she took every art class she was allowed to take, tried any new craft she found and just enjoyed creating. In the 1990s while working for the State of Connecticut she took a watercolor class and fell in love with the medium. After moving to The Villages and taking a silk painting class with Sherrill Schoening through the Lifelong Learning College, she discovered that silk painting is very similar to watercolor in that it flows and sometimes does its own thing. Inspired by this, but not in love with the steaming of the dyes that were used in the class, she researched and found the Dye-na-Flow paints. They react like the silk dyes but do not require the steaming method and can be set with a regular iron. The colors are not quite as intense as the dyes but, as she loves things that are fast and simple, this product fit her needs. She teaches a class at **All About Art** in Belleview on creating silk scarves the easy way, and when you leave the class you have 2 beautiful hand painted silk scarves that you have created.



Margie is very honored to have the opportunity to demonstrate this fun process for the VAL members.



Congratulations Artists!

Awards were presented by judge David D'Alessantris of Ocala for the Spring **La Galleria** exhibit to:
1st Place-Doris Glapion's "Pumpkin Field," 2nd Place-Kathy Enos' "White on Black on White," 3rd-Place Barb Justice's "Rescue or Captivity." Award of Merit-Lisa Woodward's "A Star is Born." Honorable Mention-Billie Edwards' "The Tourist." Photography-Diane Pattie's "Magnificent Monarch."

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

Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is being listed on our website here: www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html

For inclusion, send your info to
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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 2018 are: Jan 8, Mar. 12, May 14, July 9, Sept. 10 and Nov. 12.

La Galleria at La Hacienda from September to December.

Citizens Bank on Rt. 466, Rt. 441 or in Panellas monthly exhibit. Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month**.

Summer Art Festival held at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 7. **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 27. 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.