



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members ~

Our August meeting will feature a new special event.

But first, before I tell you about it, I'd like to congratulate everybody who made our annual Summer Arts Festival at Miona Rec Center on July 14th such a wonderfully successful show! Of course, a great big round of applause goes to the hardworking Show Team, chaired by Janeen Whetstone!

Ellen Hellwege and Diane Weekley once again took control of registration ~ they are such professionals, having done this for multiple VAL shows now! And Lisa Melcher took the reins to make sure we had tremendous publicity ~ she must have a special "in" with the Daily Sun staff by now! Betty Eich called on her special connections to provide printing for us at greatly reduced cost. Elaine Ring corralled all the day-of-the-show Greeter and Monitor volunteers, doing a bit of juggling to make sure all shifts were covered. Thanks sooo much to these volunteers ~ some who are there for every show! And a special "Thank You" to Wanda Boyd, the show's Refreshments Coordinator, who went above and beyond to bring goodies for breakfast, and personally bake yummy cookies, and prepare fresh-made sandwiches throughout the day.

Kudos to all our exhibitors! Your talent and art pieces never cease to amaze us! And finally, thank you to all our members who attended the show and supported your fellow artists!

And now to our **special August meeting event!** As you know, we as a club are donating 3/4th of our projected surplus funds to the art programs that are so in need in the various elementary schools surrounding The Villages. We also, for the first time, are collecting art supplies for these schools at our August meeting.

It is so sad that our public elementary schools have, at best, an annual art program



Bonnie Canning

Artist of the Month—Paul Besse



In 1960, at 11 years old, my mother sent me to a private art teacher. I still have my very first oil painting. In 1967, while a senior in high school, a local gift shop, Sturbridge Yankee Workshop, had a design contest and the successful artists' designs would be printed on napkins, cups, plates, linens, and t-shirts for sale in their store. The gift shop purchased six of my designs. With that sale I bought my first car.



I knew the art field was my future. I attended art classes at Berkshire Community College in Western Massachusetts. In 1969 I transferred to the Art Institute of Chicago to major in advertising and commercial art. After college I went into the store fixture/display business, designing and selling displays for retailers.



I married in 1971 and stayed in Chicago until 1979 when I moved to Atlanta to get away from the cold weather. In 2014, after vacationing here for five winters, I purchased my home in the Village of Collier.



In November of 2015 I started drawing a "Wentide Hole-in-One Award" for my neighbors. I do a cartoon caricature of each golfer and incorporate it into a golf cart drawing. I am up to my 24th

award for holes-in-one made by my 77 golfing neighbors.



All during my career I drew and painted in my spare time. My preferred mediums are water-based oil paint, watercolor and colored pencils.

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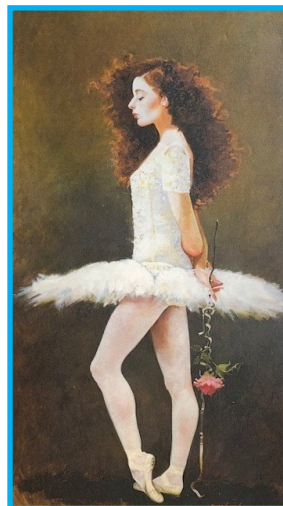
budget of just one dollar per student and one art teacher for the whole student body. And, at worst, no art program at all! In some of these cases, teachers have volunteered their time and money out of their own pockets to organize art "clubs" before or after school. They desperately need supplies. You can help by bringing any unused art supplies you may have, (or buying them if you wish), to our August meeting.

Dianne Zalewski (and her Donations Committee) has so graciously volunteered to collect these donations and distribute them to area elementary schools. If you can't come to the meeting, but have a donation, please contact Dianne at diannezalewski@yahoo.com or 352-693-3899.

Please help our budding artists and their dedicated teachers! Donate supplies at our August meeting. ~ Thank you! ~ Bonnie

July Program—June Berte'

June Berte' is the demo artist. A native of Springfield, Mass. she is a well known pastel and oil portrait artist. She paints in a technique known as "painting FAT over lean. Her paintings appear internationally in private collections, restaurants, and boardrooms of major organizations. She became interested in pastels when she took lessons from Daniel Green in oils/pastels. She studied with him for 10 years. She also studied with Harley Brown a well known artist in Scottsdale, AZ. Her portrait of a lady will demo how she uses oils to coat the canvas for texture then sands it to add tooth for the pastels.



From Dave Bogge, photographer of the Summer Art Festival on July 14th:
I thought you would like an update on the number of views for the VAL Summer Art Festival photo gallery. It is up to a total of 13,720 views. The gallery is definitely being looked at by our artists and others.

CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY!

Nancy Dias, former VAL President, has been juried into three regional watercolor shows this year:

- Florida Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition to be held in Sarasota September 7-October 26 for her painting "Short Circuit."
- Tallahassee Watercolor Society Tri-State (Alabama, Georgia, Florida) Exhibition for "Kaleidoscope."
- Tallahassee Watercolor Society 2018 Brush Strokes Members Exhibition for "Respite at Palmetto Bluff."

Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is listed on our website here:

www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html.

For inclusion and to update, send your info to
leda.rabenold@gmail.com.

Register for the Villages Enrichment Academy art classes:
[online](#), call 352-674-1800, or at any regional rec center.

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 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 Pinellas monthly exhibit. Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month**.

Summer Art Festival held at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 14. **Artists' Showcase** held at Rohan 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.