



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Members ~

February's meeting is an important one every year ~ it brings the annual election of the VAL Steering Committee officers. Three of your officers have agreed to serve a second term in their current positions: myself as President, Gail Parker as Secretary, and Jay Summers as Treasurer. The By-laws say "reelection to hold the same office the second year in succession is in order."



Bonnie Canning

Vice President Jeannine Willette will not be seeking a second term as Vice President due to personal reasons. So the Nominating Committee has been hard at work seeking a nominee for that position. Traditionally, although not required, it is hoped that the Vice President will have a willingness to serve as President in the following year, since current officers cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.

The election will be held during the February meeting by a vote of the members present. The by-laws state that "Election and installation of the officers shall be when the slate of officers is presented at the regular meeting in February." They also state that "Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee." Traditionally the newly-elected officers assume their responsibilities at the March meeting.

But Steering Committee officers are only four of the many volunteers that it takes to run the VAL activities throughout the upcoming year. We will soon be needing volunteers to support our Summer Arts Festival in July, as well as our many fall events. Please start thinking about how YOU would like to help this year!

Your President,

Bonnie



## Artist of the Month—Susan Jane Donohoe

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Where I come from:



I call both the Twin Cities, MN. and San Francisco, CA. my hometowns, having spent half my life in each Metro Area. Today however I call Florida my home.

My Career:

My careers in sales, counseling and as an award winning Kitchen & Bath Designer, demanded that I understand the human psyche in order to satisfy the needs of my clients. I

use that same ability now to interpret my subjects in watercolor. I find it mesmerizing to watch the vibrant pigments mingle on the paper, as the liquid travels across the shapes that it is bringing to life.

My Painting Process:

My paintings include whimsical creations that make one smile, compositions that comment on the issues of today's world, and others that are simply recording the beauty that surrounds us.

My paintings tell a story. I try to infuse my characters with a personality that draws the viewer into the story being told.

My work is the culmination of all that went before. It is the "me" that I am sharing with you.



### Where to look for information about Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is being listed on our website here:

[www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html)

To be included, send your info to [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com)

#### 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

## February Program—Kay Masini

"From the Brain to the Brush" is a Power Point display of a variety of paintings; ideas and doggerel poetry that I have written. It's approximately 40 minutes long. It is based on the philosophy of art and is an attempt to explore ideas; where they come from; how we get them; how we use them; and how others' ideas affect us as artists.

Kay Masini earned a Bachelor's degree in Art with a second major in Philosophy from Dominican University, River Forest, IL. and additional study at the Art Institute of Chicago. She has attended numerous workshops from renowned instructors and further extended her studies in oil, acrylic and watercolor. She also studied art briefly at Oxford University in England.

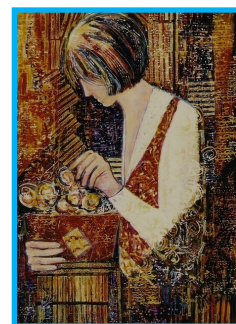
She has won numerous awards, designed paintings for book covers and shown in many statewide, national and international exhibitions as well as several one-person shows in the U.S. and Europe. Her paintings are in numerous U.S. and European collections. Also, North Light Books selected two of her paintings for their first acrylic artwork publication entitled "Acrylic Works - The Best of Acrylic Painting."

She is a signature member of the International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA), a member of the Three Cities Art Club, and the Internationale Vriendenkring in Belgium and a former Board member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Previously she held offices in Minnesota and Michigan art organizations and developed the Artists of Tomorrow competition for high school students beginning in western Michigan.

Masini is also noted for her poetry and has a newly printed book "Contemporary Christmas Symbols in Art and Poetry" — a selection from original Christmas cards that were designed for friends and relatives over the past 50 years.

Kay divides her time between Plymouth, Michigan and Beaver Island where she grew up until she moved to Chicago to attend high school and college. She and her husband Don have four children and nine grandchildren.

"I would like my art to stretch imaginations from 'what is' to 'what could be.' Art has its own beauty and truths."



### Congratulations Artists!

LaGalleria exhibit awards were presented for photography to: 1st Place -Maureen Terrien, 2nd -Eileen Sklon. For paintings to: 1st Place -Bridgette Greb, 2nd -Carol Bertino, 3rd -Lisa Woodward; Award of Merit -Mark Richardson; Honorable Mention -Marge McQueston and Lois Kamp.

Upcoming Art League Show Dates For details: <a href="http://www.thevillagesartleague.org">www.thevillagesartleague.org</a>		
March 6	OneBlood Exhibit Change-out, 9:00 am	Spanish Plaines Shopping Center
March 12	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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## **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 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 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 Plains 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.