



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Artists ~

Many of you enjoy growing your talents and learning new skills by participating in locally-offered art workshops and classes throughout the year.

So 2018 brings a new benefit for VAL members ~ a new comprehensive listing of art education programs on the VAL website "Workshops" tab at [www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html).



Bonnie Canning

To make this listing as complete and broad as possible, we are asking any of our members who are offering or sponsoring any workshop, class or course to send the following information to our Webmaster Leda Rabenold at [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com): Title of workshop, class or course, with a brief one-sentence description, if necessary; date(s); cost; location; and contact person for registration, including email, phone number, etc.

This includes courses being offered through The Villages Enrichment Academy that are being conducted by VAL members.

There are a number of art education programs being offered in The Villages area by our members, so we sincerely hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity to promote their programs through the VAL website.

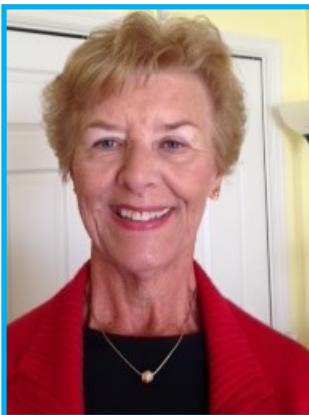
And VAL member potential art students ~ we hope you will check the VAL website ("Workshops" tab) frequently to keep up with new educational opportunities!

Many, many thanks to Leda, our webmaster and our Newsletter Editor, for taking on the added monthly responsibility of creating this new "art education programs" listing and keeping it up-to-date!

Happy New Year,

Bonnie

## Artist of the Month—Connie Giebels



My name is Connie Giebels. My medium is acrylics with sea shells, most of the time. My designs are all hand done, with my imagination. My signature on all my work is the Coquina shell that I make to look like a butterfly.

We moved to The Villages in May 2013 and live in the village of Pinellas. I moved here from Naples, Florida where I had lived for 30 years. During 28 of those years, I helped the elderly in their homes.

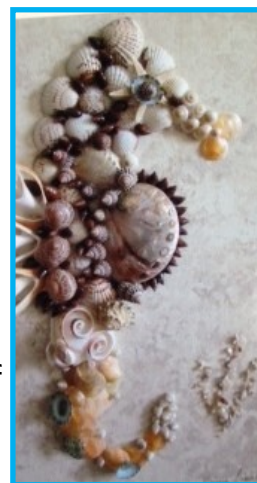
I was born in Rotterdam, Holland during WWII. My father said if we survive the war, we will move to the United States, which we did in 1947. I was 4 years old.

We lived in New Jersey until I was 11, with fond memories. Each summer we would spend a month in Normandy Beach. That was the beginning of my love of the beach and shells.

We moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1954 because of my sisters' health. The good weather helped. Spent a lot of time on the beach collecting shells. I started making gifts for family and friends and they loved my work.

My Dad was a very talented man and also a great artist. My sister and I picked up some of his talents. For the past 30 years, I have been making items with sea shells. Mirrors, topiary trees, candle holders, baskets filled with shells and pictures on canvas, etc.

I have been in many shows in the past 3 years. I have had a lot of fun to see and work with such a talented group of people.



### Congratulations, Artists!

In the current **Pastel Society of Central Florida's** exhibit at Mt. Dora Center for the Arts, Carol Bertino's entry "A Peaceful Path" was awarded Best of Show.

Spanish Spring's December 10th **Artists Round The Square (ARTS)** Peoples' Choice Awards were presented to: 1st Place-Jerry Sundin, 2nd-Wendy Lahey, 3rd-Charlie Clayton; Honorable Mentions: Kathy Hansen, Betty Eich and Pauline Vital.

## January 8—Member-to-Member Exhibit

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At this, the first VAL meeting of 2018, we will share with our 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.

We begin at 8:30 by placing our artwork on easels (bring one if needed) 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 5th Member-to-Member Show just for us. Take this opportunity to get to know someone who may be new or has recently returned to The Villages.

### Where to Look for Art Workshops/Classes

For information about January and future art workshops offered by Beverly Hennessy through the Village Art Center, please check this website: [villageartworkshops.com](http://villageartworkshops.com).

As we receive it, more art workshop information will be listed on the VAL website's [Workshop](#) page. To be included if you offer classes, email [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com) with details.

#### 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 Date

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January 9	Art Exhibit Change-out, 1-2:50 pm	Eisenhower Rec Center

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



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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 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. **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 28. 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.