



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## President's Message

*Hello Fellow Members ~*

*Did you know that almost 75% of our members do not exhibit in our two big art shows every year? That's one of the reasons we have our ever-popular Member-To-Member art shows ~ so that we can get together to see what our fellow members are creatively up to! Are they blinging-out rubber lizards, or making landscapes out of puffs of wool, or turning drift-wood into fish, or any other of the myriad ways they can think of to express their creative spirits?*

*For me, making art is fun! It's relaxing. It takes me into a special "zone." And it challenges me to try to do something I've never done before. Yes, sometimes it's frustrating when things don't turn out exactly the way I wanted. But then I learn something from that too. In the end, it is oh so satisfying to stand back and say, "Oh wow! I made that!"*

*So share the joy of your creations with your fellow artists at our Member-To-Member Art Show at our June 4th meeting. Bring a piece of your artwork to the meeting to share with your fellow artists (including a table easel, if necessary). We are all totally amazed to see the breathe and depth of talent within our VAL! We want to admire each others' creativity! We all want to say, "Oh wow! You made that!"*

*And for those of you who are planning to exhibit at our annual VAL Summer Arts Festival, on July 14th, information regarding registration will be coming out soon!*

*Your Fellow Artist,*

*Bonnie*



Bonnie Canning

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June 5	OneBlood Exhibit Change-out, 9:00 am	Spanish Plaines Shopping Center
June 8-14	Priority Registration for Summer Art Show on July 14	Mail-in Only (forms on website)
June 15-29	General Registration for Summer Art Show on July 14	Mail-in Only (forms on website)

## Artist of the Month—David M. Wrenn



Retired from managing their 60-year old family furniture business in Northern Virginia, David and his wife, June, moved to The Village of Bonita in July 2010. David was born in Washington, D. C. in 1940 and grew up in Fairfax County, Virginia. He graduated from Fairfax High School and entered the Army under the draft in 1958. In the Service David was in the 14th Infantry and became attached to Special Services where he instructed OCS, ROTC and newly graduated officers from West Point in tropical water survival and also competed in swimming and diving competitions. He remained on as an athletic specialist at Ft. Benning, Georgia. After coming out of the Army, David managed the swimming pool and the swim team at a well-known country club in Arlington, Virginia. He then had an opportunity to open his own high-end furniture rep business in Chicago where he lived for several years before returning to Virginia to manage the family business.

David has been an avid golfer from a very young age. When he heard about The Villages and all its golf and amenities, he and June were drawn to the area. They loved what they saw and moved down. About three years ago David had several unforeseen illnesses that prevented him from resuming his golf. That is when his art began. His mother was a fine artist and the gene was certainly passed down to him. His wife, June, saw an unusual form of art called "Zentangle," which is a combination of several interesting techniques, some may call "doodling." Most are done in black and white but after awhile David enjoyed including color. Soon after he felt comfortable with the progress he had made with his drawings, he asked Barbara Wells, a certified Zentangle teacher and resident of The Villages, to look at his work. She encouraged David to continue his drawings which he has done. He has entered his work in several of the art shows, sold many of his pictures and hopes to continue. Since David is not a certified Zentangle teacher, he calls some of his work "Wrenntangles"!



### Congratulations!

Arrachme was selected to be in **House & Garden UK**. Her Peaceful World Series Paintings will be promoted.

Awards were presented for the current **Annex show** to: 1st place-Ruth Ann Maury, 2nd place-Iris Kaplan, 3rd place-Vivian Chaska, Award of Merit-Alexander Turnbull, Honorable Mention-Barb Justice and Photography-Helen Poor.



## VAL's Sixth Member-to-Member Art Show

### Attention Members!

Monday, June 4th is our opportunity to share our art! Please bring a piece of your artwork, including a card with your name and title of the work, if appropriate. Also bring your own easel if needed for display. We begin at 8:30 a.m. Set up your art on one of the available tables as you arrive. The art showing will take place after the business meeting and a few of you might be asked to briefly talk about your art piece.



### SUMMER ART FESTIVAL

**Lake Miona Rec Center—JULY 14, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The VAL Summer Art Festival is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 14th at Lake Miona Recreation Center. (Apologies for the previous mix-up with the date.) This show is an opportunity for all VAL members to participate; Exhibiting and selling your art, demonstrating your craft to our guests, or volunteering before or during the day of the event to help make the show a success.

There will be 70 spaces for members to exhibit. This will be a 2D and 3D show, so all artists are welcome! The registration form and the room layouts are posted on the VAL website (<http://www.thevillagesartleague.org>)

Priority registration begins June 8th for any member that has volunteered for the club within the last 2 years. The general registration begins June 15th and registration ends on June 29th. Registration postmarked earlier than June 8th will not be accepted.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this show, please contact Janeen Whetstone at (352) 459-1952 or [janwhet@gmail.com](mailto:janwhet@gmail.com).

#### 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). For inclusion, 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





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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, 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 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.