



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## President's Message

*Hi Fellow Members ~*

*First of all, I would like to congratulate Dianne Zalewski and Janeen Whetstone on being elected Co-Vice Presidents for 2018, and to welcome them to the VAL Steering Committee, along with second terms for Secretary Gail Parker, Treasurer Jay Summers, (with myself as President).*

*I have made March "Volunteer Recognition Month" for a second year ~ a time to recognize some of the volunteers that made 2017 such a great success for your VAL! These include, but are not limited to, our excellent Show Chairs ~ Dore Via Dumas and her team for our Summer Arts Festival, and Michele Popko and Carol Hickman and their team for the Fall Artist Showcase. Bravo!! Bravo!!*



Bonnie Canning

*I would also like to honor Cindy Ewing and Janet Marks for serving another year as coordinators of not only our on-going art exhibit at Eisenhower, but also for stepping up at the last minute to take over the management of the 3-month exhibit at La Galleria at La Hacienda Rec Center. Kudos to you!!*

*Let's not forget Freddie Venturoni for not only spending another year coordinating the continuing art exhibits at OneBlood, but also for serving as "Miss Sunshine," to report on our members' health situations throughout 2017. And our Treasurer Jay Summers who also stepped in to take over the monthly management of our Bank Exhibits. Special thanks, Freddie and Jay, for doing double duty!!*

*And of course we have the three people who make each monthly meeting special ~ our "Artist Of the Month" Chair Jo Magram, Program Chair Phyllis Speicher, as well as Lois Kamp, who chairs our Refreshments, (besides serving as Membership Co-Chair with Dore Via Dumas ~ two more double-duty volunteers!). And a special "Thank you" to Leda Rabenold, not only our Newsletter Editor, but also our VAL Webmaster!*

*I only have space here to recognize a few of our many exceptional VAL volunteers. All of them are the people who make our club what it is. Without all our volunteers, we would not exist! Together with all our members, I say thank you all so very, very much!*

*Bonnie*

## Artist of the Month—Arrachme



**“When science, senses and spirit converge, time expands into possibility.”**

Arrachme is an internationally renowned artist with current work in museums worldwide. She is included in exhibitions for specific worthy causes. Her consistently published award-winning series’ have a thread of peaceful energy and take you to that needed respite where time stands still. Not limited to galleries and events in New York, Monte Carlo, Art -Miami-Basel, South Korea, Portugal, England, etc., her work is collected privately. Additionally, she has developed an endorsed educational program which she offers online at [www.arrachmeart.com](http://www.arrachmeart.com) and teaches in person through “The Villages Enrichment Academy” as a way of giving back to her community. In classes she says to the students, *“It’s all about you, not where you’ve been or where I have been but the peacefulness that is in your heart. This is the place where I start and where I end. You are welcome to journey with me.”*



Janeen Whetstone, Dianne Zalewski, Co-VPs.

Gail Parker, Secty., Bonnie Canning, Pres.

### Villages Art League Officers for 2018

President: Bonnie Canning

Co-Vice Presidents: Dianne Zalewski & Janeen Whetstone

Secretary: Gail Parker

Treasurer: Jay Summers (not in photo)

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

To be included, send your info to le-da.rabenold@gmail.com



## March Program—Nancy Fisher

Nancy Fisher, the demo artist, is a nationally known china painter and watercolor teacher. She lives in Spring Hill, FL and has a degree in art. She has taught in most of the 48 states and even Europe. She has taught in schools in New York, Florida, Indiana, Arizona, Mid West, and Michigan. Nancy is best known for her work on porcelain including painting glass lamps. That career has spanned over 50 years. She has also taught Oil painting for 24 years. Now with the onset of lung disease she is returning to her first love, Watercolor. She will show how one art medium influences the other. Her specialty is florals. The demo on Florida peonies will show how to take an idea to a finished piece.



### Congratulations Artists!

At the **Annex Exhibit** on February 3rd ribbons were presented for photography: 1st Place –Diane Pattie. For paintings: 1st Place –Marsha McGill, 2nd –Manggi Crouse, 3rd –Jan Barone; Best of Show –Dawn Mastrodonato; Honorable Mention –Leda Rabenold and Kathy Hansen.

Current **OneBlood exhibit** ribbon winners are: 1st Place –Jean Patterson, 2nd –Linda Follette, 3rd –Margie Picard.

At the **Eustis Art League** juried show in February, Lois Kamp won the 3rd place award in the mixed media category for her wax and rust painting titled, "The Rust Belt."

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

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 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.