



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Fellow VAL Members ~

Villages residents are often described as "living in a bubble." But, of course, we exist in a larger community of towns and municipalities in Sumter, Lake and Marion Counties. Therefore, the VAL is striving to help through donations for our "Supporting Art In Our Community," in keeping with our By-Laws Objective "to encourage all forms of Fine Arts, and its appreciation throughout the area." Last year, at the suggestion of a Steering Committee member, we awarded \$500 to the Lady Lake Elementary School to assist their art program. As many of you know, art programs in our public schools have either been greatly reduced, or even eliminated, due to lack of funds. And many teachers are reaching into their own pockets to pay for supplies for their students.

This year we are formalizing this donation effort to get more input from our members. Last month, a committee was organized, under the direction of Co-Vice President Dianne Zalewski, to solicit suggestions from members on possible recipients for our 2018 donation(s). The committee, which also includes Marge McQueston, Vera Derk, Arrachme, and Ina Taylor, has already done much research and a lot of legwork, based on your suggestions, as well as their own knowledge of community needs.

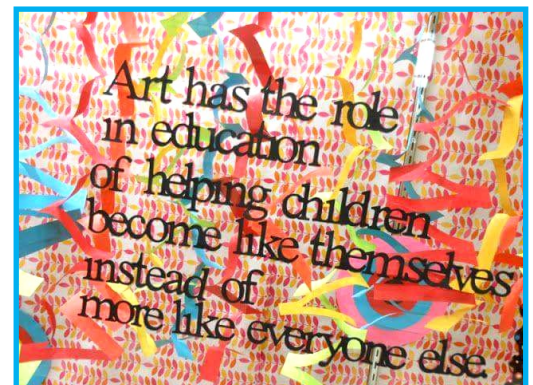
Dianne's committee has just made final recommendations to the VAL Steering Committee; who will review them, and then put their decision to a "Yes" or "No" vote of members attending an up-coming monthly meeting (date to be announced).

These donations, once finalized, will come from the VAL general funds (mainly annual dues, not our shows' exhibitor fees). I hope you feel as blessed as I do that we are able to help support some of our surrounding communities' art programs.

Sincerely, Bonnie



Bonnie Canning



Artist of the Month—Michael Pintar



My interest in the arts started as a teenager when my grandmother took me to the Pacific Ocean for an afternoon of oil painting by the seaside. Little did I know that plein air adventure would propel me into other artistic avenues for the rest of my life.

I received a degree in graphic design at Milwaukee Area Technical College. I took a job as technical illustrator, then started my own technical publishing company, got married and had a daughter. I continued to produce “non-marketable” oil paintings and pencil portraits on the side. In



1998 work took me to Grand Rapids Michigan and I joined the Grand Valley Artists group where I painted alongside several nationally recognized artists who introduced me to pastels. I also started Aspiring Artists, an after-school drawing program for elementary kids, which grew to where I needed 3 other artists to help deliver the program to a dozen schools.

In 2002 I moved back to Waukesha, WI, and was fortunate to be represented in two galleries. I won several awards at plein air events and juried competitions. My body of work expanded to include landscape, abstract and portraiture using oils, pastels, acrylics and graphite.

I am currently teaching *Intro to Oil Painting* at The Villages Enrichment Academy. I have entered several more plein air competitions in Florida and last year won First Place at the Winter Park quick paint event. I am also grateful The Villages selected four of my paintings to be part of their permanent collection at the Village of Fenney rec center. I continue to paint for enjoyment and learning how to express myself through a variety of mediums.



SUMMER ART FESTIVAL—JULY 7, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This show will be Saturday, July 7th at Lake Miona. We always need volunteers to help greet our guests, provide breaks for the artists and to help man the information desk. If you are willing to assist with any of these duties, please contact Janeen Whetstone at (352) 459-1952 or email her at janwhet@gmail.com.

VAL History—The VAL history albums from 2003 to 2018 are up to date and in chronological order. Visit the table in back of the meeting room on May 7th to view them. Special thanks to Wendy Lahey, VAL Historian.

April Program—Sandy Simpson

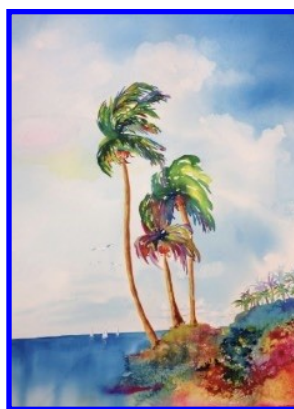


For the demo Sandy Simpson will show some techniques that she finds common to all watercolor paintings.

Sandy is a certified Terry Madden Watercolor Teacher who continues Terry's legacy encouraging inspiring artists to use bright, vibrant, transparent tropical colors. Using her originals, teaching in his style, you will learn tools and techniques to apply at once to your paintings. She likes to have fun exploring composition, mixing colors, perspective, lights and darks learning basics to advanced techniques.



Sandy has a A.S.I Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University with a double major in Interior Design and Art History. She also teaches at Seabreeze and the Enrichment Academy.



Eisenhower Exhibit changeout — Monday, May 14—1:00-2:50 p.m.

Congratulations Artists!

On April 8 at **Arts Round the Square (ARTS)** People's Choice awards went to: 1st Place Leda Rabenold, 2nd Place Maureen Terrien, 3rd Place Freddie Venturoni; Honorable Mentions to Betty Eich, Charlie Clayton and Mary Tadic.

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month -
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Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is being listed on our website here: www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html. For inclusion, send your info to 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.