



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi Fellow Members ~

Let me start by giving kudos to all our members who so generously answered the call for unused art supplies for elementary and middle schools, and brought them to last month's meeting! What a haul! Co-Vice President and Charities Committee Chair Dianne Zalewski personally distributed everything to local teachers and directors of art programs ~ they were thrilled to receive all these goodies! More info and some photos are posted on the website

at www.thevillagesartleague.org/2018-art-supply-drive.html.

Now, let me remind you that our **September 3rd meeting** (yes, Labor Day!) is another **Member-to-Member Art Show** in lieu of a demo. We do this three times a year (January, June & September) in order to see what our fellow members have been working on. **Please bring something to show off!** It doesn't have to be framed, mounted, etc., or even finished! The only rule is that it has to fit on a table, and you need to provide a table easel, if necessary. And please put your name on it ~ no anonymous entries!

And for you 2-D artists, there is another opportunity to display your artwork for three months at the **Inspired By the Masters** exhibit at La Hacienda Rec Center, starting **September 8th**. For registration forms and information, see the VAL website (www.thevillagesartleague.org/val-shows.html).

And of course, let's not forget that the VAL's Fall Fine Arts **Artists Showcase** is set for **Saturday, October 27th**, at **Eisenhower Rec Center**. Co-Vice President and Show Chair Janeen Whetstone has brought her entire Show Team from the Summer Arts Festival to manage this event. Show Rules and Registration forms will soon be available on the VAL web site. Watch for an email announcement to all members!

Please check out the rest of this Newsletter, and the VAL web site for all the wonderful exhibit opportunities we offer for our members!

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Bonnie Canning

Artist of the Month—Robert Landry



I was born and raised in New York City, educated in public schools and trade schools. I worked in construction and in mass transportation.

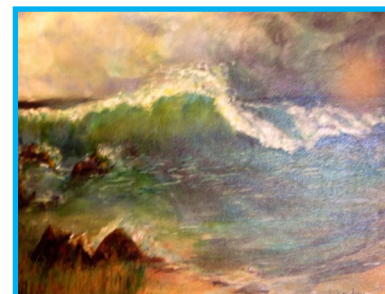
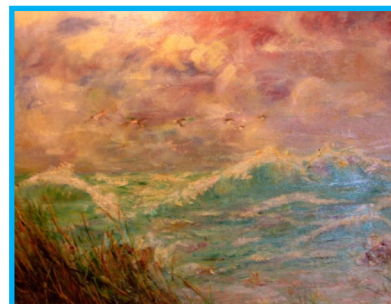
I started my background in art through childhood, always drawing and sketching, using art to get through other subjects such as English Lit, Math, Reading Comprehension and Science.

I majored in Art (4 years of Major Art) with a background in Art Appreciation, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Drafting, Mechanical Drawing, Architecture, Drawing Figures and Animals, Landscapes, Seascapes, Still Life, Theater. I was not formally trained, am self-taught. My teachers/mentors advised me to follow my God-given talents rather than go for lessons that would have me copying the talents of others. I work in various mediums, charcoal, pencil, oil, watercolor, ink, acrylic.

While I found use for art in whatever field of employment I was in, I never directly or

professionally followed art as a career choice. I used my art background in various hobbies and pass-times: civic theater, set design and construction, special effects, lighting, costume, make-up; Union newsletters, editorial cartoons; various civic art shows.

I rediscovered my passion for art following retirement. I've found The Villages to be a very active art community with a large population of talented artists.



Art Exhibit Dates to Remember this month

OneBlood exhibit at Spanish Plaines—tomorrow, September 4 at 9:00 a.m.

LaGalleria hanging of *Inspired By The Masters*, Saturday, September 8 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Eisenhower Rec Center exhibit—next Monday, September 10 from 1:00-2:50 p.m.



Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is listed on our website here: www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html.

For inclusion and to update, send your info to leda.rabenold@gmail.com.

Register for the Villages Enrichment Academy art classes: [online](#), call 352-674-1800, or at any regional rec center.

VAL's Seventh Member-to-Member Art Show



Since less than 30% of our members exhibit their work at our two big art shows, this is a great time to see what the rest of our talented artists are creating! Please bring a piece of your work to the meeting at Saddlebrook on September 3rd. Include a card with your name and title, if appropriate, and bring an easel if needed for display. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. The art showing will take place after the business meeting.

Fall Fine Art Extravaganza

The Villages Art League will be hosting our annual fall art show on October 27th at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center. Please save the date for this exciting and fun event. All VAL members are invited to participate in this event: exhibiting artists and volunteers.

The fall show is our 'Fine Art' show that includes both 2 and 3 dimensional art. All art must be designed by the artist using raw materials that have been made into an art object. For example, clay made into art objects; jewelry that is made from gems, stone, glass, wire that has been cut, polished and put in the setting made by the artist and not manufactured; or wood that has been sculpted or carved into a form. Craft items are not allowed in this show.

If you are not going to be exhibiting at this event, the VAL would still like your participation. We depend on our volunteers throughout the day to help ensure that the event is a success. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the show, please contact Janeen Whetstone at (352) 459-1952 or janwhet@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Artists!

OneBlood exhibit winners: 1st Place Carol Noce,
2nd Maryann Goniea, 3rd Freddie Venturoni.

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 14. **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.