



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message of our Co-President Diane:

*Happy Spring and Happy Easter. Spring is just around the corner with planning for activities for the rest of the year. Besides our monthly meetings we have the following events coming up for you to put on your calendars.*



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

*The Tuesday after our monthly meetings - Bank Displays\**

*Eisenhower Exhibits - Change-outs - 5/13; 7/8; 9/9; 11/11 - 1:00 - 2:50PM*

*Summer Art Show - Lake Miona Rec Center - Sat. July 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Fall Art Show - Eisenhower Rec Center - Sat. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Master Artists Showcase - September thru December - watch for dates and information to bring your art to the Hacienda Rec Center for the show in the Gallery of the rec center.*

*VAL 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Dates and Plans to be determined.*

*\*Bank Displays are at Citizens Banks on Hwy. 466, Hwy. 441, & Pinellas and the Artist of the Month has a display at the Spanish Springs Citizens Bank.*

*Be sure to check your e-mails regularly for additional information that will be sent on these activities or any other updates that may occur.*

*If you have any questions on any of these, I encourage you to ask any of the officers or members. Another great place for information is on our web site - [www.thevillagesartleague.org](http://www.thevillagesartleague.org)*

*We are looking forward to seeing you all at the April meeting on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with your suggestions on how to celebrate the VAL 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on a date to be determined in November. We will have a suggestion box on the table when you are checking in.*

*"Art is an adventure that never ends." - Author Unknown*

Spring

NOTE: Monday, April 1st—VAL meeting at Saddlebrook Rec Center at 9:00

## Artist of the Month—Marge McQueston



Color, design, shape, path of light, path of dark – I have always been interested in art since I was a child sketching, coloring and illustrating. Now that I have the opportunity to paint, I am even more aware of these elements in what I view every day. I have discovered there is a painting everywhere. Since moving to The Villages from the Philadelphia area, I have taken advantage of the many classes and workshops offered here. These artistic adventures have enabled me to grow in my creativity. Although my first creations were in oil, I find working in watercolor not only a real challenge but quite a bit of fun and very rewarding. Some of my latest creations have been more experimental using water media, acrylics, and collage.



When I first came to the Villages with my husband Jim in 1997, I discovered a wonderful, friendly, supportive group of artists who met in the Paradise Recreation Center. Thus, I was introduced to the first of many art groups which have been established in the last 22 years, all adding to the great opportunities we artists have to learn and grow. I became involved with the VAA where I served as president and a member of the scholarship committee. My background in education as a Language Arts teacher has peaked my commitment to helping students both further their education through the VAA scholarship fund and receive the supplies they so desperately need through the VAL donations.

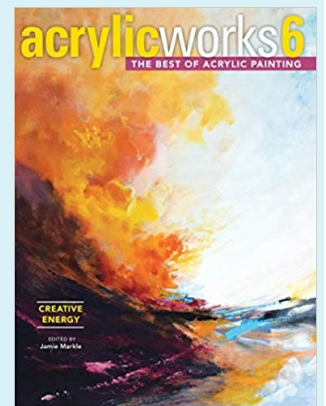


Every painting I create is not always successful, but every painting is a learning experience.

Let's all keep learning together.

### Congratulations Artists!

- Using her old art as the base of these smaller paintings made from mixed media, **Leona Asta's** new paintings "Asta's Dizastas" have been accepted into the Appleton Art Museum Gift Shop. Her very generous commission through sale of her art will help with the museum's financial issues.
- **Arrachme** has been awarded first place amongst entries from all over the world by the Acrylic Works 6 magazine, "The Best of Acrylic Painting," of which her painting graces the front cover. Also she is one of six artists to be featured in The South West Artists Magazine.
- At **VAA's Spring Art Exhibit at La Galleria**, these artists were awarded ribbons by judge Lynn Ferris: 1st Place Jeanne Willette, 2nd Barb Justice, 3rd Alexander Turnbull; Awards of Merit to Bill Rentz and Cindy Vener; Honorable Mentions to Fran Naughton, Wanda Boyd and Sally LaBaugh. Photography 1st Place Eileen Sklon, 2nd Maureen Terrien.



## April Program—Verna Walker

Verna is nearly fully self-taught, yet in The Villages today she is the teacher for those who wish to learn. Finally her life's wish has come true—she has her own home studio and paints with joy and gratitude each day.

Verna became the artist despite her life experiences. The oldest child of a poor family, art had no part in her early life. The talent was discovered by her 7th grade teacher who dedicated months coaxing her vast gifts into life. As the years went by family and children filled the days, yet she hungered for any chance to use her hands to bring things to life.



Approaching middle-age living in California, Verna pushed her way into the art courses at a junior college. She painted in oil and on porcelain, fashioned pottery and ceramics. An “odd job” was creation of a huge stained glass entrance with etchings for the entrance of the mansion of the Gallo wine family in Modesto.

In 1980 she was severely injured in an auto accident in Denver. For months she struggled to regain even the most rudimentary motor skills. Years passed as she labored to recover. Then came the day when a physical therapist with skills as an artist introduced Verna to the world of water colors. Year by year the skills began to reemerge. 35 years later Verna has once again resumed her place as an honored colleague of those whose life is art.



China painting on porcelain- a dying art. Verna will show you how this magic can come alive.

She belongs to the Hills and Lakes Porcelain artists in Leesburg. She does watercolor and porcelain, china painting. For the demo she choose to do porcelain, china painting. She will be china painting on a porcelain tile that she outlined and fired. She will also have the finished tile available.



### Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is listed on our website here:

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

*For inclusion and to update,*

send your info to [leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com).

Register for the Villages Enrichment Academy art classes:

[online](#), call 352-674-1800, or at any regional rec center.

### Free Art League Workshops

MONDAY 9:00-NOON

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month  
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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 2019 are: Jan. 14, Mar. 11, May 13, July 8, Sept. 9 and Nov. 11.

**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 13. **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 26. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.