



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message from our Co-President Diane Weekley:

*Hello Everyone,*

*Greetings from Minnesota! Fran is still traveling all over.... Thanks to our Vice President, Janeen Whetstone, for stepping up and facilitating the meeting for August. She is a gem!*

*The VAL Summer Art Show was a huge success thanks to Janeen Whetstone's leadership and her trusty team! The "Friday Night Rain Storm" may have dampened the floors, etc., but not our excitement. The Lake Miona Crew did a great job of getting it cleaned up for the show on Saturday.*

*The next event is "Inspired by The Masters" at La Hacienda on September 14th. Then comes the Fall Fine Art Show at Eisenhower on October 26th. And scattered in between all this are our meetings with wonderful programs, opportunities to learn more and get to know other members; displaying your art at a Citizens Bank... Plus keeping up to date on everything. So many opportunities! Watch for the VAL e-mails and also check out the VAL website for great information on the club, events, and more. Also, in the "Members Only" section, you can read "Freddie's" joyful minutes. You need a password for that section. Just e-mail me and I will give it to you. Oh, and don't forget to look at the Gallery pictures of shows.... Great pictures, thanks to David Boege.*

*Quote for the month: "Perhaps imagination is intelligence having fun!"*

*- George Scialabba*



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

**"Inspired by the Masters"** - VAL's Fall Exhibit at the La Hacienda Rec Center is coming up with registration deadline by September 7th. The exhibit starts September 14th and runs through December 7th. Check the VAL website for the "Inspired by the Master's" Exhibit. Hope you are already working on "your Master Piece."

## Artist of the Month—Dore Via Dumas



Dore Via Dumas was born in Richmond, Virginia and has moved over 48 times. She is number two of four girls, the daughter of an Air Force Lt. Colonel and a mother who studied at the Memphis Art Academy. Throughout her travels she learned to appreciate many kinds of art. In high school, she failed art because she didn't want to make her pictures "exactly" like the teacher's. With much help from her mother, she found her own voice. After trying a variety of media, she took a pottery class and discovered her true calling. She could be dirty and not get in trouble and she could make all the things she had been making out of mud as a child.

As a single mother of two children, Dore traveled around Florida and Alabama selling in art shows and shops and galleries and wholesale in the Merchandise Mart in Dallas, winning numerous awards for her work. She also taught pottery to children. Years later, she attended the University of South Alabama and received her B.S. in Special Education and a Master's of Information and Library Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. Throughout her teaching career she continued to make her pottery and was a Master Potter at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Another medium that interested her was mosaics. As a teenager, she lived in Italy

where she visited Spilembergo Mosaic School and fell in love with the color and texture of the glass. Later in life she decided to learn about mosaics. She is a self-taught mosaic artist.



After retiring from teaching, Dore moved to The Villages and joined the Mulberry Clayers and Sculptors and the Small Wonders Miniature Club. She incorporates pottery with miniatures and creates tiny worlds. She also belongs to the VAL, VAA,

Tennessee club and the Belle Aire Society.

In July, 2016, Dore went to Certaldo, Italy, for ten days to study animal sculpture. On returning, she shared her knowledge and experiences with the Mulberry Clayers and Sculpture Club. Her philosophy is to have fun and create things that give her joy and to remember "there are no mistakes in art, only creative opportunities."



### Summer Art Festival

Thanks to the entire show team and numerous volunteers, the VAL annual Summer Art Festival at Lake Miona Recreation Center was a great success! This was the initial time we opened Friday night set-up for all of the artists, and it went exceptionally smooth. The only issues were Mother Nature and a few leaks in the roof! We are hoping to make the Friday night set-up a regular practice for future shows.

The additional advertising seemed to pay off as we enjoyed a continuous stream of guests enjoying the art. I heard from multiple visitors that the variety and quality of art displayed was sincerely appreciated. And the good news is that the displays were considerably lightened at the end of the day.

One specific success story relayed to me was that Parady Financial Group purchased 11 individual pieces from the show to be displayed at their offices. How wonderful that they chose local artists to decorate here in The Villages!

[Click here](#) for a photo review of the event, courtesy of photographer Dave Boege.

Start painting, sculpting, designing and packaging, since the Fall Fine Art Show is only 3 months away!

## August Program—Steven Friedman

The demo artist is Steven Friedman, a nationally renowned Digital artist. He will talk about what distinguishes Digital Artistry from simply Digital photography and how it can help you as an artist working in traditional mediums and how he achieves very realistic “paintings” starting from photographic images.



Like many people he has always been a wanna-be artist. His early attempts at oil paintings, watercolor, and life drawing produced a whole lot of really crude stuff.

While he understood it was all part of the learning process, it seemed like unless he wanted to spend years copying paintings or drawing pieces of fruit in various lighting, he would get nowhere very fast.

So he took up photography, where he could let his visual skills and aptitudes for light, color and composition carry him. Still he always wanted to be able to produce those lovely painterly images that he saw in watercolor, pastel and oil painted scenes. When computer graphics become popular, he started the search to see if he could find some way to use these tools to bridge the gap and transform photographic images into artistic ones. The process has led him on a journey of more than a decade and taught him a lot about art and the quality of art. Some years later when he decided to pick up the brush and palette, he saw it through a whole new set of eyes and had tools that enabled him to paint a scene the way he wanted to. His goal is to utilize these skills and transform real world scenes into painterly ones.



### Directory Correction

Rita Cirallos' correct cell phone number is 321-274-3027.

### 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—[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 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.