



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

I can't believe that two years has gone by since you elected me to serve as your president! It has truly been an honor!

But I must say that I certainly could not have done it ~ and the VAL could not have been such a success these past two years ~ without the enthusiastic support of our many volunteers. Whether it was serving two hours as a Day-Of-the-Show volunteer, or setting up a scrumptious array of goodies at one of our monthly meetings, or displaying your art work at the banks, your volunteering is sooo appreciated!



Bonnie Canning

I would especially like to thank those of you who have really kept our club going these past two years ~ our Newsletter Editor and Web Master - Leda Rabenold, Program (monthly demos) - Phyllis Speicher, Membership - Dore Via Dumas, Artist-Of-the-Month - Jo Magram, Monthly Refreshments - Josie Vogel, Treasurer and Bank Exhibits Coordinator - Jay Summers, "Miss Sunshine" reporter and OneBlood Exhibit Organizer - Freddie Venturoni, Email Communications Guru - Steve Lang, Eisenhower Exhibits - Cindy Ewing and Janet Marks, Historian - Wendy Lahey, and 50/50 Raffle - Irene Wantroba and Shirley Jerez! How blessed we are to have you!

And finally, I am grateful to our Steering Committee ~ Vice Presidents Janeen Whetstone (who also served as Show Team Chair for our last two shows) and Dianne Zalewski (who also organized our "Art In the Schools" charitable contribution committee and distributions), Secretary Gail Parker, and Treasurer Jay Summers. Thank you so much!

Without our volunteers there would be no Villages Art League. I urge all members to please pitch in when called on to volunteer, so that our VAL will continue to experience such great success!

Thank you for all your support,

Bonnie

Artist of the Month—Harriet Dobbins



Harriet is basically a self-taught artist. She learned perspective from architecture classes at the University of Florida. She has also taken a few art classes in oils and watercolors over the years. When she started using pastels, she fell in love with this medium. She has participated in juried art shows all over the country including Southeastern Pastel Society and the Artist Magazine's juried show and has won awards in



many of these shows. She has paintings in private collections in Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

She taught pastel classes at the Huntsville Art League and loves being able to share the joy that art brings to her life. She says, "Art is like instance yoga meditation..... you start painting and you're lost in your own creation."

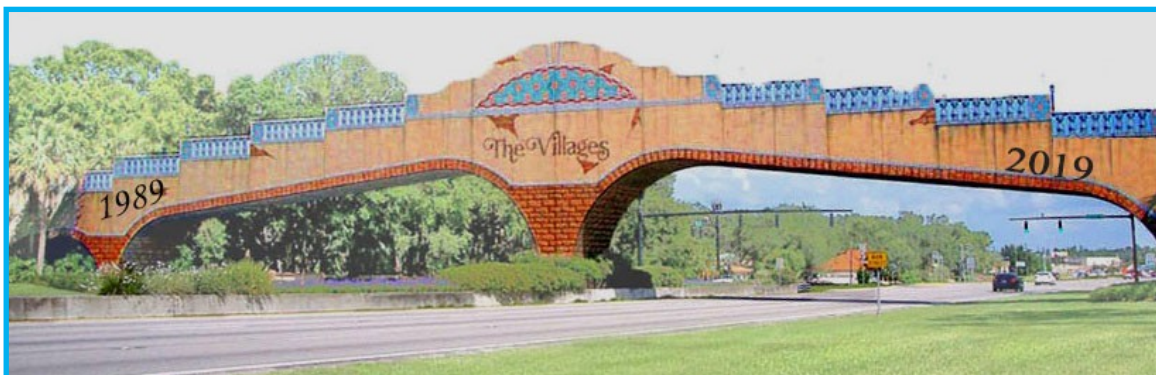


She likes to paint the micro or close up view of things and finds the beauty in the small things that sometimes are not noticed by others. Harriet loves to be outside, and her paintings are really the story of her life and the things that she loves to do.



Congratulations Artists!

On January 15 at the Florida Blood Center, peoples choice ribbons were placed on artwork of Leda Rabenold 1st place, Freddie Venturoni 2nd Place, and Pauline Vital 3rd place. All exhibited artwork is to be picked up on Tuesday, March 5 at 9 a.m.



The Villages Art League began meeting 30 years ago!

November Program—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.



She 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.

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."*

She will be demonstrating how to hand build pottery animals, specifically cats.



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.

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

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month— leda.rabenold@gmail.com



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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.