

The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President – Diane Weekley

Greetings, I hope you are enjoying this summer weather and looking forward to our June 3rd "Member to Member" meeting.

It's a fun time for each member to bring one piece of art that you can display during the meeting (this is optional).

For those who are new to our organization, this is where our



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

room is set up with 6 ft. tables around the parameter of the room to display your art. If you are bringing a 2-deminsional piece of art, we ask that you also bring a table top easel or if it is a large piece, you may want to bring a floor easel. If it is 3-deminsional, such as sculpture or glass fusion, determine how best you can display your art and bring what is necessary for your display. You should also have a business card with your name by the display. (There are VAL business cards on our web site if you want to use that.)

We love seeing all of you all at the meetings, but we may not know what type of art you do, so this gives us all an opportunity to get to know you and your art better. See you at the June 3rd Meeting!

Quote for the month: "ART gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and...... beautifies your home."



Pics from January's Member-to-Member exhibit.



The Village Art League Summer Art Show

Our Summer Art Show will be held at the Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center on Saturday, July 13th from 9am through to 3pm. VAL members that are current with their membership are encouraged to participate in this fun, all-day event. This event is open to all 2 / 3D artists that meet the requirements of the eligibility which will be on the 2nd page of the registration form. Please plan on participating as an exhibiting artist, volunteer or to come and support your peers.

Prior to each show, we receive questions regarding the show set-up and the room layouts. So please read below for answers for the frequently asked questions.

Why do some people get to set up the night before the show?

The people who set up the night before are the people who are on the Show Committee, who have worked for 3 months tending to all the details and are there the night before to work with the rec center staff to be sure tables, chairs etc. are in the correct spot and are the correct number, to put out the name tents and to make this a fun and excellent opportunity for our members to show and sell their artwork. The show team requires set-up the evening prior to the show to be available at 7am Saturday morning to assist the exhibiting artists.

Will there be any exceptions to setting up the night before?

Glad you asked. This show we are going to try <u>something new</u> to help the congestion of morning arrival of all the participating artists. We are considering opening up the availability of participants to set up the evening before the show if they chose to do or they may set up in the morning...We are still in the planning process to finalize this option, so <u>please be watching your e-mail notices.</u>

The registration form you sign has a disclaimer on it stating:

Recreation Department Disclaimer: I agree that neither the VAL nor The Villages Recreation Department, nor its employees, will be held responsible for any loss or damage to artwork.

So please keep in mind that when you set up the night before, there is additional exposure to your art work as the public and cleaning people have access to the building until it closes at 9:00. If you do not wish to set up the night before, please indicate this on your registration form.

Some artists have very tall wall type displays blocking the view of those in other areas of the room, can these be designated to be by the walls instead of the middle of the room?

Unfortunately, when we receive the registration forms, we are not aware of how each artist sets up their 12' x 6' space and we assign spaces as the registrations come in according to the date stamp. Please note that a document outlining the display options will be posted on the VAL website along with the room layouts and registration form. Please contact the registration team if you have any questions.

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What should I do if another artist is encroaching on my space or have other concerns?

Please contact one of the committee people and they will kindly address your concerns. There must be at least 2 1/2' between artists' spaces to allow the artist to come around to the front of their display to interact with the viewing guests. There should be a minimum of 4 feet between each row of spaces. Also, for safety there must be room for people to exit from their space in the event of an evacuation or a medical emergency requiring EMT's to reach a person. Please <u>DO NOT clutter</u> <u>aisles</u> with any of your art work etc.

The VAL Summer Show Committee

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Congratulations Artists!

Ribbons were awarded in VAA's Spring Sumter Annex show: 1st Photo-Ralph Bischoff; 1st Place-Victoria Peterson, 2nd-Ruth Ann Maury, 3rd-Jeanne Willette, Award of Merit-Leda Rabenold, Honorable Mention-Leona Asta.

The art display at the Eisenhower rec center was changed on Monday, May 13th by our team of display gurus – Janet Marks and Wanda Boyd (filling in for Cindy Ewing). Thank you both for a great job. The next change out is July 8th, so you can pick up your art and replace with another one of your creations!



Note: More photos of this and previous exhibits at the Eisenhower Rec Center have been posted to the VAL website and are accessible via links on the Home Page—<u>www.thevillagesartleague.org.</u>

Fee-based Art Workshops/Classes

Art workshop information is listed on our website here: <u>www.thevillagesartleague.org/workshops.html</u>. For *inclusion and to update*, send your info to leda.rabenold@gmail.com.

Register for the Villages Enrichment Academy art classes: <u>online</u>, call 352-674-1800, or at any regional 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.