



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message of our Co-President Fran:

Happy May, Everyone,

We artists in The Villages are fortunate that we have so many opportunities to create, learn and grow in our art. I recently saw a show at the Rialto about the life of Cezanne, and it was fascinating. Look for more art films to come.



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

Although May signals the departure of some to different locales, our creative efforts should continue wherever we put our brushes, pens, pencils, cameras, clay, etc.

Remember that our Summer Art Festival at Lake Miona is coming up in July. The committee is hard at work planning already. Thanks to Janeen and her committee! See page 2 for details.

We also have the celebration for our 30-year anniversary coming up in November, so we'll be talking about that at our next meeting. We are thinking of other ways to make the VAL as special as its members.

Leaving you with a quote, "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." - Thomas Merton

See you at the meeting on May 6th!

Eisenhower Exhibit

A reminder that on Monday, May 13th, there will be a change out of art at the Eisenhower Rec Center from 1:00 to 2:30. If you would like to participate in this exhibit, please go to the VAL web site and read the rules and information for this great opportunity to show your work and possibly sell it. Those currently exhibiting need to pick up their paintings and you can bring in another if you wish.

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.

Artist of the Month—Ralph Bischoff



Born in Holyoke Massachusetts in 1942.

Joined the Army in 1965 and taught Continuous Wave Radar wave theory and maintenance at Redstone Arsenal Alabama during my tour in the Army. Was offered a position at Raytheon Corp, the maker of the radar system. Also, offered a position in UTC and went to work for Pratt & Whitney where I worked in the instrumentation Group until I retired in 2003. Moved to Homosassa, FL and renewed my interest in photography. Became involved with the Homosassa State Park, helping with photos for the monthly displays. Through the Park I provided



photos for the State Park's website.

Found a wonderful soul mate here in the Villages, sold my home in Homosassa and moved to the Villages in May 2018. Here I pursue my photography and marvel at seeing the multitude of artistic talent in various media present.



The Villages Art League Summer Art Show

Our Summer Art Show will be held at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center on Saturday, July 13th from 9am through to 3pm. All VAL members who 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 page 2 of the registration form. Please plan to participate as an exhibiting artist, volunteer or to come and support your peers.

The members of the show team will be:

Diane Weekley & Ellen Hellwege – Registration; Lisa Melcher – Publicity
Annie Dotzauer – Refreshments; Janeen Whetstone – Chair

We still need a day-of-the-show Volunteer Coordinator. This person will be responsible to be at the event throughout the day, directing the greeters and room monitors. We also need volunteers for 2-½ hour shifts to help greet our guests and to help provide breaks for the exhibiting artists. If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, please contact Janeen Whetstone at 352 459-1952 or janwhet@gmail.com .

For those interested in exhibiting at this event, the registration form will be on our website on June 1st. Early registration for members who have volunteered for the club throughout the past two years may register on June 10th and general membership may register on June 17th. Registration will close June 29th.

May Program—Betty Eich

Betty Eich grew up on a farm near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She knew from an early age that she wanted to be a teacher. Her younger siblings knew it too: Betty put them into “desks” and, playing school, made them her pupils. That did not always go so well, Betty remembers!



Her interest in photography emerged in 2004 after her retirement as a teacher and school administrator. Looking for a new interest to pursue, she took an evening course in “Getting to Know Your Camera” at a neighboring high school. “This is interesting!” she thought. Then, as a follow up, she took another course in Photoshop Elements. She was hooked! What emerged was a new way of self-expression – photography.

Betty and her husband Ed love to travel. They have visited China, South Korea, Italy, Turkey, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Austria, and the countries of Central Europe, as well as Mexico and much of the US. This last fall they spent five and one-half weeks in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya, and Tanzania.

Wherever they go, Betty takes photos. Her goal, however, is to “create photos,” not just to take “snapshots of memories.” Her goal is to create an image that transmits to the viewer the same emotion that inspired her to take the shot.



In her presentation, “Africa: Taking Better Travel Photos,” Betty will use the photos that she took in Africa to give photography tips for everyone. She will talk about portraits (both animal and people), action photos, and landscapes.

No matter which kind of camera you use – cell phone camera, or a point-and-shoot camera, or a DSLR (digital camera with removable lens) – you can create memorable images.

Betty and her husband have lived in The Villages since 2006 and have a home in the Village of La Reynalda. She is a member of the VAL, VAA, and The Villages Photography Club.

Congratulations Artists!

- Peoples’ Choice awards were presented on April 7 at **Artists ‘Round the Square (ARTS)** in Sumter Landing to: 1st Place Maureen Terrien, 2nd Judy Roach, 3rd Leda Rabenold; Honorable Mentions: Charlie Clayton, Diane Pattie and Mary Tadic.
- **April Newsletter Correction: Arrachme’s** painting won first place in an international competition and graces the front cover of a hardbound book “AcrylicWorks 6, The Best of Acrylic Painting.” To order thru Amazon, [click here](#).

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



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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.