



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message from our Co-President - Diane Weekley:

*"Thank you" to all of you for understanding the need to change the Sept. Meeting and showing up the following week and bringing your beautiful artwork for the Member to Member Meeting. It is so interesting to get to know everyone better and to see your art. You can see pictures on the VAL website.*



Diane Weekley / Fran Naughton

*The Master's Show at Hacienda was again a big success thanks to Catherine Sullivan and her team as well as the participating artists. Great Job!*

*The Fall Fine Art Show at Eisenhower is Oct. 26th, if you are not in the show and would like to volunteer for greeter or relief person for artists needing a break, please call Janeen Whetstone - 459-1952. Keep an eye out for any e-mails regarding the show.*

*The free tickets for the 30 yr. Celebration of the Club will be available at the October and November meetings. Be sure to pick up your ticket sooner rather than later. This will help give the count for the caterer and is your admission at the door. Don't lose it ☺, you need it to get in.*

*At the September meeting I mentioned the recommendation of changing the by-laws for the timing of the election of officers. There is a copy of this section of the by-laws in this newsletter as they are now and also the proposed changes. Please read these and be prepared to vote on this change.*

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

**VAL's Seventh Annual "Inspired by the Masters" Exhibit** will hang until mid-December in LaGalleria at the LaHacienda Rec Center. **Congratulations to the winners:** 1st Place Peggy Lefebvre (watercolor), 2nd Place David Boege (photography), 3rd Place Fran Naughton (mixed media). Honorable Mention awards went to Carol Basso, Adeline Curlett, Dore Dumas and Marge McQueston. Awards of Merit to Linda Bourassa, Barbara Carston, Sally LaBaugh, Joan Picarelli and Catherine Sullivan. Photos of the winning art have been posted to the website: [thevillagesartleague.org](http://thevillagesartleague.org). Special thanks to Catherine Sullivan and her committee for another wonderful exhibit!

## Artist of the Month—Bonnie Lou Nicholson



I moved to The Villages from Connecticut in 2007. I was a high school Social Studies (US history and Geography) teacher for 35 years. I have two daughters, Jennifer and Erin.

I have always enjoyed working with my hands—quilting, knitting, crocheting just to mention a few. Ten years ago I started working in glass under the tutelage of Linda Norad who started many glass groups in The Villages prior to her passing. I actually started the two clubs at Eisenhower and the two clubs at Rohan. Through the years I have shared my knowledge with interested members. My greatest joy is learning new Glass techniques via webinars, books and classes.



### Free Art League Workshops

MONDAY 9:00-NOON

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER



### 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.

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month—[leda.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:leda.rabenold@gmail.com)



## October Program—Beverly Cole

In my demonstration, I will be using my own drawings, as well as copyright free illustrations. They will be layered with paint, ink and three dimensional objects which I collect along the way. My substrate is a simple canvas, and I use layers to bring my collage to its final state. I hope you enjoy the process as much as I do.

Originally from Newington, Connecticut, I have been an artist all of my life. As a young person my parents would supply me with art kits, and I would try my best to create with them. It wasn't until high school that I learned how to truly make art, and create with a variety of materials from pencil and paint to metal and wood. In college I had a wonderful professor who taught me the moods that could be created, simply by drawing. That early art education was the foundation for my move into watercolor, pastel and illustration.

I have won awards through the years as a watercolorist, pastel portrait artist and illustrator. My online business called, Artsystamper Digitals, is the basis for an art challenge blog as well as TheArtsystamperShop on Etsy. My motto is, "Digis are Forever". Stop by and take a look, won't you?



I also accept pastel portrait commissions and teach art and craft classes in The Plantation at Leesburg where I live.

As for collage, it is something that truly relaxes me. The layering of color and texture is so organic. Each collage I create seems to take on a life of its own as it evolves. My collages make me smile.

I have a favorite quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you." It's wonderful to have the time in this later part of my life to do just that.

I hope you enjoy your own creative journey!



## BY-LAW CHANGE RECOMMENDATION

As announced at the September VAL Meeting, we will be voting on the following By-Law Change at our October meeting. If this vote is in favor of making this change, the Presidents will appoint a nominating committee, who will then present a slate of candidates for the officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer, at the November Meeting as stated below for the vote. The Newly Elected Officers will assume the position January 1.

### Recommendation for By-Law change regarding Election of Officers

Currently, the election of officers **begins in January** with the outgoing president appointing a 3-member nominating committee; **ballot is presented to the members in February** for a vote and the **new officers are installed and begin their duties at the March meeting**. The change is bolded and underlined.

Because the **fiscal year is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>**, it makes sense that the **officers' term should coincide with the fiscal year**, we would like to **suggest that the by-laws, Article V – Nominations and Elections be changed to facilitate a smoother transition**. We need to present the change in by-laws at the September meeting to facilitate this change.

#### Current By-law

##### ARTICLE V-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** The President shall appoint three members to form a Nominating Committee, at the January meeting.

**Section 2.** This committee shall prepare a nomination ballot and nominate one candidate for each office. This ballot is presented at the regular meeting in February.

**Section 3.** Additional nominations may be made from the floor with consent of the nominee. If two candidates are presented for one office, elections shall be by written ballot; a majority voice shall elect. When there is but one candidate for office, election may be made by acclamation.

**Section 4.** Election and installation of officers shall be when the slate of officers is presented at the regular meeting in February.

**Section 5.** The term of office for each officer shall be for one year; reelection to hold the same office the second year in succession is in order. A member may hold the same office for one or two years after an interim of one or more years. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

#### Recommended By-Law Change

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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.