



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Eileen Sklon:

Hello Fellow Artists,

Fran & I have decided it is in everyone's best interest to cancel April's meeting. We hope to be able to meet in May. Everyone's health is the most important thing right now.



Fran Naughton / Eileen Sklon

So this time of isolation should produce some beautiful artwork! As artists we have the advantage over non-artists.....we should never be bored. I shoot some images each day, work on them in Photoshop and then clean a cabinet or closet. That's the boring stuff that needs to be done and my photography is my reward after doing them. I look forward to seeing what you all produce during this time. And we should all have clean closets and cabinets!!!

Just a little bit of business, if you have any info you want sent out in an email, please send them to me and I will get your info to Steve. Thank you.

Stay Healthy,

Eileen Sklon



We honored our monthly volunteers, as the club could not function without them.

Thanks to all our Volunteers that were not present also.

Artist of the Month—Dr. George Scott



Dr. George W. Scott was raised in Cranford, NJ. He attended The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor from 1962 until 1970 where he earned a B.S. in Biology and a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Upon graduation, Dr. Scott served as a Dental Officer in the US Air Force based with his family in Tachikawa, Japan during the Vietnam War era. After 3 years, he was reassigned for one year at Hickam AFB, HI and his final assignment was as Base Dental Surgeon at Goodfellow AFB, TX. Discharged in 1975 with the rank of Major, Dr.



Scott entered orthodontic specialty training at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ, Newark graduating in 1978. He practiced orthodontics in Middletown, NJ for 34 years. For 12 years, he was an Associate Professor of Orthodontics in the postgraduate orthodontics program at NYU School of Dentistry Dept. of Orthodontics in NYC. He also served as the President of the NJ Association of Orthodontics and was a Delegate to the American Association of Orthodontics.



He married Linda Riccardo in 1966 (d. 2002) and together they raised 5 children: Gregory, a pilot for Southwest Airlines based in a Orlando, and four daughters living in NJ: Allison Walenjus, an orthodontist, Cara, an elementary school teacher, Andrea Roche, an occupational therapist, and Jaime Dixon, a physical therapist. There are 11 grandchildren. He currently resides in The Villages (Bonneybrook) with Judy who was a Cranford High School classmate whom he met at a high school reunion in 2009. "I feel blessed to be with the smartest girl in



our high school class." They have been snowbirds since 2013 moving between Bay Head, NJ and The Villages with their 3yo Golden Retriever, Ginger. They also maintain an apartment on the Upper West Side of Manhattan enjoying Central Park as their front yard.



Dr. Scott began watercolor painting in 2006 and traveled extensively with Flying Colors workshops. He was mentored by Joan Iaconetti, Don Andrews, Andy Eversen, Thomas Schaller, Frank Webb and mostly by Mel Stabin with whom he has maintained a personal relationship. He has attended courses at the NY Art Students League, Ringling Art School and the Scottsdale Art School. His recent interests have been in painting portraits having been enamored by the works of Charles Reid, Rose Frantzen, Roberta Carter Clark and Ted Nutall but he also looks forward to his yearly landscape workshops in Rockland and Monhegan Island, Maine.



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

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:

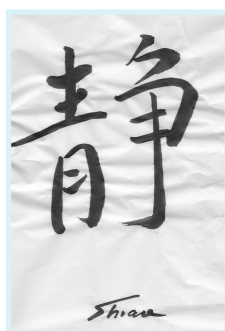
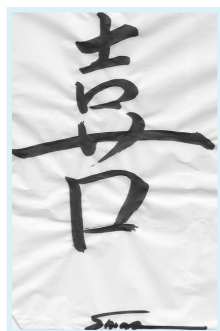
[online](#), call 352-674-1800, or at any regional rec center.

April Program—Shiao Ploss

Since she was 3 years old Shiao Ploss has practiced the art of Chinese calligraphy. Shiao lives in the village of St Charles, teaches Chinese calligraphy and practical mandarin at the Villages Enrichment Academy. Calligraphy is essentially the art of writing. She spent many hours honing her craft to great result. Shiao's home is filled with her works. Shiao often hears people say Chinese calligraphy seems too difficult or daunting to learn, she enjoys teaching people her native language, and she has a set plan to help beginners grasp the basic.

As Ploss writes the intricate Chinese characters on a thin piece of rice paper, her brush strokes appear almost effortless as she begins at top of the paper and works her way down. She stresses that it may be some time before her students reach the level of calligraphy she is at-flowing through her brush with ease-although she says with time and practice, anyone can learn the art.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. She found life to be very interesting because it is never too late to start something new. She will share her calligraphy with you during the coming demo. She will explain each step with explanations in details.



Congratulations Artists!!

Nancy Dias' painting "*Endurance*" was accepted into the Louisiana 50th International Exhibition by juror Z.L. Feng AWS, NWS. Accepted entries include artists from France, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Canada, Greece, and throughout the US. [Click here](#) to see the list of invited artists. Awards will be presented at a reception May 9 in New Orleans.



Nancy's painting "*Tilting at Windmills*" was accepted into the Southern Watercolor Society's 43rd Juried Exhibition by Juror Mark Mehaffey. Only 80 paintings were selected. The exhibition was open to artists in 18 Southern states and DC. The Reception and Awards Ceremony will be on May 12 in Clarksville, TN.



These paintings were selected by him and his designers at the new Wolfgang Puck Restaurant in Brownwood. They were all created by VAL member, Arrachme.





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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 2020 are: Jan. 13, Mar. 9, May 11, July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9.

La Galleria at La Hacienda Rec Center from September to December.

Citizens Bank monthly exhibit on Rt. 466 (3430 Southern Trace Blvd.), Rt. 441 (1500 Banderos Ave.) or in Pinnellas Plaza (2420 Burnsed Blvd.). Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month**.

Summer Art Festival at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 11, 2020. **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 24, 2020. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.