



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Eileen Sklon:

Hello Fellow Members,

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received as your new co-president last month. It was a good meeting to start the year! Thanks to all the members who displayed their artwork and shared information on it. This group is great because of members sharing and helping each other!



Fran Naughton / Eileen Sklon

We have a great demo this meeting. Former Art Teacher, Award Winning Artist, George Rusovick will be doing a talk on the intent or motivation for doing art.

I look forward to seeing you at February's meeting. I will leave you with this quote:

"Art is as natural as sunshine and as vital as nourishment." - MaryAnn F. Kohl

2020 VAL Officers: Gail Parker, Treasurer; Fran Naughton and Eileen Sklon, Co-Presidents; Adeline Curlett, Vice President; Judy Kimmel, Secretary.

Have you renewed your VAL membership?

Annual dues of \$15 cover membership from January through December.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Artist of the Month—Laurie Martinson



I am from Maryland and this is our third winter in The Villages. I have been painting most of my life and, besides a few college art courses, am self taught. I paint in watercolor and acrylic.

After a long career in nursing with art as a hobby, I am now able to devote more time to my passion to painting which I do on a daily basis.



Most recently I have been working on a series of small detailed watercolors on aquaboard. I also have an ongoing series of painting on vintage photos called cabinet cards which I turn into breast support greeting cards.



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.

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

February Program—George Rusovick

I was a high School art teacher who taught in the Rochester, MN Public Schools for many years. I live part-time in Rochester, and was a resident of Fort Lauderdale, FL for 16 years. I have been an active artist since a young child. After retiring, I concentrated only on my own art. Throughout the years, I entered many juried art exhibits, won awards, and have been successful in selling my work in various galleries in Minnesota and South Florida. I have my art in many private and public collections.



Researching and teaching various art media to children and adults has enabled me to be engaged and skilled in a variety of art media and has given me the experience to have many insights into various aspects of art.



I will talk on the intent or motivation for doing art. The photos are examples of the different ways that I create my own work. From my experience in The Villages, a lot of people interested in art seem to look at the media as more essential than the concept or intent of the artist. (An example would be calling an artist by their media: colored pencil artist, watercolorist, charcoal renderer, oil painter, acrylic master, etc.)



It's like viewing art as a craft that can be mastered by taking enough workshops, studying, etc. We're all enthralled and inspired by a successful artist with a pleasing style. However, I feel the purpose of producing one's own art is not to emulate someone else but to do something more personal and original regardless of its acceptance.





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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 Banderas 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.