



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Fran Naughton:

Hello, Everyone,

Top of the mornin' to you all! Yes, St. Patrick's Day is coming and with it, Spring, and that hopefully means better weather and renewed energy for us to create something special.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that work every month to make the VAL as wonderful as it is. At this month's meeting, we're going to thank them in person. I also would like to thank the people who have volunteered to take on the work for the July show at Lake Miona: Gail Latta, who is going to be the show chair, and Sandra Dillon and Lynn Stavedahl, who are going to be doing the registration. Thank you so much for stepping forward to do this. We wouldn't have a show without you.

Well, that's about it, but if you come to the meeting, please have a slice of the soda bread that is a tradition with me at this time of year.



Fran Naughton / Eileen Sklon

Leaving you with an Irish quote-

"May your pockets be heavy, your heart be light, may good luck find you each morning and night. May you have all the happiness life can hold, and may your rainbows end with a pot of gold."

See you at the meeting,



If you haven't renewed your VAL membership, please do so now!

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

Artist of the Month—George Freeman



About sixteen years ago I took an introduction to flameworking course offered by an adult education class in the Boston area. Flameworking, sometimes called lampworking, is melting and manipulating glass rods in the flame of a torch. Shortly after taking that course, we moved to The Villages and I added an extra five feet onto the garage so I could set up my own glass shop. I started by making glass beads, pendants and rings. Several years ago I met Dave Sandidge who was a glass artist at Disney. I've taken a few lessons from him and I've been working on glass sculptures ever since.



Many of my sculptures are marine life, most likely influenced by growing up near the ocean and many years of scuba diving. Inspired by nature, I also sculpt flowers and birds. Last year I had one of my pieces featured in *The Flow*, a magazine for glass artists. I love the way glass moves when in a fluid state. When I'm out in the garage working on my glass, I feel like I'm in a Zen moment and lose all track of time. I



I am very flattered to be chosen as artist of the month by such a talented group of artists.



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

March Program—Arrachme

Arrachme is comfortable working across many mediums and is skillful in combining them to create her fine art which is consistently published and exhibited in museums internationally. She is regularly invited to participate in collaborations worldwide that exhibit her contemporary abstract paintings for which her passions are humanitarian, social and environmental causes. As an art educator, lecturer and judge, she enjoys breaking down otherwise difficult concepts into easily understandable processes.



Arrachme will demonstrate and give an overview of how to use cold wax medium crossing from acrylics to oils. While applying layers, she teaches how a student can continuously critique their own artwork using a built-up knowledge base. This reveals adjustments, using both left and right brain activity in order to achieve a final beautiful painting.



Congratulations Artists!!

On February 1st new art was exhibited at the Annex. Ribbon winners are: 1st Place Ruth Ann Maury, 2nd Place Linda Bourassa, 3rd Place Lois Kamp, Award of Merit Billie Edwards and Honorable Mention Diana Crow. Photography 1st Place Ralph Bishoff.



REMINDER ...

The change-out date for the Eisenhower Rec Center art exhibit is March 9th, 1-2:30 p.m.



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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.