



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Eileen Sklon:

Welcome fellow artists. I hope you are all staying cool this summer.

Well, it seems that, thanks to Gail Latta and her fabulous committee, the July Art Show was a great success. This was no small feat pulling this all together in a little over a month. Well done and thanks to all the volunteers that helped out. A show like this could not get pulled together without a lot of help from volunteers. Thanks so much for all your hard work. I hope all of you who exhibited had a successful show. Here's a quote from a fellow member about the show:

"We had great attendance from the community and everyone around me was selling, selling, selling."

-Janeen Whetstone

It was voted on at the last meeting to not have refreshments until January. It will be revisited then.

Next we have our *Inspired by the Masters* coming up September 11th at the La Hacienda Gallery. The forms & rules are on the website. This show is really fun. Pick a piece of art you admire from a master and let it inspire your artwork.

Remember to pay your dues, which will be good through 2022. Remember you must be up to date on your dues to participate in any of the shows.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the August 2nd Meeting.

Stay cool,

Eileen Sklon, Co-President

The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of.
— Leonardo da Vinci

Valerie Begley served as photographer during the Summer Art Festival on July 10 at Lake Miona. To see her pictorial review, click here:

www.valeriebegley.com/Galleries/VAL-Summer-Show/



Co-Presidents
Diane Cita Timperley and Eileen Sklon



Artist of the Month—Martha Ayotte



I have always been interested in art. In eighth grade, I won a scholarship to the John Herron Art Museum in Indianapolis for a summer art program. One of our assignments was to do a charcoal drawing of another student. That is when I sold my first painting to the student's mother for fifty cents.

Later, when I was married with children, I dabbled in oils and pastels. I earned a little money on the side by painting portraits for people in pastel. After the children got older, I went back to school and finished college with a degree in Computer Science and Business Management. I worked for a number of years in the business world designing software applications.



After retiring, I took an interest in watercolor, which is my medium of choice now. I would get together with friends to paint and also at the senior center in my hometown.



Then we moved to The Villages. While living here, I have taken many watercolor classes. I have been greatly inspired by its teachers, specifically Judi Adams, Julie McGlone, and Wanda Boyd. I am also inspired by the world-renowned artist Lian Quan Zhen, who comes to The Villages every year to teach a workshop. It is from him I learned the technique of negative painting. As a result, I try to incorporate negative painting in all my paintings and have even been asked to teach classes in negative painting.



As a second interest, I am a nature photographer. Living on a pond, I am blessed with the opportunity to view and photograph nature in my own backyard. That, and frequent visits to zoos, animal rescues, and nature trails, I have acquired a considerable inventory of nature photographs, enabling me to paint my own original paintings.

I hope to keep growing as an artist and share with others my love of nature.



Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto:

- An encouragement card was sent to Helen Poor in support for dealing with illness of loved ones.
- A get well card was sent to Gail Parker (and husband) for illness.
- A get well card was sent to Dave Boege who has suffered a stroke.
- A get well card was sent to Diane Timperley's husband who is in the hospital.

Charlene welcomes information about VAL members to whom cards might be mailed.

Program—Cindy Vener

Whether painting a landscape or abstract, color, light, and texture are what interest me. I like to translate what I see using bold shapes and color with energetic mark making.

My artwork is shaped by bold color, shapes, texture and light from my surroundings. Having recently moved to The Villages, Florida from Virginia, where I lived for almost 40 years, I have found new inspiration for my paintings in the Florida landscape. I paint en plein air and in my studio, working in oil or acrylic, frequently using a palette knife. I started working with cold wax medium five years ago and found it to be a great vehicle for layering color, making marks, scratching through paint and revealing layers below to create texture in my abstracts.



Originally from Buffalo, New York, Cindy Vener lived and worked in Lynchburg, Virginia for 35 years. She retired 10 years ago from the financial services industry from a 30-year career as an insurance actuary. Cindy picked up a brush for the first time 25 years ago and has been painting ever since.



She has studied art under many artists over the years. She has taught oil and acrylic painting workshops in Virginia and Florida.



Photos from previous In-Person VAL meetings by Dave Boege:



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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 2021 are: Jan. 11, Mar. 8, May 10, July 12, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8.
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 11 to December 11.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** held at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 10th and **Artists' Showcase** held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 23. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.