



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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

What an exciting in-person meeting we had on June 7th! With about 75 members in attendance and lots of upcoming events the room was electric! Thank you, Dore Dumas and Sue Tribble, for your efficiency in renewing 52 memberships at the meeting!

We had a full agenda and starting us off was recognition in the way of flowers given to Phyllis Speicher for her hard work helping our demo artists on the Zoom meetings and Fran McNaughton for her dedication to VAL through the years.

We had exciting news from Gail Latta, Chair of the Summer Arts Festival on July 10th, Lake Miona Rec Center (9:00am - 3:00pm). She updated us on how her wonderful team is setting everything in place for the show. The applications and room layouts are on the VAL website [thevillagesartleague.org](http://thevillagesartleague.org) under VAL SHOWS. Applications must be received by **June 18th!** You must be a member in good standing with 2021 dues paid (good until December 2022!) in order to participate in upcoming events.

Also, under VAL SHOWS, check out helpful forms such as the Art Tracking Form, Art ID Cards and Show Display Tips. BIG TIP!!! Following us on Facebook: The Villages Art League group is a private group and the fastest way to receive updated information!

We also heard from Catherine Sullivan about the upcoming "Inspired by the Masters" show in La Galleria, Hacienda Rec Center hanging on September 11th to December 11th, 2021. She will do a short video presentation at our July meeting to get our creative juices flowing for entries into this fun show.

Kathy Karol our Artist of the Month did a wonderful job in explaining her tools and techniques used in her exquisite pastel paintings.

Last but not least was our Member-to-Member art display with many unique and interesting works displayed. Thank you to all that participated.

Cheers,

Diane Timperley, Co-President



Co-Presidents

Diane Cita Timperley and Eileen Sklon



## Artist of the Month—Harriet Dobbins

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I have been doing art since I was six years old, but did not start working at it seriously until 1997. Since then I have participated in many pastel shows all over the country and have won awards for my artwork in many of these shows. I almost always use my own photos for my artwork and my artwork becomes the story of my life. I know right where I was and what was going on when I took the photo. What wonderful memories.

When I was at the University of Florida, I took architecture classes and learn about perspective, drawing and structural strength. I have tried oils,

watercolors and acrylics. When I tried pastels I fell in love with the medium and the ability to work short periods of time and get up and leave with no cleanup.

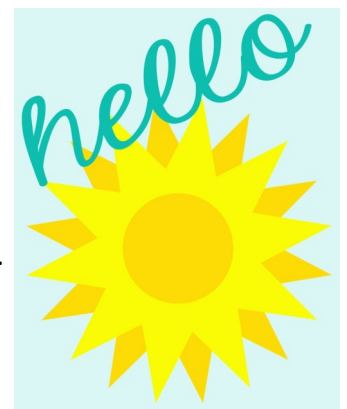
I was a member of the Huntsville Art League in Alabama for 25 years and most of that time I taught pastel classes. Doing art brings great joy to my life. I paint pictures in my head before I paint them on the paper.



### Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto:

- An encouragement card was sent to Norma Parcell, a former member who because of health issues can no longer paint.
- A get well card was sent to Freddie Venturoni who is still experiencing health issues.
- A belated encouragement card was sent to Fran Naughton for recent hip surgery.

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





## Program—Lois Kamp

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Growing up in West Virginia Lois Kamp had very little exposure to art. Instead she had a long career as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner with over 30 years in private practice all over the country. She considers herself a pioneer in the field.

In 2013 Lois retired and move to the Villages. She joined the art leagues and started doing art. Early on she concentrated on oils and watercolors, then moved to alcohol inks, encaustic wax, pastels and acrylics. Lois calls herself an intuitive-experimental artist. *“I don’t usually plan my art. I pick the medium and start,”* she says. *“I like trying all mediums and I like which ever medium I am working on at the moment the best. I often combine mediums like fiber and wax. I like doing the unusual, something no one else is doing.”*



On a trip to Scotland a few years ago Lois learned about dry needle felting and she in now concentrating on fiber arts. She paints with wool as her medium. Lois is currently the facilitator of STARS (Southern Textile Artist Revolution) an advanced fiber arts group, which meets at Rohan Recreation Center bimonthly.

Besides being member and officer of many art clubs in the Villages, Lois is very active at the Leesburg Center for the Arts where she takes a yearly class based on the book Artist Way by Julis Cameron. *“Taking the Artist Way course has undreamed my creativity, given me confidence to try new mediums and expanded my art tribe.”*

Lois shows her work at A Plus Reality and Fiber Arts on Main in Leesburg and at One Blood in Spanish Plaines. She also teaches needle felting in her home.

Lois will be on the artist at Lake Eustis Museum of Art in their up coming show titled, “Outside the Box.”



For our July demonstration Lois Kamp will challenge you to “Think Outside the Box.” Lois says being outside the box has no boundaries, makes you more adaptable and increases your creativity. Inside the box is safe, comfortable and known. Outside the box is exciting, free and fun. Inside the box is firing limited and stale.

In Lois’ demo today she will share her creativity by showing you everyday objects and comparing what you see with what she sees. Then Lois will finish painting a mixed media mermaid.



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Reminder: July 12th is change-out day for the  
Eisenhower Rec Center art exhibit.

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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 11, July 12, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8.
- ◆ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 11 to December 11.
- ◆ **Citizens Bank** monthly exhibit on Rt. 466 (3430 Southern Trace Blvd.), Rt. 441 (1500 Banderos Ave.) or in Pinellas Plaza (2420 Burnsed Blvd.). Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month**.
- ◆ **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.