



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Eileen Sklon:

Hello fellow artists.

I hope you are all staying healthy. I want to thank you all for wearing masks at our last meeting. We want to ask you to do the same for the October meeting. The Covid/Delta is everywhere and we want to continue to have in-person meetings, so let's wear our masks!

Unfortunately, because of the Covid/Delta, The Villages decided to cancel the October 23rd Art Show. They also canceled the VAA October show. The reason they gave is that there would be too many people coming through these shows and they didn't think it would be safe. I know we are all disappointed but it's out of our hands. We had talked about and voted on moving the show to a later date. It's not possible for 2022 but Janeen will try for a change for 2023.

We had a wide variety of fabulous art in the Member-to-Member Sharing at the September meeting, and our Artist of the Month was Judy Kimmel, whose work was wonderful. We discussed having a Christmas/Holiday party in December where all the members bring in food to share. As long as The Villages allows us to bring in the food, the party is on!

Our "Inspired by the Masters" show is now hanging in the La Galleria. You really should make time to go see it. It's got a variety of mediums and artists that will inspire you. Thanks to Catherine Sullivan for the hard work she put into organizing the show and to her team that helped that day. Such a beautiful show!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Eileen Sklon, Co-President



Co-Presidents

Diane Cita Timperley and Eileen Sklon



Judy Kimmel, Sept. AOM
(Photo by Dave Boege)

"Every great artist has a closet full of bad paintings" —David Young

A new exhibit was hung at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in the Halsey Room on Sept.13, 2021.

Please come by and see our new art. I want to thank Jeanne Willette and Kathy Karol for volunteering to be on the committee for the exhibit with me. It is my goal, as chair for the exhibit, to increase participation in the show and we had 3 new participants today!! Great start.

The next change-out is November 8, 2021. For that show we decided to have a theme which is *Winter Wonderland and Holiday Sparkle*. In 2022 we have big plans and changes which will include, judging and ribbons. More info to come at a later date.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson.

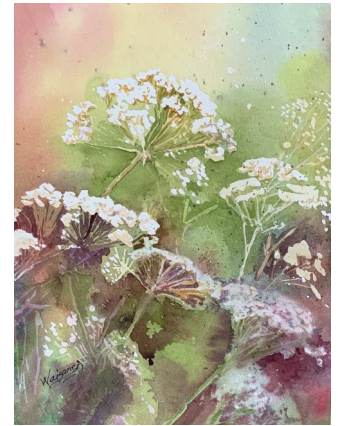
Artist of the Month—Elisabeth (Betty) Mix Waisanen



Middlebury College 1959

Adelphi College 1966

Looking back through my life, I can see where this passion for painting with watercolors developed. As an Early Childhood Professional, it was my 4 and 5 year olds who could experiment so freely with paint, scissors, markers...glue. Throughout the process they learned the basics of color, counting, and eventually creating representations that told their personal stories. Each child was unique. I knew this was what I wanted to be.



Once retired, I grew as an artist rather quickly. I had a few special teachers who certainly molded me. There was always a vase of fresh flowers on the table. By drawing these we learned about composition, about mistakes and successes. The group painted en Plein Aire often, getting first hand experience with perspective. I began to realize that here was a lifetime of learning....watercolors.



Now, 25 years later, watercolor is my medium...still learning, still progressing, never quitting.

I do feel the freedom, the experimentation, and the variety it offers. If I paint something again, it will be totally different. I like to tell my students to see things differently. I ask them to feel the apple before attempting to put it to paper, and to draw it over and over. And I encourage each student to use their imagination, to be unique.

This is who I am, this is what I do. I hope it shows.



Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto:

- An encouragement card was sent to Leda Rabenold and husband in support of his illness.
- Former member Michele Popko passed away.
- A get well/recovery card was sent to Irene Wantroba for receiving a pacemaker.
- A get well card was sent to Diane Timperley and husband for illness.

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

Program—Kathi Scott

Kathi's colorful abstract paintings are created using fluid acrylic paint and multiple techniques resulting in an exciting and imaginative body of art. Swiping, air manipulation, chain flowers, open cup pours are just a few of the techniques using flowing fluid paint.



A mystery evolves as a mesmerizing visual experience brings the canvas alive. The interplay of paint colors and the organic effects and shapes created as the paint moves is exhilarating. Each piece is a unique creation.

A Northern transplant, Kathi calls Florida home. She is a self-taught artist who is continually exploring and advancing her art.

"I find joy in using color, texture and technique to create images that convey a sense of energy on the canvas, inviting the viewer to be inspired to interpret the result."



Description of Acrylic Pouring Demo by Kathi Scott

- Explanation of how acrylic pouring differs from acrylic painting.
- Background for my entering this life phase as a painter.
- Explaining how acrylic paint is transformed to a fluid state.

Making art (the best part!):

1. Quick dirty pour on 6x6" canvas, explaining the basics.
2. Pearl pour technique – I'm choosing this because, with my paints prepared in advance, it doesn't take long, but it develops over time, while I'm doing the next technique.
3. I will demonstrate a swipe which entails pouring several colors of paint on a canvas, then swiping to create effects which include cells and the blending of paint colors.
4. Using the swipe from #3, I'll add a flower(s) drawn with a chain.
5. If there is time, I will do another piece using air manipulation.



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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 in 2021

- ♦ **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** at Lake Miona Rec Center was held on July 10th. **The Fall Art Show at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 23 has been canceled.** VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.