



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Fran Naughton:

Hello, Fellow Artists.

Our July show is coming up before we know it, so we all need to be busy beavers and get to work painting, sculpting, building, fusing, weaving and doing whatever we do to create our masterpieces !

Talking about the show, Gail Latta asked people to submit entries for an advertisement for the show and we now have a winner, Philip Brown, who submitted a wonderful, colorful piece. Congratulations and thank you, Philip! Please go to the VAL website to download the image and copy it to put in your golf cart window or give to friends, family, strangers you meet, anyone! :) If you're not planning on being in the show, I know Gail could use more volunteers. Please let her know if you can help.

I hope to be at the June meeting, so hopefully I'll see you there .

Fran (and Jeanne)



2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette

Summer Art Festival—July 9

Congratulations to Philip Brown who won the contest to design VAL's Summer Art Festival (SAF) program. Gail Latta, show chairperson, asks members to help get exposure for the show by printing or posting the image. It was emailed to the members and is also available on the website's home page: www.villagesartleague.org.

Registration forms and information for the SAF at Lake Miona Rec Center will be posted to the website on June 6.



Artist of the Month & Program—Lois Kamp

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

It wasn't until 1990 Lois took her first basic watercolor lessons from Dale Boatman, a retired University of Arizona art teacher. She credits Mr. Boatman for sparking her interest in art and helping her change the way she looks at the world. She stated, "Dale was a great teacher. I can still hear his voice saying, *'Make the painting sing. Alternate, light and dark. Have a path, lead the viewer inside your painting.'*" Also Mr. Boatman carried a small 3 by 5 inch mat with him and could always find something good in everyone's painting. He was very encouraging. No teacher has lived up to Dale Boatman." Unfortunately after a few months of lessons, Lois moved from Arizona to Oregon and did not take up painting again until moving to Florida in 2003. In Florida she found a Terry Madden instructor and started painting in watercolor; but again life interfere with her art when her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and passed away 7 years later.

In 2014 Lois remarried, retired from work and moved to The Villages, Florida with her husband Gene. Together they have a cat Chessie and are planning to live happily ever after.

In 2018 Lois was diagnosed with inoperable stage 4 metastatic lung cancer. She knows her art has helped her navigate through her journey of living with cancer. Art is my therapy and something I must do daily. She started a blog and you can follow her on the Caring Bridge.

In her demo Lois will be showing artists fun and creative ways to add surprises in your art. She will paint papers on a gelli plate, use Shiva oil sticks, show Inktense blocks on fabric, and then show what happens when you heat Tyveck with a heat gun or iron.



Mixed Media Glue Gun



Wax and Egg Shells



Batik Wax



Wool Fiber Art



Pastel

Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

Sympathy cards were sent to Charlie Clayton's widow and to Fran Naughton for the loss of her husband. An encouragement card was sent to Sue Tribble for her husband's illness.

CONGRATULATIONS! On May 7 Frank Zampardi judged VAA artists' entries at the Annex and awarded ribbons as follows:

Paintings—1st Place to Cheri Ptacek for "Sibling Love", 2nd Place to Susie Schreiber for "Star Burst"; 3rd Place to Darlene Hayes for "A Town in Tuscany"; Honorable Mentions to Victoria Peterson for "More Tea?" and Vera Rasberger for "Static Waves".

Photography—First Place to Helen Poor for "Hey, Wait for Me!"

Eisenhower Exhibit News:

The May 9 exhibit winners are: 1st Place to Victoria Peterson for color pencil "Reflections"; 2nd to Helen Poor for photography "Egret in the Morning Mist at Fenney"; 3rd to Ray Martin for pixel "New Born"; Honorable Mention to Ralph Bischoff for photography "Signs of Spring." Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated. Please go by and see the exhibit. Also, congratulations to Norma Harding for selling her piece.

The website now includes pics and award details of the 2022 Eisenhower judged exhibits. Click on the Gallery tab for access.

Our next change-out will be July 11. All information and registration form is on the VAL website. Mail your registration form and fee early, to insure you get in the show. There are only 26 spots available.

Lois Camp, chairperson



Shari Williams, May Program Presenter



Debi Lytle, May Artist of the Month



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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 2022

- ♦ **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for 2022 are: Jan. 10, Mar. 14, May 9, July 11, Sept. 12 and Nov. 14
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 10 to December 10.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** on July 9 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Show** on October 22 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.