



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President - Jeanne Willette:

A happy welcome to our art friends,

Florida Winters give us a chance to work on some new ideas, finish a "work of art" or try out a new medium in a workshop or space of our own.

Everyone loves our VAL meetings because we keep them refreshing and allow time for business and demonstrations, as well as meeting our friends who are now from all parts north and south in The Villages! Local exhibits are at LHC and other Rec centers such as Eisenhower Rec in Brownwood. Check out these venues frequently to see what members are showing and getting awards.

We have been busy working in our new positions, even though Fran and I have both been presidents previously. We are accustomed to being a club with a committee and members who enjoy entertaining and sharing. Keeping up with things on-line will help us be a more cohesive group. Our webmaster Leda Rabenold, does an excellent job of all things computerized. We are also part of Constant Contact, an online service to get you messages in between meetings. This is handled by Steve Lang. (Make sure your personal information is up to date, with Dore Via Dumas at registration.)

As a special note and request, we are without a Program Chair for the year. We are searching for someone who would like to take on this interesting task....lining up presenters who will be willing to share with the VAL club, their technique, style, or evolving experience. It is a volunteer position, one that would be enjoyable, and is crucial to the success of our Club. That someone, would be familiar with local artists who are bringing fresh perspectives to our creative members. Please contact either Fran or myself for information.

We both wish all our members the best this year. Thank you to all who support us with attendance and volunteering at various events. Looking forward to seeing you at the March 7 meeting at Saddlebrook Rec Center, 9:00 start of meeting. Come a little early to register and get your 50-50.

Artistically Speaking,

Jeanne Willette and Fran Naughton, Co-Presidents

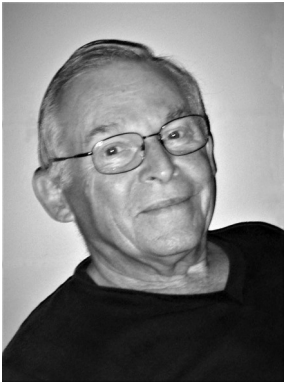


2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette



Diane Andrus, February Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month—Wolfgang Mueller



In 1948, at the age of nine, Wolfgang and his family emigrated from Germany. Immediately after graduating from high school, Wolfgang began his professional career working as a graphic designer for a small printing establishment. During his employment at various corporations, both domestic and international, he continued his art education at a number of schools. In 1968, with a partner, he started the design firm of Mueller & Wister, Inc., which during its 35-plus years of operation was the recipient of numerous national and international awards for graphics and marketing communications excellence.

During the early years of his retirement, Wolfgang was introduced to the art of glass fusion. He is fascinated by its richness, depth, luminescence, and endless possibilities and is intrigued with the malleable, molten material and the way it can be shaped into a rigid and visually exciting work of art. Its beauty and versatility are surprising, but also challenging with its complex physical properties. He enjoys experimenting and exploring the endless ways the medium can be applied to a creation whether a simple bowl or plate, or a complex sculpture or wall hanging. Each of his creations, no matter how large or small, has been designed to evoke a reaction with the viewer.



Congratulations!

Ribbon winners of VAA's February 5th Annex Exhibit are:

- ◇ 1st Place—Victoria Peterson
- ◇ 2nd—Helen Poor
- ◇ 3rd—Jane Bowman
- ◇ Honorable Mention—Darlene Hayes
- ◇ Award of Merit—Leda Rabenold
- ◇ Photography—Ralph Bischoff

Thanks to everyone behind the scenes who helped make the show come together. Thanks to all the artists who provided the wonderful artwork.

**Sunshine Report from
Charlene Sasto:**
No cards sent this month.

**ART IS NOT
WHAT YOU
SEE BUT
WHAT YOU
MAKE
OTHERS SEE
DEGAS**

Program—None

We still need someone to help with the demos, finding artists who would like to share their techniques. Steve Friedman has volunteered to do the technical part of setting up the demonstration and Phyllis Spiecher (miss her) has already booked several people for this year, so the job isn't difficult . Please think about doing this, or we won't have demos at the meetings.



Please contact Fran Naughton or Jeanne Willette if interested.



Featuring
FLORIDA'S
Highwaymen
ORIGINAL, 1ST & 2ND
GENERATION, LEGACY
ARTISTS

Jim Stovall one of the artists known as The Florida Highwaymen will present an art demonstration at The Black History Celebration on Sunday February 27 at The Villages Polo Club. The free event is from 9 to 5.

Eisenhower Exhibit News:

A new exhibit will be hung on March 14 at 1:00pm. This exhibit will be judged with ribbons. All information and forms are on the VAL website. Registration form is due by March 11. It can either be mailed or dropped off at my home.

Congratulations to our current show winners: Kathy Karol first place, Ralph Bischoff second place, Ray Martin third place and Victoria Peterson honorable mention. Also congratulations to Connie Giebels and Betty Eich for selling their pieces in this venue.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson



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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.