



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Co-President—Jeanne Willette

Hello Artists,

As we close out 2022, Fran and I would like to thank all the VAL members who supported us during a difficult year. New officers will be taking over to lead us with fresh ideas and programs. We thank our officers who have done an outstanding job; this includes Marilyn Wright, our Secretary, and Gail Parker, Treasurer for many years, and Eileen Sklon, Vice President. Also, we want to acknowledge Linda Yerke and her committee for fabulous refreshments each month, Dore Dumas, Membership Chair, and 50/50 Shirley Jerez/Irene Wantroba. Last but not least is Jo Magram, who has filled in the Artist of the Month with interesting and inspiring presentations.



2022 VAL Co-Presidents
Fran Naughton & Jeanne Willette

We want to thank Janeen Whetstone and Ellen Hellwege and their TEAM who stepped up to steer the Fall Art Show at Eisenhower. We thank this team from the bottom of our hearts for their generous attention.

Fran announced last month that we will celebrate a new specialized art group called the Fine Art Society. This new club will feature those interested in painting only. Plans will be forthcoming.

⇒ December 5th—VAL Christmas Party. Catered brunch and surprise. Bring a "Basket of Love" (4 items) for The Haven, Women's Shelter in Leesburg.

⇒ January 2, 2023—Happy New Year Celebration for New Officers.

Artfully yours,

Jeanne and Fran



Artist of the Month—Ralph Bischoff



I was born in Holyoke Massachusetts in 1942. Got married in 1962 to my wife Nancy, also of Holyoke, who passed several years ago. I joined the Army in 1965 and was selected to teach CW Radar “Continuous Wave Radar” wave guide theory and maintenance at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville Alabama during my tour in the Army. Upon leaving the Army I was offered a position at Raytheon Corp, the maker of the radar system, and also offered a position at UTC.

I went to work for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, CT. where I worked in the experimental instrumentation Group for 37 years until I retired in 2002.



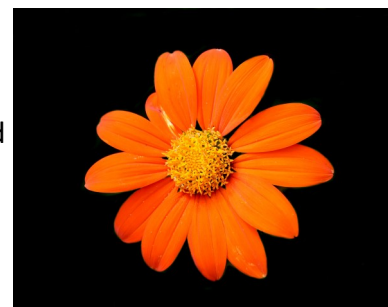
I moved to Homosassa, FL and renewed my interest in photography at the urging of my wife. I became involved with the Homosassa State Park, helping with the monthly displays and provided articles to the local newspaper. In conjunction with the park, I provided photos for the Florida State Park’s website. Although I enjoyed photographing nature wildlife and scenery. I specifically liked macro photography, the challenge it presents and the beauty found on the world of the small.

I met a wonderful woman who lived in The Villages, sold my home in Homosassa and now share a home in the Village of Sunset Point here in The Villages since 2018. I



joined the VAL soon after and marvel at the multitude of artistic talent in various media the group presents.

I still actively pursue photography but have found additional hobbies such as pool and golf to keep me socially active.



Eisenhower Rec Center

A new Eisenhower exhibit will be hung on November 14. This is a judged show with ribbons. Please review the rules. No paintings larger than 24 inches can be accepted. All forms and rules are on the VAL website. Deadline for registration forms is November 11, 2022. Please call Lois Kamp with questions 352 633 5428.

Member-to-Member—Show & Tell

For the November meeting, you are encouraged to bring a piece of artwork that you'd like to share with the group. Tables will be set up on the perimeter of the room. Bring a small table-top easel, if you have one, to display it. Also, please put a card with your name and title of your art next to your display. We love to see what you have been doing!



Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

A sympathy card was sent to Julie McGlone on the passing of her husband.

Ribbons were awarded for VAA's October exhibit at the Annex to:

- First Place-Lois Kamp "Poppies at Sunrise"
- Second Place-Darlene Hayes "Feeling High"
- Third Place-Susie Schreiber "Spring Garden"
- Honorable Mention-Roberta O'Donnell "Dog"
- First Place Photography-Ralph Bischoff "A Brighter Day"

Congratulations!



Cheri Ptacek-Artist of the Month

October 3 VAL meeting photos taken by Dave Boege.



Dore Via Dumas



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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.