



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

I can't believe it's April already!

Many thanks to Frank Zampardi and his talented artists for the presentation. I know that I learned a few things I will incorporate into my future creative projects.



Please don't forget that we have 3 opportunities every week to meet with other artists and room to spread out and create.

- ♦ Saddlebrook recreation center from 9 am- 11 am on the Mondays that we don't have a meeting
- ♦ Thursdays at Mulberry recreation center from 1 pm - 5 pm
- ♦ Saturdays at Paradise recreation center from 8:30 am - 11 am

There are also multiple classes and workshops conducted by local and nationally known artists that you can take advantage of. The VAL website lists current classes and workshops offered in and around The Villages. Just click on the "Workshops" tab at the top of the Website Home page for a detailed listing.

If you haven't picked up the new Membership Directory, it will be available at the April meeting. Just grab one at the check-in table. Please review the directory to make sure your information is correct. If any changes are required, please let us know.

Our demo team has been very busy planning; thank you very much Hallie Deutsch and Lois Kamp! This month we have the Director of The Leesburg Center For The Arts, Richard Colvin providing us with information about the center. Richard will also be doing an acrylic demonstration for us. I'm sure this is one demonstration you are not going to want to miss.

"Creativity is contagious, pass it on" – Albert Einstein

Sincerely,

your 2023 Officers

## Artist of the Month—Norm Lewis

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Norm Lewis was broadcast meteorologist in Baltimore, Maryland for 42 years before retiring to The Villages in 2010. Norm is a five-time National Champion in archery and continues his interest in the sport as well as ballroom dancing with his wife Rosemary.

In 2018 Norm joined The Villages Gem and Mineral society. There he learned the art of lapidary, the cutting and polishing of both semi and precious stones. The club has all the necessary equipment and teaches people who have never had any experience with stone working. After a year of learning the art, Norm purchased all the necessary equipment and set up a gem shop in his garage where he creates most of his jewelry. Norm makes pendants with matching earrings, rings, bracelets, belt buckles as well a custom work in both silver and gold. He also now does all the maintenance on the clubs machines and is involved in passing on his knowledge and methods to new members.



## Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

*Get well card sent to Wendy Lahey.*

*Birthday card sent to past member Freddie Venturoni  
for her 100th birthday.*



March Artist of the Month Carol Waggoner

## Program—Richard D. Colvin

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Richard Colvin is an artist, art teacher, museum professional, and musician. Born in Olathe, Kansas (1957), Colvin's family relocated to Florida in the mid-1960s. Colvin received an art education courtesy of a succession of mentors: Barbara Bassett at the Art Workshop in Winter Park, Thomas F. Peterson at Rollins College, and through observing Central Florida's legendary painter/printmakers, including Maury Hurt, Bill Orr, Jerry Raidiger, and many others. In craftsmanship and spirit, Colvin's greatest mentor is his father, Ronald P. Colvin.



Richard D. Colvin/Executive Director  
Leesburg Center for the Arts  
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VAA's new **La Galleria exhibit** was hung on March 11.

Winners of ribbons were:

First Place: Penny Brady "Conundrum"

Second Place: Janine Motto "Spoonbill Simmer"

Third Place: Joyce Trabattoni "Swan Dive"

Honorable Mentions.: Maureen Terrien "Golden Morning"  
and Mary Tougas "Abundance"

A new **Eisenhower exhibit** was hung on March 13.

Winners of ribbons were:

First place: Susie Schreiber, Medium: Watercolor, "Beets"

Second Place: Victoria Peterson, Medium: Colored Pencil, "Human Nature"

Third Place: Sally Montecalvo, Medium: Glass fusion, "Drifter"

Honorable Mentions: Linda Bachman, Medium: Fiber, "Hearts Abound"  
and Lois Kamp, Medium: Pastel, "Poppies at Sunrise"

New exhibits are hung every 2 months. All info and forms are on VAL website.

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Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Saddlebrook Rec Center.

2023 OFFICERS

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## Art League Places to Exhibit in 2023

- ♦ **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for 2023 are: Jan. 9, Mar. 13, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 9 to December 9, 2023.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** on July 8 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Show** in October at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.