



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

Greetings!

Lois Kamp, you are amazing! It was so good to see you work with abandon on your abstract pieces (photos below)! Thank you so very much!

Our August meeting is a "member to member" event. As evident by the recent Summer Art Festival, there is an abundance of talent in the VAL. This is a great opportunity to share your individuality and creativity with the members. Please bring one piece of art you've recently finished or are still creating. These masterpieces will be displayed on the tables around the room for everyone to enjoy. Please bring a table easel if required/possible to display your piece and an ID card.

With our successful Summer Art Festival now in the history books, we need to begin planning the Fall Fine Art Showcase. It is scheduled for Saturday October 28th at Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center. I would like to thank the Summer Art Festival show committee including Gail Latta, Janeen Whetstone, Ellen Hellwege, Sandra Dillion, Lynne Stavedahl and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in putting this great show together!

"There is an art to science, and science in art; the two are not enemies, but different aspects of the whole."  
- Isaac Asimov

Sincerely, your 2023 Officers:

President, Lisa Melcher

Vice President, Nan Kohr

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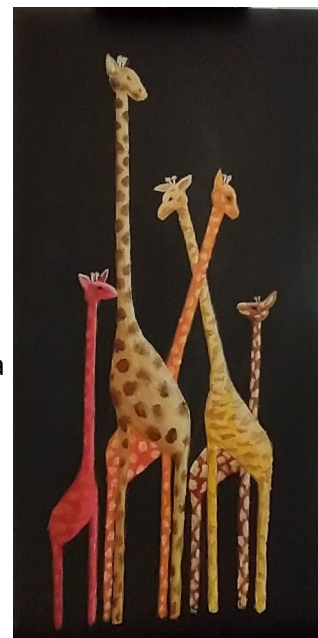


## Artist of the Month—Elinor Leshinski

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I can thank my parents for my relationship with art. As a kid, I was quite the klutz. It seems I broke a different bone every summer. My parents told me to sit and read and handed me paper and pencil. I would doodle and draw characters or scenes from books. I moved on to colored pencils and tried watercolor. My first career was in cardiac rehab where the director wanted to start a learning center for patients. It was there I learned to take and develop Kodak film for slides. Printed words and line drawings would come out clear with a black background and I would hand-paint them with transparent watercolors. Eventually, computers would make this business obsolete. One year, the doctor had me for Christmas Polyana with a \$5 limit, and he gave me my first oil painting set.



I paint for personal satisfaction. I watched and was impressed by Bill Alexander and Bob Ross on PBS. Never took a class or studied art. I have no studio. I paint in a corner of the master bedroom in our villa in Soulliere. I like to paint fantasy landscapes where the winter is never cold, the woods have no pesky bugs and enjoy those ocean views I wish I could see from my window. Oils are my medium of choice, although, occasionally, I take a little license and paint fun animals that are not anatomically correct with acrylics.



### Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

An encouragement card was sent to Gail Latta for her hospital visits and a get well card was sent to Meg Hay.

Photos of VAL's Summer Art Festival held at the Lake Miona Rec Center on July 8th were taken by Valerie Begley. A link to her gallery is on the home page of VAL's website.



## Member to Member—Show and Tell

For the August meeting you are encouraged to bring a piece of artwork that you'd like to share with the group. Tables will be set up around the room where you can place it. We'd all love to see what you have been doing!



### EISENHOWER EXHIBIT

A new exhibit was hung on July 10, 2023. Shari Williams from Leesburg was the judge. Winners were:

- First place- Phil Brown, photography titled: Don't talk with the Lifeguard
- Second place- Nilda Velez, paper on paper art titled: I send you a box of glowing pearls
- Third place- Darlene Hayes, watercolor collage titled: Enchanted Unicorn Forest
- Honorable Mention- Doris Hulse, fiber art titled: Sunset Lake
- Honorable Mention- Betty Waisanen, watercolor on yupo titled: Yellow Vase.

Congratulations to all winners. Thanks to all who participated. It takes courage to show your work!!

The registration form and all information for next exhibit on September 11, 2023 is on the VAL website.

Lois Kamp



Photos taken by Dave Boege during Freddie Venturoni's Celebration of Life at the Rohan Center on July 15th. For more photos, click the link on the home page of the VAL website.



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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 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 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** on October 28 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events..