



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy New Year!

The start of each New Year is a time to reflect on the year just past and make plans for the future. It holds a special magic, with a promise of new opportunities and the possibility to change our lives for the better. It's also a great time to bond over old memories as we endeavor to make more. As a matter of fact, this picture was taken at the 2021 Holiday party; great memories with many more to come in this new year.



First and foremost, I would like to thank Fran, Jeanne and all of the committee leaders, chairpersons and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Without them, we would not be the great organization that we are! Nan and I would also like to thank each and every one of you for electing us and the entire committee. We are looking forward to working with you throughout this year to further the objective of the VAL as documented in the By-Laws.

Our first meeting of the new year is a "member to member" event. There is so much talent in the VAL, this is a great opportunity to share your individuality and creativity. Please bring one piece of art you've recently finished or are actually 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.

By the way, we are still in need of a Program Chair(s) to line up presentations and demonstrations for our monthly meetings and a Publicity Chair(s). If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please let me know.

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." — Henry David Thoreau

Sincerely, Lisa

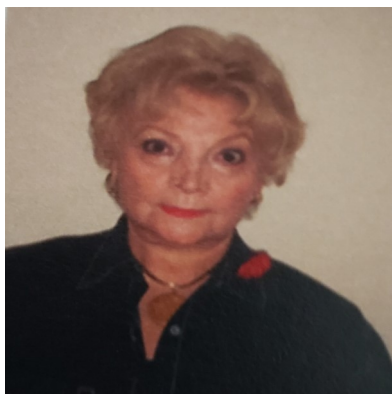
P.S. Lois Kamp hit the trifecta of art awards/recognition, 3 ribbons, 3 different pieces of art in 3 different locations!

Your 2023 Officers:

President, Lisa Melcher
Vice President, Nan Kohr
Secretary, Marilyn Wright
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Artist of the Month—Dolores Loli Larson



I was born in Madrid, Spain. My love for Art began at a very young age, I began by taking classes from a renowned Spanish Artist, Emilio Soler.

My career took a different path; rather than continue painting, I went into the fashion industry. I opened two retail stores in California's Pasadena area, one in San Marino and another in Sierra Madre. After many years I sold the business. My original love for Art never ended so I returned to Painting in 1996.

I took additional classes in Paris and the Instituto de Bellas Artes in Madrid. I attended different colleges in California and took several private classes from different artists.

Thank you for taking the time to read this biography and I hope that you love my paintings as much as I love painting them.



Eisenhower Rec Center

The Eisenhower exhibit will change out on January 9, 2023. This is a judged show with ribbons. All information, rules and forms are on the VAL website. Deadline to receive the form is January 6, 2023. Call me with questions. Lois Kamp, Chairperson, 352 633 5428

Congratulations! A new VAA art exhibit was hung at LaHacienda's LaGalleria on December 10. These ribbons were presented by judge, Richard D. Colvin: 1st place Lois Kamp's "On the Sunny Side of the Street", 2nd place Marge McQueston's "Beach Buddies", 3rd place Sally LaBaugh's "Susan"; two Honorable Mentions, Susie Schreiber's "Up On Top" and Kathleen Karol's "Sharing Secrets."

Member-to-Member—Show & Tell

For the January 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

On behalf of the VAL, Charlene Sasto sent a sympathy card to Catherine Sullivan for the loss of her husband and a get well card to Ed Kyttle for Covid.

December 5 Holiday Party photos by Dave Boege. More: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-4nmTFm/>





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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 and Nov. 13
- ♦ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit from September 9 to December 9, 2023.
- ♦ **Summer Art Festival** in July 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.