



# *The Villages Art League Newsletter*

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## **The President's Message**

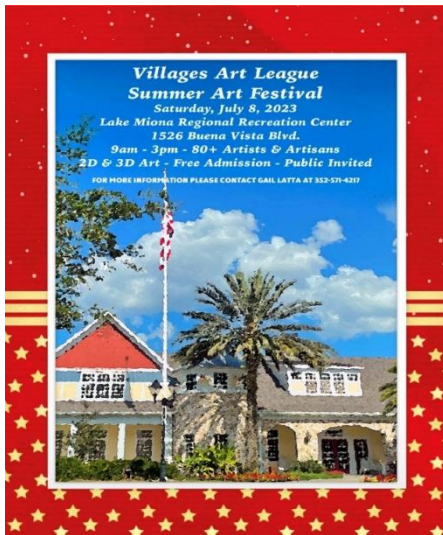
*Lisa Melcher*



Greetings!

Thank you very much Dianne Weekley for the creative and inspiring demonstration.

Henri Matisse said that "creativity takes courage" and I know I can vouch for that. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am always afraid of failure. Now I wonder how many of you went home and tried the hot glue gun painting technique that Dianne demonstrated. If you did like I did, bring your creation to the June meeting to show it off.



Please remember our Summer Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Miona Regional Recreation Center. If you are planning to be in the show, make sure you take note of the registration timing and guidelines. Show information and registration form is on the VAL website. Shown here is the ad that will appear in the Recreation News and the Newspaper prior to the event. I will bring some copies of this ad to the June meeting. Please take one, make more copies and pass it along to your friends. Gail and the team will be at the meeting to provide an update and answer any questions you may have about the show.

If you would like additional creative inspiration and a chance to learn more, you can take a class at the NOMA Gallery in Ocala, the Enrichment Academy here in The Villages, Village Art Workshops or grab a cuppa and meet a friend at one of the 3 recreation centers that are reserved for our members to create.

*"A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new." – Albert Einstein*

Sincerely, your 2023 Officers  
President, Lisa Melcher  
Vice President, Nan Kohr  
Secretary, Marilyn Wright  
Treasurer, Gail Parker



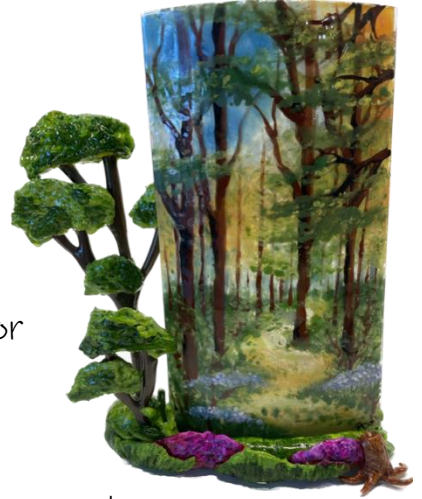
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## ***June Membership Meeting Program***

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This month we have the pleasure of having Annie Dotzauer presenting her beautiful glass fusion techniques and creations.

Annie has a BFA - from Siena Heights College in Adrian Michigan and 2 masters degrees from The University of Dayton, MA. She taught all levels of art in grades K-5, Art/Art history for grades 6-8 and all subjects in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She was also an Assistant Superintendent and Director for School Improvement.



While in administration she taught art theory and art history at Wilmington College and graduate teaching methods classes.

To say she has history and knowledge rich in art and teaching/education is an understatement.







## Artist of the Month



*Jo Magram, Chair*

### Kat Campau



My focus in art is color. I make art in many forms, but they all show my fascination with color. For many years I've made fiber art, also called art quilts. My first quilts were made to hang on the wall.

In the beginning to finance my art supplies, I made formal gowns for wedding parties and proms. Then I made custom bed quilts. Even colored glass calls to me, so I make

mosaics. They are like quilts, with sharp pieces. I always added colors to my collection with everything I sold.

Finally I needed a more direct way to experience my passion and I began painting. I have a lot to learn, but I have a lot of paint to use up!





## May Program – Dianne Weekley



"On May 1st, I enjoyed sharing the technique of creating art using a glue gun, canvas and paints. It is always a pleasure to share techniques I have learned and enjoy with others. Everyone was so receptive and kind.

I had already done some samples and then showed how to go from a plain canvas to a finished picture. One picture was of a tree with a swing reminding us of our youthful self and the other was a tree with a branch sticking out with a bird's nest and bird's eggs.

A notice was sent to the members after the meeting giving them a list of supplies they need and they are encouraged to make their own "glue gun art". There was a great turnout of members and they had good questions. I am sure we will see some fun art in the future from them. Thank you for this opportunity to share.

---Diane Weekley."







## **Eisenhower Fine Art Exhibit**

*Lois Kamp, Chair*



A new Eisenhower Exhibit was hung on May 8.  
The judge was Wanda Keegan from Fruitland Park.



First Place - Church Lady  
Linda Bachman  
Fiber



Second Place - Around the World Quilt  
Victoria Peterson  
Colored Pencil



Third Place - A New Day is Born  
Josie Vogel  
Watercolor



Honorable Mention - Hiking  
Suzie Schreiber  
Watercolor



Honorable Mention - As Night Gives Way to Light  
Nilda Velez  
Paper on paper



The next **Eisenhower Exhibit** will be hung on **July 10, 2023**. A revised registration form and Rules will soon be available on the VAL Website. Below are the revised rules:

1. All art must be original two-dimensional fine art paintings in the following categories: Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pen and Ink, Color Pencil, Pastel, Graphite, Charcoal, Fiber, Encaustic Wax, Photography including Digital Photography, and Mixed Media. If you are not sure your painting qualifies, please contact the chairperson.
2. No religious, political themes or nudes will be accepted.
3. Because of limited space, maximum size accepted is 24 X 24 inches.
4. Each artist may display one piece of art.
5. No reproductions of other artist's work from workshops etc., published photos, prints or giclee's will be accepted. Work done in workshops, classes, etc., will not be accepted.
6. The artwork must be framed or gallery wrapped. Wired, clean and in good condition with bumpers on the corners to protect the walls. **D rings with wire preferred. No eye rings. No saw tooth hangers.**
7. Tracking form must be filled out completely and attached to back of painting.
8. Each painting should have a VAL title card on front and card filled out correctly.
9. Work is to remain for the entire length of the show. Work may be exhibited one time only at this venue. Exhibit Committee Chairperson reserves the right to decline an entry into the show due to failure to follow stated rules.
10. If your art work is sold, please contact the chairperson of the show before removing your painting. You will be allowed to replace sold painting with one of similar size. Your paperwork will need to be updated.



## SUNSHINE

A "get well" card was sent to Gail Parker



Business Meetings: 9-11:30 AM, First Monday of the Month, Saddlebrook Rec Center

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### Chairpersons

<b>Artist of the Month</b>	Jo Magram	<b>Program</b>	Hallie Deutsch & Lois Kamp
<b>Eisenhower Exhibit</b>	Lois Kamp	<b>Publicity</b>	NEEDED
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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: 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.