



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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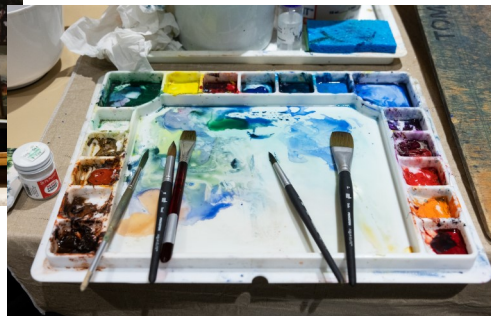
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Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

Happy Spring!

What an incredible watercolor demonstration by Tom Jones last month! Congratulations to everyone who won one of his many prizes, especially to Marilyn Wright who won Tom's finished painting.



Based on the "Monthly Meeting Ideas" questionnaire, we are planning to have Frank Zampardi and some of his drawing students show and discuss their work. Some of these students have never even drawn an ellipse before taking his portraiture drawing class. Be prepared for some amazing drawings!

Our membership directory is now complete thanks to Marrienne Clark. The directory will be available at the March meeting.

Sincerely, your 2023 Officers

President, Lisa Melcher

Vice President, Nan Kohr

Secretary, Marilyn Wright

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"Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance." – Anne Lamott

Artist of the Month—Carol Waggoner



I was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana after graduation. In 2006, I moved to Bend, Oregon. In 2014 we became snowbirds, escaping the cold weather and coming to The Villages every winter for 6 months. We purchased our home in Hillsborough (Manatee Village) in the Spring of 2020.

I have been painting off and on my whole life. Working in colored pencils, watercolors and oils. I paint almost every morning, getting up at 4 or 5 am. My subjects have been birds, wild animals, scenery, boats, flowers, with no one more important than the other.



Between my many hours a week painting we also go to ballroom dances 3-4 nights a week and are members of several clubs.



Last year I was honored with the 1st place Blue Ribbon award in the Master's competition and my painting hung in LaGalleria at La Hacienda Recreation Center for several months. My inspiration for this painting was Master Claude Monet. I was fascinated with the way he painted light and shadows.



CONGRATULATIONS!

People's choice winners on January 29 during ARTS at Spanish Springs:

First Place—Judi Roach, acrylic "Poolside Retreat"

Second Place—Sandra Walter, glass "Aquarium"

Third Place—
Diana Crow,
oil "Caroline
#3 at Mallory
Country Club"



Judi Roach



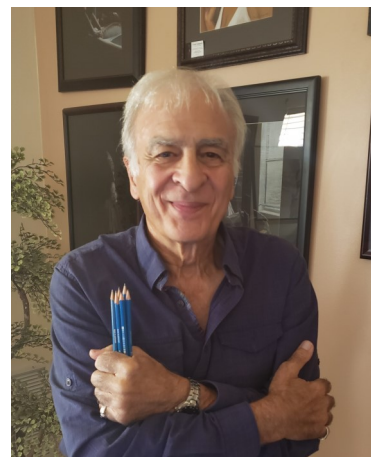
Sandra Walter



Diana Crow

Program—Frank Zampardi

Let's talk about drawing and its importance in every form of artwork. Drawing has been used as a form of expression since the dawn of human history. It plays a very important role in our cognitive development by allowing our observational skills to grow and therefore, our representation of those objects to continue to grow. Giorgio Vasari, a famous Renaissance artist and painter stated, "Drawing... is the necessary beginning of everything [in art], and not having it, one has nothing." Drawings are not only the beginning of everything in art they facilitate the artist's creative process by describing what is seen, visualizing what is imagined, and symbolizing ideas and concepts.



Our March meeting will feature Frank Zampardi and some of his very talented beginning portraiture drawing students. Frank will introduce us to his students who will show and discuss their work, their progression and their struggles. Be prepared for some amazing drawings!

COGRATULATIONS!

Ribbons were awarded on February 4 at the Annex to:

First Place—Susie Schreiber, watercolor "4X4"

Second Place—Victoria Peterson, color pencil "Winter's Remnants"

Third Place—Leda Rabenold, acrylic "Sandhills at Mallory"

First Place Photography—Diane Patty "The Gathering"



Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

Get well card was sent to Joan Picarelli for surgery

A new Eisenhower exhibit will be hung on March 13. All forms and information is on the VAL website. Deadline to receive registration form is March 10, 2023. No walk-ins accepted.

This is a judged exhibit with ribbons.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson 352 633-5428



Gigi Hayes-Polk, February
Artist of the Month



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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** 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.