



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

Every month I continue to be in awe of each and every one of you. Your artistic talent, generosity and comradery is truly inspiring.

Well, the first quarter of the year has come and gone way too quickly. The artists of the month and demonstrations are distinct, interesting and exceptional. Our May meeting will feature more amazing artists and another unique demonstration. Diane Weekley is planning to let us in on a technique using a glue gun to create a beautiful piece of art!



With the time flying by, that means our Summer Art Festival is fast approaching. Gail Latta and the show team have been busy planning to ensure the show is a resounding success! Mark your calendars for the Saturday July 8th show at Lake Miona Recreation Center and look to the VAL website for additional information in the coming weeks.

We still have new Membership Directories available if you have not received yours yet. 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.

Sincerely, your 2023 Officers

President, Lisa Melcher

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April 3 Program Presenter-
Richard Colvin, Leesburg Center of the Arts



April 3 Artist of the Month-
Norm Lewis

"The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless."

-Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Artist of the Month—Jo Magram



I was born in New York City but spent my life in the suburbs of New York, Connecticut and the country side of Maine. Since the day I was born I had a pencil and paint brush in my hand and art was in my soul. I never excelled in math and sciences and knew I was headed either towards a music career or an art career. So, I majored in art and taught Art from kindergarten to 12th grade over the years in public school and also taught privately and at my temple in New York for 24 years. Art has always been part of my life but mostly painting the style of photographic realism, in my favorite medium which is oils. I feel there is so much beauty in reality that I don't have to look for it and it excites me to be able to produce that beauty in my creations.



When I retired to the villages 13 years ago I began pottery sculpture and added this wonderful medium. I love doing extremely realistic pieces with seriousness and many with humor where I can continue to do my detail



painting but with glazes. I love being part of the art community here in the villages which is probably the only community that supports the artists in so many ways.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The weather and attendance was great for VAA's **ARTS at Sumter Landing** on March 26. People's Choice awards were presented to: first place-Mary Tadic for acrylic abstract "Shimmer"; second place-Sandra Waiver for framed glass "Angel Fish"; third place-Judi Roach for acrylic "Olive Branch."



Program—Diane Weekley

My name is Diane Weekley and I have been asked to give a demo for the May meeting. I will be sharing information on a fun technique using a glue gun to create a piece of art that is fun and a change from the norm. If time permits I may show a few other techniques to give your paintings textures.

My husband and I moved to The Villages in 2009 from Minnesota. As soon as we were settled I was encouraged by the friend that introduced The Villages to us to join the Villages Art League as well as the Villages Visual Art Association and have been active in both organizations holding offices, chairing Art Shows and volunteering in many areas which is a wonderful way to get familiar with the arts and the wonderful artists in the clubs. I love the opportunities offered in The Villages to pursue an enjoyable hobby.



I started painting in oils many years ago, moved into acrylics and then watercolor. Along the way I have taught and demonstrated painting and enjoy sharing what I can. After retiring from over 40 years in corporate management in the insurance industry, I had a faux finishing and painting business for 8 years, which I really enjoyed.

My husband of 53 years and I have two adult sons and daughters-in-law and 2 grandchildren. We are truly blessed to visit them in Boston (Todd & family) and in Minnesota (Scott & family) and they love visiting The Villages when they get a chance.



Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto— no cards were sent.

"The Artist Sees What Others Only Catch A Glimpse Of..."
Leonardo Da Vinci

EISENHOWER EXHIBIT

A new exhibit will be hung on May 8. All information, rules and forms are on the VAL website. This is a judged exhibit with ribbons. Deadline for registration is May 5.
It takes a brave soul to show their art and have it judged.



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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.