



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from our Vice President—Nan Kohr

Dear Artists,

We have a super-duper speaker for our Monday, October 2nd meeting. This is a "show and tell" by our own rock-star Betty Eich. She will share travel photos telling about her adventures which include little tid-bits you may never have heard before. And she will explain how to use your cell phone for vacation photos.



Nan, Lisa, Marilyn and Gail

Another super event is the VAL showcase, Fall Fine Art Show, on Saturday, October 28th at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. You will want to show off your artistic inventions because this is the time for gift-giving. The registration form is posted on VAL's website—thevillagesartleague.org, select the "Shows & Forms" link.

Because we are busy, this next date may creep up on you. Monday, December 4th is celebration time with entertainment by "Tight Genes" (singing siblings) while we share in an extraordinary potluck. It is always fun to party and this will be better than Santa coming down the chimney.

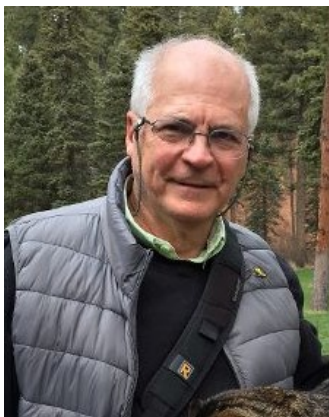
Sincerely, your 2023 Officers:

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September Artist of the Month Janine Motto

Artist of the Month—Tony DeSantis



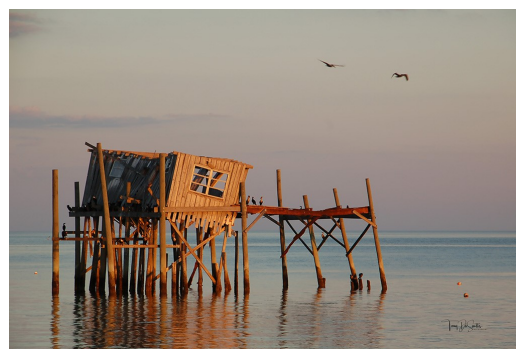
Tony DeSantis is an award-winning photographer whose first camera was a Kodak Brownie when he was a young boy. Over the years he progressed to a Voigtlander manual SLR and eventually a Nikon DSLR.

A native of Atlanta, GA, Tony spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and more than 40 years in the electrical industry. After moving to The Villages in 2000, he turned his interest in photography into a full-time passion by participating in several photography clubs. His subjects range from wildlife and nature to landscape panoramas.

He embraced digital technology, learning to enhance his photos not only with computers but also with clear acrylic gels applied painstakingly by hand.

Tony's work has been printed in Lake & Sumter Style Magazine, Ocala Style Magazine, and DeSoto Magazine | Exploring the South.

Tony is a member of The Villages Photography Club, The Intermediate Photography Club, Florida Camera Club Council, and The Villages Art League.



Awards for the current **Masters' Exhibit** at La Hacienda were presented as follows:

1st Place: Marcella Martin's watercolor "Essourian Dry Docks."

2nd Place: Adeline Curlett's watercolor "Full House."

3rd Place: Kathleen Karol's pastel "Surf Fishing."

Honorable Mention: Susie Schreiber's watercolor "Blue Plums," Catherine Sullivan's oil "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," Victoria Peterson's colored pencil "Fond Memories" and Lois Kamp's mixed media "Follow Your Heart."

Award of Merit: Janine Motto's acrylic "Kiss of Life," Eileen Sklon's photography "Heart of a Magnolia," Dave Boege's photography "Storm Approaching Lake Deaton" and Pamela Fletcher's acrylic "Seated Woman."

EISENHOWER EXHIBIT NEWS

Winners of ribbons in the exhibit hanging from September 11 through November 13 are: First place Marcella Martin, Second place Janine Motto, Third place Susie Schreiber, Honorable Mentions Phil Brown and Kat Campau. Photos are posted on the VAL website under the tab Gallery.

I want to thank everyone who participates in the Eisenhower Exhibit. I am stepping down as chairperson and Susie Schreiber will be taking my place. Please continue to support this wonderful venue. Lois Kamp

Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

Encouragement cards were sent this month to Gayle Latta, Pat Kuper and Lois Kamp.



September
Meeting's Franklin
Painting Photos





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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..