



# The Villages Art League Newsletter

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## Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

Greetings, is it fall yet? I'm so looking forward to some cooler weather.

Our August "member to member" event was a huge success! I am not only amazed at all the talent, but the variety and the depth of talent. Thank you everyone!



Please remember our Fall Fine Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center. The registration form, rules and room layouts will be posted to the VAL website in early September. Please note, priority registration begins on September 12<sup>th</sup> and general registration begins on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration ends on October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding this event, do not hesitate to contact me.

The tenth annual Inspired by the Master's is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. The rules and registration form are on the VAL website. This is a wonderful event that will hang at La Galleria at Hacienda Recreation Center for 3 months.

Our September program is based on the "Monthly Meeting Ideas" questionnaire that was completed earlier this year. There was a suggestion to do a "Franklin" painting, and that sounds like fun! So, I hope you plan to stay for the demonstration because you are going to help create this work of art. We'll start creating to get rid of that scary white canvas and keep going, using paint, paper, pencil, marker, pen, stencils..... until you decide it's finished. Once you decide it's finished, someone will be able to take this awesome piece of art home with them.

Sincerely, your 2023 Officers:

President, Lisa Melcher

Vice President, Nan Kohr

Secretary, Marilyn Wright

Treasurer, Gail Parker



August Artist of the Month Elinor Leshinski

"A true masterpiece does not tell everything." — Albert Camus

## Artist of the Month—Janine Motto



The Villages became my permanent home in 2021. I live in the Village of Linden. I am from Western New York, near the Buffalo, Niagara Falls area. I was fortunate to grow up on a small hobby farm my parents had where I acquired a love for animals and nature.

I earned my degree in Visual Communications and landed in the offset printing industry in the early 80's, when they still used film negatives and dark rooms. Eventually evolving into the more modern print industry, I worked with web, screen, then digital printing. This was all very repetitive and boring and found that painting in my spare time was freeing. My paint time was very limited as I was

taking care of my family, and usually my kids would be coloring or painting right beside me.

I am currently working remotely as a part-time commercial graphic designer. I create unique, custom designs for a sign company in West Palm Beach, mainly commercial truck graphics for Southern Florida, store front windows in Miami, electrical cabinets in the Washington State & other signage. My last job I specialized in vehicle wraps for Emergency Service Agencies worldwide. It's cool to see your designs drive by on police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances.

I have been in various local art groups and became a signature member of The Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society. I enjoyed their informative demonstrations and workshops, where I learned new techniques and met many talented artists.

My paintings have been exhibited in galleries & shows around the Buffalo area and here in The Villages where they won awards. Watercolors and oils are my favorite medium. I would say I have an illustrative style. Sometimes my work is photorealistic, but I'm working on loosening up. I enjoy painting a multitude of subjects and landscapes that involve an animal or bird, but I find anything that has a unique pattern, color, design or shadow may be my muse.



### Monthly Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

*A get well card was sent to Marilyn Wright.*



## EISENHOWER EXHIBIT NEWS

Two paintings were sold this month. Diane Pattie sold a photography piece and Sandy Dillion sold a fused glass piece. A new exhibit will be hung on September 11, 2023. This is a judged with ribbons show. All information and forms are on the VAL website. Please fill out your ID tag. I only have 4 entries so far and need 24. Deadline for entry is September 9, 2023. Please consider entering.

Lois Kamp, Chairperson 362 633 5428

August 7th was our Member-to-Member meeting:





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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..