

The Villages Art League Newsletter

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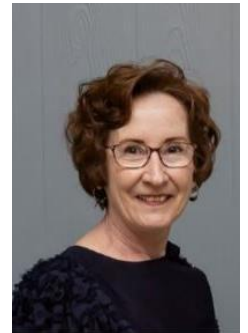
Message from our President—Lisa Melcher

Greetings! Fall may be indicated by the date on the calendar, but it certainly isn't obvious by the temperatures. That just means it's a good time to get out of the heat and attend the September VAL meeting.

Based on the storm that rolled through, our August meeting was a bit bare. That also means that our August "member to member" event was a bit bare. So, we are going to do it again at our September meeting. Please bring one of your creations that you've recently finished or are still working on. These masterpieces will be displayed on the tables around the room for everyone to enjoy. Please bring a table easel if required/possible to display your piece and an ID card.

With our Summer Art Festival now in the history books, we are busy planning the Fall Fine Art Festival. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th 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 13th, general registration begins on September 20th and registration ends on October 11th. More information will be provided at the September meeting.

The 11th annual "Inspired by the Masters" exhibit is scheduled for Saturday September 14th. The rules and registration form are posted on the VAL website. This is an amazing exhibit that will hang at La Galleria at Hacienda Recreation Center for 3 months.



"There is no substitute for feeling the stone, the metal, the plaster, or the wood in the hand; to feel its weight; to feel its texture; to struggle with it in the world rather than in the mind alone."

~William M. Dupree

Sincerely, your 2024 Officers:

President, Lisa Melcher

Vice President, Ellen Hellwege

Secretary, Gail Parker

Treasurer, Janet Marks

Sunshine Report from Charlene Sasto

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Lois Kamp.

"Art washes away from the soul, the dust of every day life." – Pablo Picasso

Artist of the Month—Ellen Trien



I am an import from New Jersey, living down here almost 3 years. I was an ice skater as a child, a competitor, but I realized that wasn't for me. Competing made me very nervous. I continued to skate, teaching figures and hockey. When my children grew up, I went back to college and became a Special Ed teacher. I went on to get my Masters in Human Resources and became a drug and alcohol counselor. I opened my own business working with inner city children. When I closed my business, I went back to teaching skating full-time until we decided to move to Florida.

I have been drawing as long as I can remember. My dad was an architect and he loved cartooning, so he would draw a cartoon and I would copy it. Over the years I have worked with different mediums. I enjoy acrylics as it is instant gratification. I don't have to wait for the paint to dry to fix my mistakes. Two years ago, when my husband died, I took a class in collage (dying my own papers and making a picture with the paper) and fell in love with it.

I find painting is a wonderful way to express myself and it has been a life-saver for me.



Program—Member to Member Show & Tell

What are you working on or have recently finished? You are encouraged to bring a piece of your artwork to the September 2nd meeting along with a table easel, if needed.

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Business Meetings: 9:30-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Saddlebrook Rec Center.

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Art League Places to Exhibit in 2024

- **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for 2024 are: Jan. 8, May 13, July 8, Sept. 9, Nov. 11.
- **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit dates: Sept. 14 through Dec. 14.
- **Summer Art Festival** on July 13 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Showcase** on October 26 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.