



The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Message from Co-Presidents—Hallie Deutsch and Lana Nolan

Welcome Back!! It is so nice to see everyone after a long cold winter. It is beginning to warm up and really feel like the Florida we know and love.

A huge thank you to Colleen Sova for sharing her beautiful glass art with us and to Gerry Geistler for showing us some pen and ink techniques last month.

We will be sharing an update on the Mulberry Rec Center times as well as a new time and place to meet to create.

Our FaceBook page designer, Chris Jenkins is hard at work developing a new page for us to hopefully attract some new members, show off the work of our very talented members and share the information about our two shows.

This month's demonstration is by Connie Giebels and our Artist of the Month is Lydia Falleti. We look forward to seeing their work.



Lana and Hallie

Sincerely, your 2025 Officers

Co-Presidents, Hallie Deutsch and Lana Nolan

Vice President, Ellen Hellwege

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Artist of the Month—Lydia Falletti



My artistic talent developed at an early age. But as fate would have it I was pointed in a different direction. Instead of attending Art School, I attended The School of Fashion Design, which I do not regret. But advancing in art (since I am self taught) took the long way around and slowed the pace for me. I, however, continued to enjoy drawing, painting whenever I had the chance, between working and raising a family.



After many years I now have the time to continue to do what I love. Moving to The Villages has giving me the opportunity to grow and exhibit my works. I continue to challenge myself to paint many different subjects, in oils, acrylic, watercolor and other materials, be it realism, impressionism, or abstract. This is my world in art

"May the sun rise each and every day to bring you joy to fill your heart with the boundless beauty of God's Creation."



People's Choice Awards were presented on January 26 at ARTS in Spanish Springs to:



First Place—Rhonda Waters' "Tree of Life" metal sculpture.



Second Place— Judi Roach's "Translucent Butterfly" watercolor.



Third Place-Sandra Walver's "Mermaid Reflection"

Program—Connie Giebels



I was born in Rotterdam Holland and moved to New Jersey when I was 4 along with my parents and 2-year-old sister Milly!

I always liked art in school and my father was a very gifted self-taught artist in oil painting. I would watch my father paint and how he did different things. I started in oils too and won 1st Place in a school dental contest. I received a \$ 100.00 savings bond and an oil paint set! That started me on my art adventure at age 11.

My husband is retired Executive Chef who also was born in Holland and came to the U.S.A at age 21, We met in Michigan in 1965. We have 1 daughter and 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. We have been married 58 years.

I changed to acrylic painting over the last 30 years. I also discovered seashells as an interesting art form. Living in Naples FL for 30 years made it easy to collect shells off the beach and in some stores. I would make all kinds of things with shells for my family and friends.

Then I moved to The Villages in 2013 and belong to the VAA and VAL, thanks to my sister Milly and I love it.

Being retired has given me more time to create my artwork.



Sunshine Report by Charlene Sasto

Get Well cards were sent to Carrie Anderson and Judy Roach for Covid.

Get Well cards were sent to Lisa Melcher and Leda Rabenold for surgeries.

A Sympathy card was sent to Bev Hennessy for the passing of her husband.



Colleen Sova, February
Artist of the Month



Gerry Geistler, February
Program Presenter

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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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NOTE!

Art League Places to Exhibit in 2025

- ◆ **Eisenhower Art Exhibit** in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is judged and ribbons awarded. Exhibit dates for are: Jan. 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, Sept. 8, Nov. 10.
- ◆ **La Galleria** at La Hacienda Rec Center, the Masters Exhibit dates: Sept. 13 through Dec. 13.
- ◆ **Summer Art Festival** on July 12 at Lake Miona Rec Center. The **Fall Art Showcase** on October 25 at Eisenhower Rec Center. VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.