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DPAL Newsletter

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Newsletter articles and pieces are due to Valerie by the 15th of the month. Typed pieces are preferred via e-mail, on disk, faxed or put in the Newsletter drawer at the league. Please put submissions on *full* pieces of paper so they don't get lost! Thanks.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Welcome back to a new year of classes. We plan to make your classroom experience even better by making some physical improvements. Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers, we have painted both classrooms, and some shelving and dividers in the back room. We are grateful to Kay Wahlgren, Chris Easey, Nancy Tait, Sue Dix and Debbie Kolze for all their efforts. We also have a new and faster printer at the desk for our use.

Our next objective is to paint the classroom floors. The large classroom will be done by the time you read this, and hopefully the small classroom will not be far behind in receiving a fresh coat of paint. We appreciate the cooperation of the teachers and staff as we work around their schedules.

In reviewing our financial report this month, it was brought to our attention by our treasurer that our costs for heating and air conditioning have doubled from last year. For example, we had a \$900 air conditioning bill for one month this summer. To keep costs down we'd like to remind everyone to use the fans for air circulation in warm weather, and check with the front desk and have them make any changes to the settings. Also, keep outside doors closed unless you are sure nothing is running.

We have received several requests for donations of artwork for charitable causes. Our supply is running rather low and we'd like anything we offer to represent us well. If you have any art that you would like to add to our collection, please bring it into the league as soon as possible. We have a receipt at the desk for you to use for donated items.

Finally, a thought to ponder, "Art washes from the soul the dust of every day life."
– Pablo Picasso

Upcoming Calendar

October 1-2	Pickup for <i>Artist's Choice</i> Dropoff for <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>
Nov. 5-6	Pickup for <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>
Nov. 5-8	Dropoff for <i>Yuletide Treasures</i>

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

September Award Winners... "Artist's Choice"

Best of Show

Zaki Knapen, "If It Was True," Mixed Media

Special Merit Awards

Jay Davis, "Chopper," Acrylic

Joan Kalmanek, "Unfolding," Photo

Kip Pasta, "Artist's Choice," Wood Sculpture

Merit Awards

Tania Blanco, "Serendipity," Collage

Angelo Campagnolo, "American Bison," Acrylic

Mary Kent Goebel, "Hollyhocks," Oil

Carol Gorman, "My Choice," Oil Pastel

Marge Hall, "Round Yellow Double Tulip," Oil

Leon Krejci, "Beethoven," Oil

Annette Perone Leiber, "A Vein Runs Through It,"

Mixed Media

Corazon Pagnani, "Portrait #3," Pastel

Marilyn Peretti, "Beauty in Death," Watercolor Collage

George Reuss, "Water Lily Pond," Photo

Peggy Schuda, "Circle of Life," Pastel Watercolor

Gaylord Walter, "Rapture," Colored Pencil

Judge

Madeline Rowe, Naperville. Paintings, drawings, poetry, wood, basketry, fine art gourds, hand made paper books. B.A. Art Education, School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Art teacher, freelance artist, participant in art fairs and exhibits. Designed and painted Naperville Park District's "Activity Mobile" touring van.

Gentle Reminders

by Berny Maolvany

If you help out as a staffer behind the desk, please remember to record **all** sales in the cash book (credit card, cash or check payments). With the upcoming Christmas season, and hopefully a busy sales time for Collectors Corner and the Galleries, we want all artists to get paid for the beautiful work they've created and sold. It's very difficult to track a sale when it is not recorded.

When a class fee has to be refunded to a student due to cancellation, please put the check request for the refund in **Barbara Rothman's drawer**, as she does the research on the payment and the refund. If it doesn't go through her first, the refund will be delayed. Bless you Barb for handling that difficult job.

We always can use a few more helpers to clean coffee pots when they are used. If you see that the coffee/tea bar needs tidying up, please feel free to pitch in.

We also need a few more substitutes at the front desk. John Cather is still looking for a helper for scheduling – mostly for contacting volunteers when one of the staffers needs a day off. Please call John at 630.469.7620 if you can help out.

We'll have a new printer/copier at the front desk to be used for copying by teachers and students. If you have to make more than a few copies, please use the large heavy-duty copy machine in the back room. We get the ink for that machine included in a service agreement.

That's all for this month.

Attention...

Michael Dobosiewicz is interested in Mary Alice Ried's work. If anyone has any, or would like to sell a piece, please call Michael at 773.704.9975.



"If It Was True" by Zaki Knapen

Upcoming Competitions & Juried Contests

34th Annual Danada Nature Art Show – 2008
Oct. 10-12 during the annual Danada Fall Festival
Danada House at the Danada Forest Preserve
3S501 Naperville Road (Wheaton, IL)
Drop-Off Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2008

34th Annual Danada Nature Photo Show
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R U Evolved? –Artists Reflect on Darwin @ 200
January 11-February 27, 2009
Call for artists – A Shenere Velt Gallery (Los Angeles, CA)
Email contact: gallery@circlesocal.org
Website: www.circlesocal.org
Entry Deadline: Oct. 24, 2008

Anderson Arts Center – Winter Juried Exhibition
November 2, 2008-January 4, 2009 (Kenosha, WI)
Dropoff art work: Oct. 11 & 12
Call for jury results: Oct 17
Pick up declined work: Oct 19-21
Website: www.andersonartscenter.com

14th Annual Cray-Pas Wonderful, Colorful World
Contest 2009
Grades K-1-2, 3-4-5, 6-7-8
Art teacher information required on entry form
Entry Deadline: Dec. 12, 2008

Please check the bulletin board in the coffee room for more details on the above juried shows. The metal bins, located next to the refrigerator in the back room, contain brochures on schools and workshops, newsletters and art magazines, and shows whose entry deadlines have passed. Take a look!

Board Notes

- The Treasurer reported that we have large heating, air conditioning, and electric bills. We should try to lower these if possible. No one should adjust the air conditioner.
- Some problems with refunds have occurred, and now a new procedure is in place to avoid future problems. All requested refunds must first go to Barbara Rothmans' drawer in the back room.
- The upstairs office has been cleaned and straightened. Old printers have been pitched or removed except for one heavy one. We need help to get it down the stairs.
- Work has begun on the Yuletide Treasurer's show. Things will be coming in soon, and the back room needs to be finished.
- In Gallery II there is a video for viewing some information about Vivian and her show. She also donated lots of art supplies which will be sold at DPAL in the future. Watch for announcements in the newsletter and classrooms.
- Chris Easey has written and illustrated a children's book about Thanksgiving. He has requested a book signing be held at the DPAL when the book is ready for distribution.
- Dale Dunteman has completed work on painting the back room and classrooms. He has adjusted the lighting in the back room. He is still working on projects for snow removal, roof repair, putting a handle on the rear door of the large classroom, furnace room door lock, and coat hooks in the large classroom. The cleaning service will be cleaning the classroom sinks once a month. The floor in the large classroom will be redone.
- A donation form for tax purposes has been printed. We may need a contact person to handle all donations. No one at the front desk should accept or reject donations.
- There are new additions to the DPAL library. Check them out!

Art Quotes

On the floor I am more at ease. I feel nearer, more a part of the painting, since this way I can walk around it, work from the four sides and literally be in the painting.

– Jackson Pollack

When I work, I work very fast, but preparing to work can take any length of time.

– Alice Neel

They thought I was a Surrealist, but I wasn't. I never painted dreams. I painted my own reality.

– Frida Kahlo

Artists today think of everything they do as a work of art. It is important to forget about what you are doing.. then a work of art may happen.

– Andrew Wyeth

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Nancy Tait** will demonstrate her craft as part of the "Green Art Spree" on October 15 and 16 at The James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. The Art Spree is presented by the Illinois Artisans Program of which Nancy is a member. The show is open to the public, and works will be for sale.
- **Dee Leppin's** pastel painting, "Evening Light," has been accepted in the show "Landscapes: Real and Imagined" being held at the Mc Cord Gallery and Cultural Center, Palos Park, September 24 to November 8. Also, Dee is participating in Hinsdale Center for the Arts "Adornments on Washington," a holiday exhibition and sale at 48 S. Washington, Hinsdale from September 22 to December 17.
- **Valerie Lorimer** received a Merit Award for "Freedom" in the July show of the Naperville Art League and a Merit Award for "Surviving Motherhood" in the August Naperville Art League show.
- **Toni Fogarty** had two paintings accepted in the "About Face" show at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum on display until Sat., Oct. 18 (108 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, 630.539.3096).
- **Pam Lowrie** received an Honorable Mention Award for her painting, "Ghost Trees."

Papermaking Supplies for Sale

- Large plastic mixing vat (34" x 22" x 8")
- Large metal baking sheet (26" x 18")
- Moulds and Deckle Sets that make paper sheets:
 - 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"
 - 8 1/2" x 11"
 - 9 1/4" x 9 1/4"
- Chinese molds (9" x 9" and 13" x 12")
- 20 white sheets to lay pulp on
- felts for pulp (10)

The entire set for \$50 or for individual items, please call. Anyone interested can call Nancy Abel at 630.357.7149, and I can drop the supplies off at the DPAL.

Monday Night Program

Monday, October 20, 2008

Karen Wilden – "Watercolor on Canvas"

Karen Wilden is an artist with a MBA who left a career in Information Technology for a profession in decorative wall painting. She has a Botanical Art Certificate from the Morton Arboretum and is currently studying under Alain Gavin (Evanston, IL). Karen is a member of the Arboretum's Nature Artists Guild, the DuPage Art League, and the Transparent Watercolor Society.

Karen states, "I love nature and all of its wonders which are a constant source of inspiration for me. My paintings are primarily watercolor landscapes. The play of intense morning and afternoon light on nature's forms is particularly fascinating to me, and strong value contrasts that emphasize light are frequently present in my work."

Karen also enjoys painting skyscapes and old world scenes. In her presentation, Karen demonstrates the challenging process of painting watercolor on canvas in the creation of her lovely light-filled works of art. Come for refreshments at 7 p.m. and Karen's program from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Attention all Bargain Hunters

The DPAL is holding a special one time only sale of new and gently used art supplies from October 6 to 18, 2008. Most of the supplies are from the estate of Vivian Chevillon. There are paints, brushes, paper, metal frame sections with hardware, portfolios, storage containers, etc.

We are holding this sale to make a little money for the league and to give our students and members some great bargains.

Shop early...shop often!



Shifting Into Top Gear...for Yuletide Treasures!

Yvonne Thompson • 630.966.9616

Well, it's this time of year again! I am switching my Collector's Corner hat for the Yuletide Treasures one, as we gear up for our wonderful holiday show. Every year I try to make the whole experience better for both members and customers. This year is no exception.

The sign-in sheets are ready at the front desk. This year the guidelines are printed on the back of the sheet to help you. I know it is a challenging year for business, so we have to do everything we can to maximize sales. Every entrant is allowed to bring in a small quantity of business cards (no more than 12 please). Often when sales are made, our customers want to know more about the artist. Adding a business card to the purchase helps with repeat sales.

For those of you who do not have business cards, do not feel left out! I am making special small cards this year which can accompany purchases and show that the item was purchased at the DuPage Art League. Of course, the best way to make sure the recipient knows who made the piece is for you to attach small information tag. Please note, I say **small!** They need to be smaller than the actual piece and no larger than half a business card. They also have to be attached to the piece..... no free standing display boards or cards, unless we approve them **first**. If you need guidance with this, call me.

Please make sure you write the code and price on your labels **clearly**. Members' payments are often delayed because I have to decipher codes on sales receipts. Also, make sure your labels are **firmly** affixed to your piece. Those of you who produce textile art (scarves, pillows, place mats, etc.) please note – This year you must use a white strung tag on your work. If necessary, use a small safety pin to attach the tag. Last year I had a horrendous time! Those sticky tags were constantly falling off.

When you exhibit in Yuletide Treasures you are **required** to volunteer for four hours in some capacity. This is on top of the four hours you are obliged to work every year. If you wish you may work eight hours during this show and fulfill your total obligation. There are many areas where you are needed. I am sure we can find you something you'll enjoy. Staffing the front desk is needed the most. If we have no front desk staff we have no sales. As a "greenhorn" you'll never be there without an experienced staffer, and if time permits, we may even be able to set you up with a "Front Desk 101" lesson! Being at the front desk really gives you an idea who our customers are. Of course, if you are staffing, you are welcome promote yourself and your artwork! We also need a lot of help in setting up and breaking down the show, not to mention, office duties, refreshments, and cleaning. There is a clipboard at the front desk. Please sign up and save me calling you...we all have to do our share to make this show a success.

I have to thank everyone who told me how grateful they were for all the hard work the Yuletide Treasures committee and volunteers did last year. Everyone was especially happy to find all their unsold stock already packaged in boxes for them on collection day! I love being part of the driving force behind this show, but it is a **lot** of work. Please make sure you get your work there on the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th of November. Remember also to pick up your unsold items promptly on the 7th and 8th of January.



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www.dupageartleague.org
This newsletter, archives and class schedules are downloadable in PDF file format at this site.

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Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are on the **third Monday of each month (from September through April). Social hour is 7 p.m. and programs start at 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars and come!

You're Invited!

DuPage Art League members Yvonne Thompson and Valerie Lorimer, and Naperville artists Debbie Egizio, are having a home show. We'd love to have you join us for some friendly chatter, refreshments and great art!

Friday, October 24 • 11 am to 2 pm
Saturday, October 25 • 10 am to 2 pm
1552 Killdeer Drive in Naperville

Questions? Email vlorimer@yahoo.com



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