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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.

Upcoming Calendar

July 30-31	Pickup for <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> Dropoff for <i>For Everything There Is a Season</i>
September 3-4	Pickup for <i>For Everything There Is a Season</i> Dropoff for <i>Artist's Choice</i>

President's Letter

Dear Members,

We will soon be seeing some changes to the organization of the back room of our building. A committee of board members, teachers, and Yvonne Thompson, who is in charge of Collector's Corner, met to develop a plan we hope satisfies all who use the space. One of the pluses will be a larger area for hospitality to set up for events. Please give yourself time to get used to finding things in a new place once it's finished.

We recently held a reception for high school artists which was well attended by teachers, parents and grandparents. Each student was given a one year membership to the League in honor of their achievements. Their work, which is part of June's exhibit, is very impressive. Thanks to Cora Chin and her committee for their dedication to this annual event in support of young local talent. The show keeps getting better and better.

Are you ready to try something new? Here's an invitation. We are very much in need of staffing help at the front desk for mornings or afternoons. Carol Kincaid will soon be training people. It's a great way to help the League and keep expenses down. Call Carol at 630.682.0107 if you'd like more information.

Have a great start to the summer. See you in class.

Tanya Berley

Local Artist Wins Best of Best 2008

Local artist, Gaylord Walter, won Best of Show 2008 at the Alliance of Fine Art's Best of the Best Art Show. In total, 98 artists participated with 111 entries. Mr. Walter's entry, "Expressions II" had previously won Best of Show at the DuPage Art League. The pencil drawing takes a closer look at the facial aspects of the artist through a series of self portraits. If you'd like to see more of his artwork, please visit his website at www.GaylordsGallery.com.



June Award Winners... "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Best of Show

Sharon Guest, "I'll Play Next Year," Oil

Special Merit Awards

Carole Berg, "Champagne Nights," Ink
William Black, "Take Me Out to the CUBS Game," Photo
Julie Luedtke, "Sun Blocked," Watercolor

Merit Awards

Daniel Czubak, "Going, Going, Gone," Photo
Jay Davis, "Street Dance at Wrigley - Cubs Win," Acrylic
Hedy Dawson, "Balls in the Park," Acrylic
Mary Kent Goebel, "Run!," Oil
Jane Hennessy, "Go Cubs Go," Watercolor
Annette Perone Leiber, "Summer Fun," Clay
Nancy McGuire, "Baseball Boogie Woogie," Acrylic
Maureen McKee, "Lawry Woods: From the Grn to the Woods," Monotype
Tammy Miller, "Old Friends," Graphite
Kip Pasta, "Fire House at Wrigley Field," Wood Sculpture
Yvonne Thompson, "After a Game of Ball," Photo
Pat Zumach, "Go Cubs Go," Mixed Media

Judge

Robert J. Krajecki, Elburn. Watercolor, oil, gouache and egg tempera painter. Fine Art degree from American Academy of Art. Past vice-president of Downers Grove Art League. Teacher for 28 years and Chairman of Fundamentals Department at American Academy of Art. Teacher at Kaneville Community Center and Palette and Chisel Academy in Chicago.



"I'll Play Next Year" by Sharon Guest

Many Volunteers Needed

The DPAL will again be helping to staff the Wheaton Fine Arts Fair with volunteers. The fair opens Friday, July 18 with an evening preview and gala, and runs through Sunday, July 20, ending in the late afternoon.

The volunteer shifts will be shorter this year (around 2 hours), although volunteers are welcome to work as many hours and shifts as they feel comfortable doing. Some jobs require some physical labor such as fetching ice and bottled water, and helping disabled artists set-up and breakdown their exhibits. Other jobs require some amount of walking around and/or standing, and some jobs just require sitting in the shade.

The DPAL will be doing a special "Kid's Drop-in Art" activity the afternoon of Monday, July 14. Kids with their parent(s) can "drop in" to the league, do some art, and see it exhibited at the Wheaton Fine Arts Fair in the DPAL tent, just like "the grown-ups." Marilyn Dwyer has volunteered to oversee this activity and she is looking for some help to keep things running smoothly, and to prepare and exhibit the kid's work at the fair itself.

We also need help manning the DPAL booth. Contact LWilliamBlack@aol.com if you can help!

There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk. Include your preference and availability (i.e. what days and times) and you will be contacted to firm things up. Or, call or e-mail Jay Davis (630.682.7796 or jaysdavis@aol.com)

This is a great opportunity to promote the DuPage Art League, meet and work with some of your fellow members, and just plain have fun.

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Valerie Lorimer** received an Honorable Mention in the Alliance of Fine Art's "Best of the Best Show" for her piece *The Witch Wore Hightops*.
- **Maureen McKee** was the recipient of the "Best Painting" award at the St. Charles Fine Art Show on Memorial Day Weekend.
- Art league member **Toni Fogarty** took 1st place at the Bloomingdale members show. Also, fellow member **Diane Duffy** took 2nd place.

Special Classes Offered This Summer

We're heading into what's known as the "Dog Days of Summer," and it's the perfect time to join art league friends in learning new skills and expanding your artistic horizons.

Learn to paint beautiful flower portraits in watercolor with Maritza Bermudez. Learn to combine composition, washes, color mixing, wet into wet and how to capture light. Her August class meets on Tuesday afternoons. Maritza's work is currently in the window and can also be seen at www.maritzabermudez.com.

Marilyn Dale is a master of pastels. Learn about color, color, color and about underpainting, layering, blending, supports and more on Friday mornings in August. To see Marilyn's work go to www.marilyndale.com.

Jacque France is offering oil painters and outdoor painting opportunity in August. Plein Air Painting meets on three Wednesday afternoons. To see her work go to www.jacquefrance.com.

Pam Cather Keller is offering Beginning Watercolor on Thursday afternoons in August, and Kay Wahlgren's class is on Monday mornings in both July and August. Two opportunities for beginners to learn to master this challenging medium.

Interested in contemporary techniques in acrylics? We are fortunate to have Annette Leiber teaching Creative Acrylic Painting on Thursday mornings in August. Annette's work has won numerous awards and is in many local collections. Annette will help you take your art to the next level.

Robert Pennor focuses on landscapes in his class Oils & Acrylics, Landscapes on Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday evenings in both July and August. His work may be viewed at www.robertpennorgallery.com.

Wayne Atkinson makes it easy for beginners to complete beautiful paintings right away in his watercolor class. A long-time art league favorite, Wayne might also tell you a joke or two along the way. His July class meets on Thursday mornings.

Myrle Howell is offering a drawing class How to Draw a Face and Get a Likeness and a class in Painting Techniques for oil or watercolor painters. Graphite pencil may also be used. Myrle won "Paint DuPage" last year, the art league's first major prize competition. Classes in July and August.

Favorite teachers Marge Hall, Ellen Rottsolk, Karen Kornichuk and Anne Fines are also offering July and August classes which are filling fast! So, check the listings in the summer schedule and sign up right away to guarantee a spot.

Board Notes

- A check for \$10,000 was given to the DPAL from the estate of Vivian "Chevy" Chevillian.
- Carol Kincaid will be holding training sessions for new staff workers at the front desk. There will be one night and one day session. Remember, the annual meeting is at Carol's home on June 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. Scholarship slips are in the front desk file drawer and applicants should return them one week before classes begin.
- Vicki Hollingsworth suggested that the league should consider delivery of the newsletter by e-mail. Members could be given a choice of getting the newsletter by post or e-mail. Staffers could begin collecting e-mail addresses.
- More volunteers are needed to work at the front desk. Also, John Cather needs a partner for scheduling volunteers during the month. If you can volunteer, the league would be most grateful. Call John or Tanya.
- A missing basket for the coffee pot has been purchased!
- Fifteen points are needed to exhibit your paintings or work in Gallery II. Some of those who qualify are not returning Jan Dunteman's phone calls and thus may miss out on being in Gallery II this coming year. She needs this information by July 1 so it can go into the Activity Book. So, please return Jan's phone calls if you have a message from her on your answering machine.
- The subject came up again about exhibiting in Gallery I and if we are consistent in our qualifications. The board feels if we are not consistent it is only because someone did not catch the error. Only original paintings or paintings from your own photos are allowed. Copies of other works or other people's photos are not allowed. Also, either the picture or the title must follow the monthly theme. Be creative!
- Allen Baldwin from Young Rembrandts Program was a guest speaker at the board meeting. He discussed his program and asked the board to consider having such a program at the DPAL. The board decided to think about it and make a decision at the next meeting.
- Plan 3 was presented to the board for approval in changing the back room. The committee met two times and were well represented by those who use this area. This will require a wall be changed. Kay Wahlgren will be in charge of construction.
- Kay is also continuing to pursue taking credit card transactions over the phone.
- July 14 is the date for drop-in children's painting at the DPAL. All supplies are furnished. A flyer will be handed out in the children's classes making them aware of this opportunity. Volunteers are needed to work at the Wheaton Art Fair Booth and also to do demos. Call Bill Black if you are interested.
- Cora Chin chairs the committee on High School Achievement awards. Their reception was the evening of June 11. Four high school teachers attended and gave out the awards to their own students. Winners receive a one year membership in the DPAL.

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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!

Christmas...Has Yvonne Lost Her Mind?

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I know my sanity is often questionable, but really it is *never* too early to start thinking about our Yuletide Treasures show, especially when this time of year seems to have us all inspired. Also, there are so many places with reasonably priced frames on sale just begging to be filled with your artwork!

Many of our customers buy many items at Christmas that could be described as "nonseasonal." I've said before, not many people want a winter scene on their walls 365 days of the year – unless you live in Colorado! So, while you are painting and creating this summer, think of affordable pieces that many be suitable for the Christmas show. Think of how much you spend on gifts for friends and family and see if you can produce a few pieces in that price bracket.

Also, think presentation. If you have ever worked the front desk, especially over Christmas time, you know we have many people who do similar things – ornaments, textile art and pottery to name a few. Think about having a small tag securely attached to your work that tells the customer a bit about your product and you, the artist! Remember, many of this items will be given as gifts. What a wonderful way to make sure the receiver of the gift know who made it! Many times this will make you extra sales. You can always call me if you need my help with this.

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