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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

September 3-4	Pickup for <i>For Everything There Is a Season</i> Dropoff for <i>Artist's Choice</i>
October 1-2	Pickup for <i>Artist's Choice</i> Dropoff for <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>

President's Letter

Dear Members,

We're looking forward to a new class year and a fresh look in the galleries and classrooms. Carpeting will be cleaned and classrooms painted at the beginning of September.

Can you help us on Wednesday, September 3 or Thursday, September 4 anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.? We will be painting the classrooms. This is a good chance to donate some work hours and help the league. Even a few hours would be appreciated. Bring a pan and roller handle if you have them. Lunch will be provided.

It's also time to renew your annual dues. But before you do, have you ever considered becoming a life member of the League? For a one time donation of \$350 you can be assured of continuing to receive member discounts, mailings and the opportunity to enter your work in our monthly shows without having to wonder if you're up to date.

Planters Palette is inviting all artists to take part in their Fall Gardening Festival on September 6, 7, 13 and 14. You may exhibit and sell your work at no cost. They would also like artists to do plein air painting or demos. Call Jane at 630.293.1040, ext. 104 or 847.669.9372 for more information. They are located on the south side of Roosevelt Road west of Winfield Road.

Finally, you may now use your credit card over the phone to sign up for a class, workshop or renew your membership. We hope that will save you a trip and be more convenient.

See you in class.

Tanya Berley

It's that time again! Renew today!

That's right...it's time to renew your DuPage Art League membership! Stop in to the league and renew at the desk or simplify your life and renew online at www.dupageartleague.org. For information on how to renew online, see the Collector's Corner article on page 2.

August Award Winners... "For Everything There is a Season"

Best of Show

Frank Connolly, "Heartland in the Fall," Watercolor

Special Merit Awards

Maritza Bermudez, "Rainy Season," Watercolor

Eve Sofferman, "Summer Sunset," Oil Pastel

Gene Vitale, "Les Fevilles Mortes," Mixed Media

Merit Awards

Bill Baykan, "Twilight," Watercolor

Anita Brechtel, "Summer Storm," Watercolor

Joe Eddy Brown, "Spare Chains," Found-Object Sculpture

John Cather, "Autumn Loons," Watercolor

Carol Gorman, "A Silent Moment," Oil Pastel

Bob Kwas, "Cocoon," Acrylic

Judith Laczko, "Summer Vineyard," Pastel

Kerry Leibowitz, "Autumn Dawn on Council Lake," Photo

Valerie Lorimer, "Peaceful Coexistence," Mixed Media

Mary Jane Ludovice, "Spring," Pastel

Suzanne Massion, "October Savannah," Oil

Yvonne Thompson, "A Very Spicy Dish," Glass

Judge

Phyllis DeSio, Westmont. Award-winning artist in acrylic and colored pencil. Studied at Ray Vogue School of Design and with prominent artist Joe Bemi. Her philosophy is "paint what you love." Phyllis is popular for her demonstrations, workshops and classes. She has been accepted into the highly prestigious Colored Pencil Society International Show. She has exhibited in the Oak Brook Art Fair, Art in the Barn in Barrington, The Norris Gallery in St. Charles, Studio Gallery in Long Grove, LaGrange Art League and numerous other venues. Her work has been published in three art instruction books.



"Heartland in the Fall" by Frank Connolly

Collectors Corner

Yvonne Thompson • 630.966.9616

All Collectors Corner exhibitors need to remember pay their dues this month. September 1 is the start of our new membership year. If you have not paid by October 1, you stand the chance that your artwork maybe removed from the sales area. Those of you with internet access may renew online by credit card. Go to www.dupageartleague.org and click on the rose colored oval that says "Join Us." This will take you to another page, and look for the third paragraph which says "If you are a current DPAL member you may pay your dues online with a credit card here." Click on the link and follow the simple instructions and renew your membership – just don't renew before September 1 or the computer will not list you correctly.

Also, make sure you are at least thinking of what you would like to make for Yuletide Treasures. Sign-in sheets will be available next month (October) at the front desk along with entry guidelines.

Enjoy the last few days of summer!

FYI – Attention Coffee & Tea Drinkers

by Berny Malovany

We now have a new 12-cup coffee pot and a hot water pot for tea in our "kitchen." Feel free to use them! The big coffee pots can be used for days when classes are full or when we have activities going on, such as entry and hanging days. Teachers can remind their students that they are welcome to make coffee and to note the "donation" jar near the sugar and creamer supplies.

Carol Kincaid has completed training with several of our new staffer volunteers. She has a few more to train, and we want to thank our new volunteers for offering their services. With Yuletide Treasures coming up, we are hoping for a two-person staff schedule, so if you are still "thinking" about volunteering, please do so. We can use (male or female) weekly, monthly or fill-in volunteers for the desk.

In addition, John Cather can use someone to work with him on scheduling. No need to come into the art league on a regular basis; just be available to help him set up a schedule, when he needs assistance, by calling volunteers.

Please call John Cather at 630.469.7620 or Carol Kincaid at 630.790.2784 to sign up.

Upcoming Competitions & Juried Contests

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

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!

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Yvonne Thompson** received an Honorable Mention at the recent Alliance of Fine Art's Best of the Best Show. This piece, which was also exhibited in the Gallery II show, was sold.
- **Lyn Tietz** was featured in a month-long show at the LaGrange Art League.
- **Glory "Fraulein" Wolfe's** piece "Healing and Restoration" was juried into the Alliance of Fine Art's "Restoration" show.
- **Valerie Lorimer's** piece, "Revival," was juried into the Alliance of Fine Art's "Restoration" show. She will also be a featured artist in the *Women in the Arts – A Celebration!* exhibit at the Effé Leven Gallery (213 W. Institute Place, Chicago) during the month of September.
- **Peter Young's** photograph, "Caught in the Act," has been accepted into the "Art and the Written Word" exhibit at The Northbrook Public Library's show, "Caught in the Act." The show runs from October 3-31 with a reception from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on October 3 at the library (1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook).
- **Donna Janec Karambelas** had two watercolors juried into the "Restoration" exhibit at the Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook.

Board Notes

- Treasurer Penny Linneweh reported no surprises and nothing unusual. Profits from workshops were up and from classes are down a little.
- Bill Black reported we had two press releases: one for fall workshops and one for two new teachers (Gordon France and Gary Wick). Over 50 students and parents attended the drop-in art day. Thanks to all who participated and made this a successful day. At the Wheaton Art Fair many people stopped to view the children's work in the DPAL tent.
- League members are invited to Planter's Palette Garden Festival to paint their gardens on Sept. 6-7 and/or Sept. 13-14. Hours are: Sat., 8 a.m to 6 p.m. and Sun., 9 am to 6 p.m. Artists may exhibit and sell their work as well. If a member wishes to participate, please call 630.293.1040, ext. 2 and ask for Diana Stal.
- A new coffee pot and tea pot were purchased recently. Now smaller pots of coffee are available for classes.
- September 15 is the first meeting of the year with Suzanne Massion doing a demonstration. She will work on a new sturdy demonstration table made by Kay Wahlgren.
- We have a new exhibit place called Pina's Culinary Experience in Roselle. They have an 18 foot wide wall space. Call Doris Bettin if you want to show your work.
- Vicky stated that the Activities Book is finished and has been mailed out to all members. Please pay your dues by October, 08 as your name will be taken off the mailing list in November if not paid.
- Construction in the back room is completed except for painting and the next project is painting the floor and walls.
- Diana Mitchell said the new fall schedule is out. There are two new teachers for pastel and watercolor. A request was made for a person (monitor) to take charge when we have workshops. They would set up and take down, introduce the artist for the workshop, give suggestions for lunch restaurants, explain where the bathrooms are located as well as the coffee pot, and do any other tasks needed. Diana and Kelly were given discretion to choose someone signed up for the workshop that is a member of the league to be a monitor.
- The carpeting will be cleaned in September along with painting the classrooms and cement flooring. Volunteer are needed to help on Sept. 12, 13 and 14. Gallery walls will be painted when new carpeting is installed at a later date. Please note that the league only does business with Copycat for the toner and supplies for our copier.

Our Condolences

Sam Sandeford, a nurse at the VA Hospital, passed away in April from a rare brain disease.

Paint Your Own Cards This Christmas Season

It's one of those things you've always meant to do. Instead, when you get busy, you end up buying some ready-made cards at the last minute that you don't really like.

This year you have no excuse. Wayne Atkinson is offering a workshop entitled "Paint Your Own Christmas Cards" on Sat. & Sun., November 8 and 9. The fee is \$40 per day and you may take one or both days. Line drawings of each subject will be furnished to each participant. A poster will be placed in the front window showing examples of the card designs. A supply list will be given to each person when they sign up at the front desk.

Send out a card that's really personal this year. Wayne guarantees that anyone can be successful. Your friends and relatives will be so impressed!

Art Chuckles

by Suzanne Poursine Massion

Here are some random funnies from the world of art. Where possible, I'll name my sources; otherwise, I'm sworn to secrecy.

Which painting in the National Gallery would I save if there was a fire? The one nearest the door, of course.

– Attributed to George Bernard Shaw

“There is only one difference between a madman and me. I am not mad.”

– Salvador Dali

An elderly woman decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, “Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, diamond bracelets, and a diamond Rolex.” The artist, “but you are not wearing any of those things.” The woman, “I know. It's in case I die before my husband. I'm sure he will marry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for all the jewelry.” And then the artist says, “In case your husband dies before you, does this mean your new husband would go crazy hunting for all the jewelry?”

Monday Night Program

Monday, September 15, 2008

Suzanne Poursine Massion – “Painting the Heartland”



We begin a new fall season of programs with landscape artist Suzanne Poursine Massion. Please come for a unique demonstration of Plein Air Painting Techniques. Suzanne says, “I'm going to promote plein air painting, show what works for me, give reasons why you should, and encourage everyone to go outside and

do it! I have hand-outs, some freebie samples, and discount coupons for all who attend.”

Suzanne has been a member of the DuPage Art League since 1991 and has had three one woman shows in Gallery II. She is a juried member of Oil Painters of America and The Illinois Artisans Program. Her gallery affiliation is with ONE Fine Art Gallery in Geneva, Illinois. Suzanne's landscape oils are in private, corporate, and public collections from Alaska to North Carolina and from Texas to Connecticut. Visit her website www.spmassion.com and see a body of work called Images of the Heartland. The heart and soul of an artist in love with the land is there to discover.

Suzanne says, “I paint the prairies, farmland, open spaces, and forests of my adopted mid-western home, because they are quickly disappearing under asphalt and roof tops. A tall grass prairie, a golden field of ripening soy beans, two hundred acres of field corn, tasseled out and blowing in the wind, were the recent past's breath-taking sights. The bulldozer is leveling some of the gently rolling hills, digging man-made lakes, and permanently altering the land. Familiar landmarks are gone forever. I paint to give these beautiful spaces a second life. Art collectors tell me they are not just purchasing a painting, but acquiring a window into a vanishing world, a view to the outdoors, where fields of grasses wave in the breeze, or a small hidden pond quietly reflects the color of the trees that grow on its shores. Maybe it's the cool shade of an oak-hickory woods that beckons you to rest a while, or a winding lane that invites you to take a stroll and discover a secret destination. These things are at the center of why I paint. I love to hear what inspires my fellow artists, and comments are always welcome during my demos. I look forward to that on Monday night while I paint.”

Please come for refreshments at 7 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m.

Myths About Creativity

Graciously shared by Tina Sue Norris

- Only a talented few are creative.
- True original art is done freehand from the artist's memory.
- You have to be inspired or in the right mood to create.
- You must have an art education or work at an art related job to be considered creative.
- You need a lot of expensive art materials to create.
- You must have an equipped studio to create really good art.
- You must always do something new to be original and creative.

Inspirational Quotes & Statements

- Don't aim for success if you want it. Just do what you love and believe in and success will come naturally. Never become an expert, it leaves no room to learn something new.
- The key is doing it - The talent is patience.
- People who want to be creative, who deeply value such a characteristic in themselves, are more likely to make themselves creative and keep themselves that way, creativity is what we do with our abilities. – D.N. Perkins
- Creativity is a celebrations of life. – Joseph Zinker
- Drawing helps you to see and seeing helps you draw.
- I have learned that what I have not drawn I have never really seen, and that when I start drawing an ordinary thing, I realize how extraordinary it is. – Fredrick Franch
- Never, never compare yourself to anyone but yourself.
- Art doesn't just happen, You make it happen. – Nita Leland
- In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts. – Emerson
- I don't see why we ever think of what others think of what we do - no matter who they are. Isn't it enough just to express yourself? – Georgia O'Keeffe
- As teachers, we try to participate in the process of empowering people to be the artist they really are. – Corita Kent
- When your life itself becomes the subject matter of the creative process, a very different experience of life opens to you. – R. Fritz

Source: www.teras-wish.com

Northern Illinois Food Bank's "The Art of Giving"

Thursday, September 18, 2008 • 6:30-9 pm

at Cantigny Park Visitor's Center & Le Jardine
(1 S 151 Winfield Road, Wheaton)

Join us for an evening of delicious food provided by Cantigny, wine pairings donated by vintners, and fine art available for sale by local artists...all complimented by the beautiful backdrop of the Cantigny Park Gardens. Tickets are \$50 per person. Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib carving station, Italian cuisine and seafood stations with wine pairings. Live music by *51 Strings*, a harp and cello duo will also be enjoyed. A cash bar will be available. Proceeds will benefit Northern Illinois Food Bank and the hungry served through its agency network. To reserve tickets or for more information, please call Northern Illinois Food Bank at 630.443.6910, ext. 25.

Northern Illinois Food Bank (www.northernilfoodbank.org) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and a member of America's Second Harvest. Through innovative Food Distribution and Youth Nutrition programs, the food bank provides over 22 million pounds annually to Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago Counties. Currently, more than 2,600 children are fed each day through the food bank's Summer Lunch Program and more than 40,600 different people receive food assistance through its network of 520 agencies weekly. "NIFB outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way" earning a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities (www.charitynavigator.org), for the fifth consecutive year.



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This newsletter, archives and class
schedules are downloadable in
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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!

Exhibits

by Jan Dunteman

By now everyone has received his/her activity book, and I hope you find the monthly themes for Gallery I inspiring and challenging. I chose the themes from lists that were submitted by six different members. Several ideas were submitted by more than one person. I thank them all for their contributions. Ideas that were not used will be saved for next year. Please mark your calendars for drop-off and pick-up dates. When holidays fall at the beginning or end of the month we have to make adjustments. With the success of last year's Yuletide Treasures we are continuing the two month program. We are always looking for volunteers, so please consider helping with Yuletide Treasures to fulfill **your four-hour obligation.**

I frequently get questions about Gallery II. George Reuss keeps a record of points earned at each monthly exhibit. After the judging of May's show, I receive the list of accumulated points. I start at the top of the list (most points). Some are not eligible because of the five year limit. Some members decline for health reasons. The list has to be completed/confirmed by July 1 so the activity book can be printed. Sometimes an artist withdraws at the last minute. Then I go into panic mode, take a deep breath and something wonderful happens. This year it was John Cather and the Geezers (sounds like a rocker group). John, Bob Kwas, Frank Connelly and Gene Vitale stepped up and presented a wonderful exhibit for August. I hope many of you got a chance to see it. September's show will be the Vivian Chevillon collection and October will be Bill Sahagian's acrylics. Please support your fellow artists.

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