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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,

Our winter classes start January 12! I hope one of your new year resolutions is to try something new artistically. We have returning, as well as new teachers, that we hope will entice you to sign up. Besides being inspired to create, they can help take your mind off the cold and chill. Keep in mind the Paint DuPage contest for February. Cash prizes will be awarded. If you know of anyone who would need a scholarship to take classes, please contact Carol Kincaid at 630.682.0107.

I received a note from Wayne Atkinson who informed us that he will no longer be able to take charge of replacing all kitchen and bath supplies for the league. He has been doing it for 30 years and is ready to pass the baton of service. Wayne, we owe you a deep debt of gratitude for all you've done for the league over all those years. Thank you so much. Fortunately, we already have a replacement. Yvonne Thompson will take on his responsibilities. She runs Collector's Corner as well!

Every organization needs people who will step up to the plate in times of need. We are lucky to have more than our share. In response to a note last month, Marilyn Peretti has agreed to be our representative to the Alliance of Fine Arts.

On a personal note, Wayne is the reason I became a member of the league. I had taken his beginner's class in watercolor through the Winfield Park District and discovered that he also taught at the league. I signed up and thoroughly enjoyed how he made classes low key with music, jokes and candy – as well as karate demonstrations if we cared to pursue that avenue. I enjoyed the results so much that I framed several pieces I painted and am still all these dozen years later proud of them.

One of our goals is to keep costs for running the league at a minimum. We are asking that you list your e-mail address with your membership information. Our hope is that in the near future we'll be able to e-mail the monthly newsletters to those who can use that form, thereby saving postage which is a large expense for us. Be assured that we will not share your e-mail addresses with any outside organizations. It is also a way to save on paper products and a greener approach to keeping you informed.

"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

– Aristotle

Upcoming Calendar

Jan. 7-8	Pickup for <i>Yuletide Treasures</i>
Jan. 7-8	Dropoff for <i>The Heat Is On!</i>
Feb. 4-5	Pickup for <i>The Heat Is On!</i>
Feb. 4-5	Dropoff for <i>Paint Wheaton</i>

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

Winding Up and Closing Down

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By the time you read this, Yuletide Treasures will be over for yet another year. However, as I type this, we still have over two weeks to go, so it is hard to say if business is as bad as the media would have us believe. All I know is that all the hard work is paying off and is reflected in the weekly sales figures. I'm not expecting a bumper year, but just being able to "keep your head above water" in these times is an accomplishment alone, and we seem to be doing that. Look for the final figure in upcoming newsletters.

I have repeatedly informed everyone on forms, letters, and in the newsletter, of the rules and guidelines for this show, but some members are still not following them. This will delay your work getting out on to the sales floor. I do try to call and let you know what needs to be corrected, but, with so many exhibitors, that can take two or three weeks. I am usually at the art league twice a week during Yuletide Treasures, totaling about 10 to 12 hours. I have gone home many times, my own artwork not displayed, because time ran out. All of us who do this work are volunteers (unpaid). I phone most exhibitors with problems from home, which takes additional hours. To ensure your work gets handled promptly, please make sure you do the following:

- **Only package in acetate bags.** We will not display any work in Ziplock bags.
- **Framed work must be wired for hanging.** We have very limited "standing" space. Most of that is reserved for our three dimensional artists. Framed work must hang on the wall.
- **Yuletide Treasures media labels should be on the back of all framed or portfolio art.**
- **Three letter codes and price must be on your artwork.** Please **do not** guess what your code is. When your work is sold the three letter code dictates who gets paid. If you use the wrong code someone else may get your check!
- **Make sure the price on your inventory sheet and price tag match.** Every item passes through the hands of the Inventory Team. We had to make several phone calls to ask "Which is the correct price?"

I will not lie. There were times I turned to my trusty team of elves and said, "Remind me again, why am I doing this?" But then one member would say, "Thank you for everything you have done for me" and that made it all worthwhile. Without the help of everyone involved this show would never even get off the drawing board. So many members helped out again and again and again! They did not count the hours they worked. They just saw they could help and were there. We all benefit from the generosity of their time and talent. Their willingness to do more than asked of them is the very foundation of the league. To paraphrase the famous words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, "Ask not what your art league can do for you, ask what you can do for your art league."

Collector's Corner

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Happy New Year! Let's start the year with new and exciting stock. If you have any work that has been in Collector's Corner longer than four months, it is time to change it out for **new**, not just repackaged work.

If you get a letter from us informing you have pieces to collect, please note the "Collect by" date. Any item left after that date become the property of the DuPage Art League.

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Doris Bettin** is currently exhibiting two pastel paintings in the Olde Courthouse Gallery in Yorkville. The Aurora Art League oversees this exhibit which runs through March 31, 2009. The Olde Courthouse Gallery is located at 110 W. Madison Street, Yorkville.
- **Nancy Tait's** artwork has been juried into The Norris Gallery's "transFORMATION exhibit." The show opens on Jan. 17 and runs through Feb. 28 with an artists' reception on Feb. 1.
- **Zaki Knapen** had a painting accepted at the Carnegie Hall in Pittsburg that will be on display until January 31. Another painting, "Bikekiting," was accepted in the Northwest Center Arlington Heights for "Life is a Journey" on display until January 30.
- **Gary Chipman** won the first place award for his watercolor, "Winter Fencencrows," in the professional division of the Between Fences Art Show, sponsored by the Byron Museum at Byron, IL. The show is being held in conjunction with a traveling exhibit of the same name from the Smithsonian Institution and runs through January 16, 2009.

Looking for Job...

Art league member, Natalie Totire, is looking for a job related to visual art in the Wheaton or DuPage County area. She has experience with airbrushing, caricature art, portrait painting, illustration, and computer design programs as well as teaching art classes.

If you know of anything, please call Natalie at 773.745.8480.

Board Notes

- The board decided to put the money received from Chev's estate, garage sale, and Gallery II sales into a restricted funds account to be used for property improvements.
- There were two applications for scholarships and both were approved.
- Wayne Atkinson is retiring after 30 years of being the person who purchased the league's dry goods. Thank you for all your years of service to DPAL. Yvonne has agreed to take over this job.
- The membership roster is going to print. We waited to print the directory because we wanted to get more names into the book. Postcards will go out to inactive members encouraging them to renew.
- A reception on Jan. 11 will be held for Chris Easy's work in Gallery II. There will be cash awards for "Paint Wheaton" in Gallery I for the month of February. The city of Wheaton will give one \$150 award and six awards of \$25 each. The mayor will do the judging for these awards and make presentations at the special reception for this show in February. Our regular monthly judging will also be done.
- Dale Dunteman, our buildings and grounds board member, hired a young man to shovel our sidewalks.
- Twenty-five people attended Monday night's meeting where the speaker gave away two center pieces. The next speaker on January 19 is on digital photography.
- Winter schedules are out. Gordon France, a pastel teacher at the league, is having knee surgery and has canceled his classes for the winter session.
- The league is investigating ways to lower our expenses. One way is to send the newsletter via e-mail. We are investigating this approach but need additional information.
- Marilyn Peretti has volunteered to be our representative for the Alliance for Fine Arts. Thanks, Marilyn!
- America Creates has asked to list the DPAL in their directory for no charge.
- North Central College is having an art conference for self-employed artists.

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming Competitions & Juried Contests

The 2009 art festivals listed below are handled by AMDUR Productions. Applications for all the festivals must be received by Jan. 12, 2009. Visit amdurproductions.com to apply online with digital images. Phone 847.926.4300 for information on submitting slides.

Jan. 23 - Latest date for late applications (\$25 fee)

Jan. 26 - Jury week for all festivals

Feb. 9 - Notifications & materials for all festivals sent out

Mar. 10 - Registration forms, fees and reservations must be received

Apr. 10 - Exhibitor information book & show postcards sent out for all festivals

Promenade of Art – Arlington Heights – May 30-31

Eastside Millennium Art Festival – June 5-7

Cantigny Fine Art Festival – June 20-21

Glencoe Festival of the Masters – June 27-28

Lincolnshire Art Festival – July 11-12

Buffalo Grove Invitational Fine Art Festival – July 18-19

North Shore Festival of Art – July 25-26

Gold Coast Art Fair – July 31, Aug 1-2

Art at the Glen Town Center – August 8-9

Port Clinton Art Festival – August 29-30

Joliet Starving Artists Festival – September 26-27

Highwood Last Call Art Fair – October 17-18

Art Chuckles

by Suzanne Poursine Massion

Thanks to Yvonne Thompson I found the following quips. They may bring a chuckle, a wry smile, or a scramble to do the math.

“Art is a kind of illness.”

– Giacomo Puccini

“Art disease is caused by a hardening of the categories.”

– Adina Rheinhardt

“Designers and freelance artists and editors can set their hourly rates by dividing their annual income needs by 1,000.”

– Mike Rider

"Paint Wheaton" in February has Extra Prize \$\$

Help our Hometown Celebrate it's 150th Birthday!

In addition to the normal ribbons, the art league's February show, "Paint Wheaton," features extra awards. The Wheaton Fine and Cultural Arts Commission is sponsoring several "Mayor's Choice" awards totaling \$300 in cash prizes to commemorate the city's sesquicentennial. Winners' work (subject to artist's approval) will be acknowledged and printed in note card sets to be sold to provide funds for the renovation of Martin Plaza (the fountain one block east of the League on Front Street).

The "Sesqui" theme is "Wheaton: Past, Present, and Future."

What is Wheaton to you? It is certainly more than landmarks, although it has a fair share of those. Like Chicago Golf Club, the oldest 18-hole golf course in the U.S. Or like the old train station and firehouse on Front Street. Like the new train station on Front Street. Like most buildings at Wheaton College.

- Speaking of Wheaton College, most of you know Billy Graham went there. But did you also know that CS Lewis's famous wardrobe (think "Narnia"), and his writing desk, as well as JRR Tolkien's writing desk, are on display at Wheaton College?
- Did you know that Wheaton was home to Edwin Hubble, astronomer (and namesake of Hubble Space Telescope)?
- Wheaton is the DuPage County seat and home to the annual DuPage County Fair.
- Red Grange, the "Wheaton Ice Man," grew up in Wheaton and played his first football at Wheaton High School.
- The Theosophical Society world headquarters is in Wheaton.
- Did you know that an electric train line that connected Aurora, Elgin, and Chicago once ran through Wheaton? It is now a biking and walking trail called the "Prairie Path."
- The McCormick family (think Chicago Tribune, Cantigny, International Harvester, St James Farm, dressage, horses, etc) lived in the Wheaton area.
- Want more forest preserves and horses? Think Herrick Lake, Blackwell and Danada.
- Parks and museums: Memorial Park, Adams Park, DuPage Children's Museum, Wheaton Center for History, etc.

Drop off is February 4 and 5. Let's "Paint Wheaton!"

Happy New Year Everyone!

by Jan Dunteman, Vice-President Exhibits

"The heat is on" ...At the league!

We begin our new year with an exciting Gallery II show by Chris Easey. In addition to his wonderful acrylic creations, he will be exhibiting galleries of illustrations he has drawn for "Toulouse on the Loose" by Kimberly Thompson. This is the first of Kimberly's charming stories of the troubles and travels of Toulouse the Turkey. Both author and illustrator will be at the reception on Sunday, January 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please join us.

The theme for February is "Paint Wheaton." Of course, when we say paint we also mean photographs, sculpture, drawing and collage. Because the 150th birthday of Wheaton occurs during February, we will have additional cash awards presented by the City of Wheaton. Their judge will choose one \$150 winner and six \$25 winners. These awards will be presented at a special reception at the league. Day and time has not been decided at the time this is being written. It is possible that one of the winning pieces will be used in the publicity for the year long celebration. Entries should reflect in content or title some characteristic, feeling, landmark, person, event or location related to Wheaton. Our normal monthly gallery rules apply.

Please feel free to call me at 630.543.4024 if you have any questions.

Top Ten Signs You're Already Having A Bad Year

Start the year off with a little humor from funny man, David Letterman! (from January 2007)

- 10 You've spent the whole week coughing up confetti
- 9 Already broke resolution to make it through year with all ten fingers
- 8 People still haven't forgotten about your 2006 rants
- 7 New Year's kiss was swiftly followed by a restraining order
- 6 Your approval rate is below freezing
- 5 Bet life savings on the Knicks
- 4 Still writing "2006" on your parole request forms
- 3 People keep asking what size noose you take
- 2 Your wife had the first baby of the year, but you haven't had sex in two years
- 1 You're sitting at your desk, reading a lame Top Ten list

Make Yourself Happy With These Seven Creativity Boosters

Here are seven practical and usable ways to increase your creativity and make yourself happy, starting today.

1. Create what you enjoy creating. Too many of us get caught up in creating only the projects we think we **should** be creating, those that have most credibility or that we think our peers/partner/parents/teachers expect us to create. This only leads to resentment and a compromise in what you're really capable of. Be true to your own creativity, create what you enjoy creating and see your happiness rise.

2. Start and finish creative projects. What proportion of the creative projects you start do you actually see through to completion? First, it's okay not to finish every single project! Second, it's likely you're expecting too much from each one and overwhelming yourself. Choose one small project that you can create in less than an hour, and enjoy it from initial idea to completion. Once you learn again how to enjoy each stage, you can build up from there.

3. Create a little each day. Creativity is all about flow. Getting a daily creativity habit is the key to hopping aboard your own creative flow and becoming unstoppable. Set aside just 15 minutes each to create. 15 minutes is just over 1% of the 1440 minutes available each day. You'll find that a daily creativity habit leads to a boost in your creativity, as well as your overall energy, motivation and happiness.

4. Support others in creating. When we're feeling uncreative, we tend to try to withdraw from others, seeking to save every ounce of energy to keep ourselves afloat. The irony is, when you reach out and support and encourage others in being more creative it naturally increases your own creativity and well being. Think of it as creative karma. What three things could you do support someone else's creativity today?

5. Get back in touch with your senses. All creativity begins from experiencing something through one or more of our senses, then relaying this through art to connect with others. Think of the art you enjoy most. It's the art that most excites or soothes your senses and leaves a lasting impression. Visit somewhere stimulating and focus on each of your senses in turn. Write down what you experience, and repeat in different places. Reconnect with the sensory world around you, feel more alive, more creative and more happy.

6. Experiment in new media. Trying to create in the same medium, in the same style and the same topics will stifle anyone's creativity. All artists need to evolve and grow. Branch out and experiment in different areas. What medium have you always wanted to try? Start a small project in it today, with the sole aim of exploring new materials, styles and techniques. It's a worthwhile investment in your creativity, and ultimately your happiness.

7. Capture your creative ideas. Without an idea, there's nothing to create from, no raw clay to mould. No ideas = no creativity = one unhappy artist. Carry a small notebook around with you and jot down ideas as soon as they come to you. This extension to your memory (which always seems to forget the best creative ideas!) will mean you encourage more and more creative ideas to arrive. More ideas = greater creativity = a happy artist!

Pick one of these seven tips and give your creativity a boost today.

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Art Quotes

"Sometimes you've got to let everything go - purge yourself. If you are unhappy with anything . . . whatever is bringing you down, get rid of it. Because you'll find that when you're free, your true creativity, your true self comes out."

– Tina Turner

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

– Scott Adams

"All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."

– Pablo Picasso

"Odd how the creative power at once brings the whole universe to order."

– Virginia Woolf

"An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come."

– Victor Hugo

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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!

January 19 Monday Night Program Features Fred Drury – The Art of Digital Photography

Our new year begins Monday night programs with Fred Drury who has made images of the natural world for more than 30 years. Fred's specialty is underwater photography, and he makes regular trips to the Indo-Pacific region almost every year. He also photographs above the water and focuses on nature subjects, primarily in North America. Fred's photographs have received numerous local, national and international awards. Chicago's Shedd Aquarium has more than thirty of his images in their new Wild Reef Exhibit.

Fred is on the faculty at College of DuPage, a staff lecturer in the Natural History Education Department at the Morton Arboretum and teaches at the DuPage Art League. He teaches Introductory Digital Photography, Underwater Photography, Photoshop, Color Management and Digital Workflow. Nationally, he is a regular presenter at Our World Underwater, the Photographic Society of America, NECCC & SWMCCC. Fred authors a monthly column, Drury's Digital Diary, for the PSA Journal, and he appears regularly in the NECCC Bulletin.

Fred's presentation promises to be a unique, mind-expanding experience for all in attendance. Refreshments are served from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and the program runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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