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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.



Holiday greetings to all of you from the Board and Staff at the DuPage Art League

Pictured are Ed Massart, Kay Wahlgren, Tanya Berley, Margaret Bucholz, Jay Davis, Berny Malovany, Jan Dunteman, Kandi Husarik, Carol Kincaid, and Yvonne Thompson.

AFA Business Workshop

The 4th Annual Alliance of Fine Art Business Workshop will be held Feb. 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Lukes Church in Glen Ellyn. Sign up by Dec. 1, and you'll receive the early bird price of \$45. Go to allianceoffineart.org/AFAWorkshop.pdf for more information or call Lizzy Popp at 815.341.1145.

We hope you will join us for some shopping at our annual fund raising event, Yuletide Treasures.

Tanya Berley



Kimberly and Tanya Berley at the *Toulouse On the Loose* promotional event

Board Notes

- Kandi Husarik, Treasurer, reported that we are profitable but things are tight. We are below budget on utilities and repairs and over budget on printing and postage. We need to look for ways to cut those costs. There is confusion at the front desk over how to handle sales from Gallery I and II. After discussion, the board agreed to change the procedure to handle all gallery sales the way we handle credit card sales from the gallery. The change should improve recordkeeping and simplify the procedure. A notice will be put at the front desk and the manual will be revised.
- Ed Massart has put plastic on the windows and partially installed the Thermopane window in the upstairs office. The city has come out and looked at the wires on the back of the building which are in violation. They will be sending us a notice and then we will begin looking for electrical contractors to remedy the problem.
- Margaret Bucholz reported that 42 people attended the program last month. Deb Mielke will be taking over Rotating Exhibits.
- Carol Kincaid reported that she has trained several new staffers since May, but many of them have not been able to staff because they have since found full-time work, or other family issues have intervened. We are still in need of people to staff the front desk, but we need them to commit to at least twice a month because it is difficult to remember the procedures when you staff less than that. It works well when two staffers share a slot and alternate. We have given out three class scholarships and two membership scholarships this month.
- Jan Dunteman reported that Yuletide Treasures is doing really well with over \$3000 in the first week. Yvonne Thompson has worked hard to bring in special products that are good sellers and to steer people toward making popular items.
- Diana Mitchell reported that adult class registration is up...246 registered students for Session B versus 183 last year. Children's classes are down, however. A teachers' meeting was held on Nov. 1 and was well attended. Information was shared on policies and procedures, and the safety plan and suggestions were solicited.
- The by-laws have been revised and approved. They will be available at the next general meeting.
- Tanya Berley reported that Dillman's will hold another open house at the league. It will be on March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Winter/Spring Schedule

Includes 2 New Instructors and Lots of Workshops

For the first time, the Winter and Spring sessions have been combined in one schedule and this one is jam-packed. There are three six week sessions running from January 11 through May 29.

George Ceffalio is joining the Art League where he will be teaching Oil Painting with a focus on chiaroscuro, an art term which means a contrast between light and dark. The class is open to all levels, and students will learn glazing, blending and the use of painting mediums as well as composition and lighting. There will be a still life set up but students are welcome to bring their own still life set up if they prefer. George will be teaching on Tuesday mornings during Sessions A & B, and on Thursday evenings for all 3 sessions. You can view George's remarkable work on the teacher's wall in the back or in the teacher's book. George is a Chicago native who studied commercial art in college. He has studied with David Leffel and Rose Frantzen along with several other artists at the Palette & Chisel Academy of Fine Art.

We are also welcoming Zaki who is a well known local artist and internationally known painter and sculptor. Zaki will be teaching Abstract for Beginners on Friday evening beginning in Session B. Many DPAL members will be familiar with Zaki's work which can vary from figurative to abstract. You can view his work at www.artzaki.com. Zaki has won many awards and competitions and appeared in many publications including the August 2007 edition of Artnews USA. Abstract painting is a style that looks deceptively simple, but in fact is more difficult than it looks. Zaki will take the mystery out of creating a dramatic and compelling piece of abstract art.

We are welcoming back Anne Von Ehr, whose soft pastel class on Monday mornings is always popular. Anne welcomes students at all levels. Anne will be teaching both A and B sessions. Her work can be viewed at www.annevonehr.com.

Suzanne Massion is once again taking Marge Hall's Oil Painting spot on Monday afternoons. Fred Drury will teach both beginning and intermediate digital photography starting with Session B. In addition, we are welcoming back all our favorite instructors and offering classes in many mediums including acrylics, oils, papermaking, soft and oil pastels, pen and ink and watercolor.

There are a total of seven workshops, ranging from single afternoons to two days and from \$15 to \$144. Mediums offered include pen and ink, watercolor, oil pastels, photography, plus color theory and how to market your art.

In a difficult economy, our classes have been doing extremely well. We have been experienced full enrollment in many classes with waiting lists, so be sure to enroll early. This year, join a class and make art a priority in your life.

New Memberships

Julie Luedtke, V.P. Membership • 630.517.8687

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Hill, Kristine (HIK)
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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
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596 Colfax
Elmhurst, IL 60126
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Mazurek, Sandy (MAS)
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Wheaton, IL 60187
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Megna, Ann (GNA)
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Naperville, IL 60540
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Radel, Arlene (RAR)
614 S. Whispering Hills
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Thank You All!

by Yvonne Thompson

More than once people have noticed that Yuletide Treasures and I have the same initials...YT. This is a coincidence I can assure you, but I do feel that I almost “give birth” to this show every year! It is a “labor of love,” but I feel so passionately about this show that it is difficult not to feel like it is my baby.

Yuletide Treasures is the yearly major fund-raiser for DPAL, but also it raises funds for many of our artists. Without this show, many could not support their “art habit” for another year. We all are impacted in some way by the outcome of Yuletide Treasures.

I am humbled by the many offers of help I have received this year. It is clear to see, I am not the only one who sees the importance of this show. I could not manage to get Yuletides Treasures off the ground without the help of so many people, and I would like to thank and acknowledge you all.

Thanks to my “Inventory Checkers” – Vicki Joyce, Suzanne Massion, Sarah McCreedy, Sue and Dave Dix, Penny Linnweh, Karen Seymour-Ells, Kasia Szczesniewski, Gai Moodie, Ann Tompkins, Linda Kurcz, Nancy Tait and Nancy D’Agostino.

Also thanks to those who helped with setting up the show – Jacque France, Tammy Proctor, Karen Seymour-Ells, Kasia Szczesniewski, Rysia Skirucha, Annette Perone Leiber, Jan Dunteman, Heather Dunteman, Kathy Young, Marge Hall, Maureen McKee, Julie Luedtke, Ken Gonzales, Len Fumarolo, Nancy Tait and Hank Tait.

And of course a big thanks to my co-chairs, Jan Dunteman and Kay Wahlgren. They have to deal with me and my “visions” for the show first hand...and believe me, that is not an enviable task!

Hawthorne School Invites DPAL Participation in Museum Night

Julie Lombardo, mother of a Hawthorne School student, is in charge of Museum Night which will be held on April 8 for parents and students from kindergarten through grade 5. She would love to exhibit some paintings from our gallery and talk with someone about how DPAL might participate in this special activity. We would be able to hand out class schedules and membership information in return for our participation. She is open to new ideas and has lots of ways people can help. If you are interested in participating, call Julie at 630.690.7432.

Yuletide Treasures and Collectors Corner

Yvonne Thompson • 630.966.9616
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We are in full swing now with Yuletide Treasures and I think you will agree it looks fabulous! And if you haven't seen it, you are missing a treat!

Here are eight bits of very important information for you. Please read and mark your calendars.

1. The last day for bringing in stock for Yuletide Treasures is **December 12**.
2. Those who have volunteered to help with the break down of the show please note, the date is Tuesday, December 29 at 9.30 a.m.
3. If you have exhibited in this show and not yet fulfilled your four-hour obligation, please call Jan Dunteman at 630.543.4024.
4. If any member could help staff, especially on Thursday evening or Saturday afternoons, please call Jan Dunteman at 630.543.4024.
5. When the Art League reopens on January 4, you will find your unsold items in the small classroom or Gallery 2, packaged with your three letter artist code on the outside of the box or bag. Please pick up as soon as you can, we have no space to store anything left once classes start.
6. Items not picked up by January 30 will become the property of the DuPage Art League
7. Check your inventory **immediately** after pick up. Call me no later than January 15, 2010 if you believe there is something you have not been paid for. I can not guarantee we will be able to investigate shortages not reported after that date.
8. The Art League will be closed from midday December 24 until January 4, 2010.
9. New items for Collectors Corner will be accepted only after January 4, 2010.

Remember you can help **your** art league by doing your gift buying with us, and telling all your friends to pop in and check out all the unique items we have for sale.

I'd like to take the time to thank you all for your continuing support, and to wish you and your families the merriest and most blessed Christmas!

Note...

Julie Luedtke, V.P. Membership

Correction in 2009-2010 Activity Schedule Book

Please change the phone number for our Treasurer, Kandice Husarik, to 630.837.2728.

Thank you and happy holidays!

Dillman's Mid-Winter Festival of Art

The DuPage Art League will be cohosting The Mid-Winter Festival of Art on March 13, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are looking forward to bringing you more details in upcoming newsletters.

Gentle Reminders to Our Members

We have a nice supply of ink for the printer upstairs, so if you can climb the steps to the office above the desk please use that printer if you have more than two copies to make. That printer works similarly to the one at the desk. Just make sure it is turned on. It takes about one minute to warm up. If you have any problems, please let me know. Don't forget we have a black printer in the back for more than 10 copies.

If you have a stash of unwanted but usable black or blue pens and want to tidy up your desk drawers, we will be happy to take them off your hands. Just give them to whoever is working at the desk.

Upcoming Calendar

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| January 6-7 | Pickup for <i>Yuletide Treasures</i> Dropoff for <i>New Beginnings</i> |
| February 3-4 | Pickup for <i>New Beginnings</i> Dropoff for <i>The Sky's The Limit</i> |



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Paper Ornament Workshop with Kay Wahlgren

December 13 • 1:30-4 pm • \$25

Dress up your holiday tree with sparkly white paper ornaments. Bring only a pencil and a small, pointed scissors (embroidery scissors are perfect). Kay will provide the paper and everything else to make a sunburst, top hat and a bird cage.

What's Up With AFA?

Marilyn Peretti

The Alliance for Fine Arts has received their 501(c)3 status, and plans to write for grants to support certain projects are in the development stage. Congrats to AFA who represents many art groups!

Good sales were made from the Best of the Best show at Mayslake, with a closing reception on November 8. The 2010 show is moved up to March 20-May 7, so we at DPAL will be contacting our past award winners to show there.

News from the Naperville Art League – they will host a showing of the newly found photographs of the Ann Frank Family for one month beginning March 5. They obtained a large grant to fund a specially reduced price on borrowing this exhibit. Something not to miss!

Dependable Model Available

Greg Edberg is available for hire as a nude model for drawing, painting, or sculpture artists. He likes to pose for small groups of 10 or less or for individual artists. Greg is available during the day between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for up to three hours at a time. He is also willing to pose for free for small groups of three to five artists.

Greg used to pose nude for drawing classes, oil paintings, and sculpture classes when he was in college, and he also posed for individual artists back then as well. He is 45 years old and in great shape because he runs about 15 to 20 miles per week. You can email Greg at greg.edberg@yahoo.com.

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Gordon France** will be featured in The Watercolor Magazine, Winter 2010 issue. He is also showing framed sports prints at Snackers for November and December.
- **Jacque France** had a one-person show at Snackers Café in Western Springs during the month of October.
- **Geri Greenman** presented a Watercolor Workshop for the Illinois Art Educators' Conference in Lisle at Morton Arboretum's Thornhill Educational Center. I really enjoyed talking with the art educators, and we created a wet into wet watercolor using several other techniques. I enjoyed them immensely, and I think they enjoyed the workshop. There never seems to be enough time, but these amazing people have so little time, and often few materials and manage to give so much to the kids.
- **Judith Laczo** won an honorary ribbon at the Mayslake Peasbody Estate "Best of the Best" Show.

Help Wanted

Berny Malovany

After doing a superb job at co-ordinating our desk staffers, Jay Davis had to resign due to personal reasons. We thank Jay for his dedication and for setting up the calendar for this year. We need someone to take over, and it is a job that can be done from home – no need to work at the desk. Jay is willing to give some ideas and hints. Carol Kincaid is the trainer for new staffers and a joy to work with.

If you are wanting to volunteer at the art league but haven't found the right job for yourself, this might be your niche. If interested, please call me at 630.231.7050 or Jay Davis at 630.682.7796.

Rotating Art Exhibits

Debra Mielke has volunteered to accept the responsibilities of chairperson for DuPage's rotating art exhibits. She has been a member of the league for almost two years. Below is her contact info:

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Also, several DuPage art league members are exhibiting artwork at Market Green Shopping Center next to Century 21 on Lake Street in Addison. This site will have art on exhibit for at least another month. There are around 200 pieces on display.

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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!

Mayslake-Peasbody Estate 'Best of the Best' Show Photos

"Best of the Best" 2009 Second Place
Award (Sculpture Mixed Media –
Represented by Addison Art Guild and
Bloomingdale Artists Association

2nd Place – Addison Art Guild Fall
Members' Show (Acrylic Mixed
Media Painting)

Award of Excellence and Purchase
Award (Acrylic Mixed Media
Painting) – Elk Grove Centre 09
Juried Show

Best of Show (Mixed Media
Sculpture) – Bloomingdale Artists'
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