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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

- Mar. 4-5 Pickup for *Paint Wheaton*
Dropoff for *Down the Road, The Path, The Lane*
- Apr. 1-2 Pickup for *Down the Road, The Path, The Lane*
Dropoff for *Art Imitates Art*
- Apr. 29-30 Pickup for *Art Imitates Art*
Dropoff for *What's Cooking... What's Shaking*

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Spring will soon be in the air, and what a welcome change it brings. We are looking forward to some changes at the league as well. For the first time, life drawing on Friday afternoons, and life drawing and painting on Saturday afternoons, will be offered as a sign-up class in the spring schedule. Gaylord Walter who organizes and hires the models will still be in charge. He can be contacted at 630.790.1569 if you have any questions. A side note, congratulations to Gaylord for having his art chosen by the Alliance of Fine Arts for their postcard promotion.

We will see some new faces on the board in late spring. Vicki Hollingsworth, who is our outgoing membership chair, will head the nominating committee to find replacements for half the board. She has done an excellent job of recruiting people in the past. We hope those who can serve a second term will do so.

To liven your mood, plan to visit Collector's Corner. There are delightful note cards, jewelry, glass pieces, pottery and prints available to buy. Yvonne Thompson and her committee change things weekly, so there's always something new to find.

There was no shortage of wonderful art for the Paint Wheaton show. Two of our Board members won twice, Kay Wahlgren won Best of Show for her watercolor and Diana Mitchell won two awards also. Diana takes many classes here at the league and Kay has been both student and teacher.

Gallery II sparkled with watercolors by Dick Shipley. We are fortunate to have him as a watercolor teacher now and for the last several years. Look for work by his students in the front window in March.

"Great art picks up where nature ends."
—Marc Chagall

See you in class,

Tanya Berley



Collector's Corner



Dick Shipley at his Gallery II Exhibit

February Award Winners... "Paint Wheaton"

Best of Show

Kay Wahlgren, "Old Courthouse," Watercolor

Special Merit Awards

Myrle Howell, "Portrait of a Sunny Day," Watercolor

Hugh Skibbens, "Front Street and Hale," Watercolor

Imran Sulaimana, "First Impressions," Graphite

Merit Awards

Joe Eddy Brown, "Joe Eddy Paints Wheaton,"

Found-Objects Sculpture

Margaret Bucholz, "Meet Me at Muldoon's," Acrylic

Carol Gorman, "St. James Farm," Oil Pastel

Ray Hassler, "Welcome to Wheaton," Watercolor

Kandi Husarik, "Tractor Parade," Watercolor

Robert Koch, "Barns of Danada," Watercolor

Leon Krejci, "Saint Michael's," Pencil, Watercolor

Diana Mitchell, "Illinois Prairie Path Bridge," Pencil

Karen Seymour, "Lincoln Marsh," Copper Enamel

Nancy Tait, "Building Wheaton: Past, Present, Future," Paper

Natalie Torire, "Riders of Danada," Acrylic

Martin Volker, "Wheaton Clock Tower," Digital Print

Judge

Carolyn Finzer, Naperville. B.A. Education, Illinois State University. Former Naperville art teacher. Textile and fabrics artist. Received "Outstanding Contribution to the Arts" award from Naperville in 2006. Coordinates and participates in many art projects and programs in Naperville including Naper Days, Collage of Historic Naperville Sites, Century Walk's Mural, Naperville statue events (giraffes, bears, dragons), Centennial Beach celebration. Member of DuPage Textile Artist Guild, Riverwalk Quilt Guild, Conservation Foundation Education Committee, Naper Settlement, Morton Arboretum. Charter member of Naperville Associates of Art Institute of Chicago

AFA Seeks Chair or Co-Chairs

AFA is seeking a chair or co-chair for their Mayslake Fine Art Fair on July 25-26. A "job description" will be available by March 3. Get to know area artists and make this big event happen! Much support from the board and previous workers. Bring in other DPAL artists to assist. Contact Zaki Knappen: knappen@sbcglobal.net. Each art league may set up a booth for no charge.

AFA is also seeking a chair or co-chair for their Best of the Best show at Mayslake mid-September to the first week of November. Dates to be confirmed. A "job description" will be available by March 3. Get involved with the area's best exhibit displaying outstanding artists from each league/guild in the area. Contact Zaki Knappen: knappen@sbcglobal.net

City of Wheaton Awards... "Paint Wheaton"

Grand Prize

Hugh Skibbens, "Front Street and Hale," Watercolor

Mayor's Awards

Joe Eddy Brown, "Joe Eddy Paints Wheaton,"

Found-Objects Sculpture

Margaret Bucholz, "Meet Me at Muldoon's," Acrylic

Damaris Dunham, "Common Birds of Wheaton,"

Watercolor

Mary Kent Goebel, "Summer Morning in Adams Park," Oil

Diana Mitchell, "Illinois Prairie Path Bridge," Pencil

Kay Wahlgren, "Old Courthouse," Watercolor

Judge

Elizabeth Corry, Wheaton City Council Member

Upcoming Competitions & Juried Contests

22nd Annual Prairie Arts Festival

May 23 & 24, 2009 – Schaumburg

Email contact: Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us

Postmark deadline for application: March 6, 2009

21st Annual Edwards Place Fine Art Fair

Sept. 19 & 20, 2009 – Springfield Art Association

Website is www.springfieldart.org

E-mail contact: office@springfieldart.org

Application deadline: March 6, 2009

47th Annual Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair

Sept. 26 & 27, 2009

Electronic applications only – Available at

www.juriedartservices.com

Entry deadline: April 10, 2009

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Leon Krejci's** Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial paintings are currently on display at the Naper Settlement, in conjunction with the "Naperville in the Age of Lincoln" exhibit, until June 28.

Airbrush Teacher Needed

Ken Lussie is looking for a airbrush teacher. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please call him at 630.495.4566.

New Gallery Affiliation

Suzanne Poursine Massion is now represented by Gallery 28, located at 28 North 4th Street in Geneva. Owners Jan Schmuckal and Beth Franke can be reached at 630.845.9673 and keep gallery hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. On Thursday, the gallery is open from 1 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A selection of Suzanne's small oils is showing currently. Artwork posted at the artist's website (www.spmassion.com) may be viewed on approval at Gallery 28. Just phone Jan or Beth.

Suzanne Massion will exhibit her cityscape oils at an Oil Painters of America invitational show from April 1-21, 2009. Visit the Sage Gallery at Lakeside Legacy Arts Park, 401 Country Club Rd. in Crystal Lake. Past presidents, OPA Master Signature Members, national show award winners, and OPA Associate Members will have paintings in the show. Stop by on Friday, April 3 for the artists' reception. Suzanne says she will be there and would love to see some familiar faces.

Class Registration Policy: Reminders and Clarification

Diana Mitchell, VP Education

Full payment is due at the time of registration. For in person registrations – credit card, cash or check. For mail registrations – check only. For phone registrations – credit card only. Please do not ask the desk staffer to enter your name on the class roster without paying in full. Thanks.

Refunds will be made only if you cancel five (5) days prior to the first class. In the event a class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, you will receive a refund through the mail or may choose a different class. Once you are registered for a particular class, you may only transfer to a different class prior to the first day of the session or in the event your class is canceled. You are expected to register for all six classes (or four classes in summer session.) Any exception must have teacher approval.

Because several of our classes have been running at capacity, if you wish to take the first class only before making a decision, you will be listed on a separate sheet and allowed to take the first class for \$15 if space is available. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

Board Notes

- There will be some changes in accounting procedures at the front desk, so if you are a staffer you need to note these changes. There are also some changes to the way class fees will be collected for the classes which have a live model. Check with John Cather or Tanya Berley if you have questions about these changes.
- Carol Kincaid explained the limited policy we have about making donations to charitable organizations. We are in need of more paintings donated for these purposes from our members as our supply has dwindled.
- Trib Local had a picture and article about "Paint Wheaton." Did you see it? More will be coming.
- The publicity committee is working on an interest survey for our membership.
- A new award was established called "theme award" for the Gallery I shows. One picture per month would be selected by the committee which hangs the paintings, and that artist would receive a \$25 prize award. This is done to encourage more painters to paint to the theme for the month.
- Some changes for the winter session B classes are: 1) Gary Wick will be back. 2) Ellen Rottsolk and Gail Dragon will have a portrait class. 3) George Shipperley will have an oil pastel class. 4) There is a clarification of policy to students and teachers. No more transferring of classes after the first class day. The new rule is allowing a person to pay \$15 for the first class and be put on the waiting list if they might want the full session. Then if there are open spaces they may enroll for the full session at the regular price. Refunds will only be given if the person cancels 5 days prior to the first class.
- The new nominating committee consists of Vicki Hollingsworth, Kay Wahlgren, and Diana Mitchell. If you would like to hold one of the board positions, please call Vicki Hollingsworth.
- A second coat of paint will be applied to the big classroom,
- Tanya Berley will be at the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Feb 19 to promote the DPAL.

Bloomingtondale Artists Association Library Show

The Bloomingtondale Artists Association will be having a show at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way from March 2-31. The show will feature artwork and photographs by association members. The artwork will be displayed in the main stairwell and the lower level of the library. Many of the pieces will be for sale. This show will be judged and ribbons will be awarded. For more information, please visit www.BloomingtondaleArtistAssociation.org.

New Classes and Workshops... and George Shipperley Returns

The Spring Session begins April 13, and we have new classes by new teachers and new classes by current teachers.

The art league is proud to welcome Eric Forsberg, a well known oil painter who paints seascapes and sailing ships. Eric worked closely with Charles Vickrey for many years and also studied under several other nationally known artists. His incredible paintings capture dramatic seas and skies, and he will teach you how you can tackle them with confidence as well. He will show you how to capture the moods of ocean views with an eye for detail as well as a painterly touch. To view some of his artwork go to www.mcbridegallery.com and click on his name in the list of artists.

Gail Dragon and Ellen Rottsolk will be teaching a new class on portraits. The class will explore the fundamentals of drawing the head with an emphasis on form, shape and value. Early sessions will work from a live model; later sessions will work from photographs. Students begin with black/white studies and move into color with charcoal, pastels or acrylics. The class is designed to help artists develop their own individual skills and styles.

Traci Limes will be offering Colored Pencil 3 on combining graphite pencils with colored pencils to give students a new approach to their drawings. The class will also cover creating unique compositions by incorporating the use of color, patterns and symbols within your drawings.

Well known local oil pastel artist George Shipperley is returning to the art league by popular request. Once again, you will have the opportunity to stimulate your creativity and create exciting original oil pastel paintings. George's impressionist landscapes have won many awards. The Pastel Journal wrote "Driven by imagination and improvisation, George Shipperley's oil pastels stir emotion with an exciting interplay of color." To view George's work go to www.georgeshipperley.com.

Also be sure to check out upcoming workshops including Heiner Hertling's oil painting workshop on March 31 and April 1, Cecile Houel's pastel workshop on April 3, 4 and 5 and Tom Lynch's watercolor workshop on June 29, 30 and July 1. There is also a special \$15 workshop on how to frame your paintings, by Bill Hottinger from Carlson's, on Sunday, April 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. If you bring a painting to frame, Bill will show you how to do it.

Monday Night Program Features Kay Wahlgren – A Garden Tour

After studying architectural engineering, Kay received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from the University of Illinois and worked as a graphic designer for local businesses and in the window display department of Marshall Field's, Chicago.

While living in Glen Ellyn, Kay developed an interest in gardening and attended a seminar at the Morton Arboretum where she met two of the plants world celebrities, Michael Dirr and Allen Armitage, who were offering a garden tour of English gardens. Kay joined this tour and has been to England seven times with their tour group and to Canada with them twice. Kay was astounded by the amount of information she received on these tours, took pictures with an artist's eye of the gardens visited, and upon returning home, painted pictures and changed her garden again and again.

For many years, Kay wrote a gardening column for the Glen Ellyn News and the Press Republican newspaper chain, and for 20 years she exhibited at the Oak Brook Fine Art Fair where she won several awards including first place. She exhibited a one-person show at the Elmhurst Art Museum and regularly exhibits at the DuPage Art League where she was awarded an honorary life membership and where she has had a one-person show in Gallery 11. She has served as the league's president and currently teaches watercolor and colored pencil classes there.

Kay states that gardening continues to be a major passion and artistic inspiration for her. Come on March 16 and visit the beautiful gardens of England and Canada with Kay, as she has depicted them in her delicate and intricate watercolor paintings. Refreshments will be served from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and the program will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Collector's Corner

Yvonne Thompson • 630.966.9616

I am now looking for just a few, **new** framed original pieces for Collectors Corner. Nothing I've seen before in Collector's Corner please. Remember, all work needs to be priced at \$150 or under and nothing bigger than 11" x 14" framed.

When you bring your pieces in, fill out a **yellow** Collectors Corner sign-in sheet, sign the disclaimer, put your three letter code and price on the lower right front of the piece. Also, all framed and portfolio work now has to have a pink highlighted media label on the **back** of the piece. You will find these in the front of the Portfolio binder and the front of the Framed Artwork binder, in the Collectors Corner back room. They are on a shelf above the metal cupboards. These labels need you to add your name, the date and the media of your work. Please remember, framed work needs to be original work only.

New & Renewing Members to be Added to the Membership Roster!

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Addison, IL 60101
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Diblik, Kate (KCD)
27W126 Jewell Rd.
Winfield, IL 60190
630.407.0211

Dunham, Damaris (DUM)
950 Prince Crossing
West Chicago, IL 60185
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Easey, Chris (EAS)
1572 Stonehill Court #C
Wheaton, IL 60187
630.690.0640

Leszczynski, Ruth (LRU)
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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
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Naperville, IL 60565
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Naperville, IL 60563
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Shiple, Richard (SHR)
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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
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Tucker, Sandy (TUC)
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West Chicago, IL 60185
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Corrections to be made for the following members...

Bonkowski, Karen
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Barnett, Diann
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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

If there are any other update or corrections that need to be made to our membership roster, please contact Vicki Hollingsworth, Membership Chairman, at 630.682.5204. Thank you.

Gallery II March Exhibit features Ellen Rottsolk

The Gallery II March exhibit features pastel artist and DuPage Art League teacher Ellen Rottsolk. The reception is Sunday, March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

In third grade I put pencil to paper and stated that when "I grew up" I would be an art teacher. Be it tenacity, dedication, stubbornness or self-awareness...whatever words may describe the process and years. . . here I am.

After receiving my Bachelor of Science in Art from Northern Illinois University, I taught high school drawing, painting, design, ceramics and jewelry for eleven years. During those years I returned to Northern and earned a Masters of Art degree. The joy and satisfaction of teaching and sharing my love of art has been an important part of my life... then and now, at the league.

While giving through teaching is a journey worth traveling, there is an equal need for turning inward for artistic growth. Since beginning graduate school, I have been fascinated with light and its movement over, around, and through spaces. The visual drama of striking contrasts or the playfulness of light skimming over an edge calls for exploration and experimentation as I view the world around me and paint. Pastels, with their pure direct color and intensity have become the perfect medium for the growth of my personal statement. My paintings and drawings are a gift I give to myself.

Visit our Web site:

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!

From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

If you haven't been upstairs at the league yet, you may not know that another whole world of art is waiting for you! The library has a marvelous collection of books and magazines related to all the classes that the league offers. Members, teachers, and students are welcome to browse and check out any books of interest to them. Books are arranged in broad categories. For example, drawing, painting, oil, watercolor and more.

During the last two years more than 200 titles have been added to the collection. There is also a section of biographies of artists. This area isn't as organized as the others yet, but you are still welcome to borrow those books as well. (Arranging the artists is my goal for this year!)

Come upstairs and discover the library!

Summer Internship Opportunity

Peninsula School of Art seeks two paid summer Operations Interns who will have the opportunity to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at a busy and vibrant nonprofit arts school and to gain valuable, practical skills in customer service, studio management, event planning, hospitality, and arts administration.

The Peninsula School of Art is a destination center for education in the visual arts located in Door County, WI. Our mission is to promote and foster an understanding of the visual arts through education, exhibitions and community outreach programs.

The application deadline is March 15, 2009. If you would like more information, please email Karen Becker (staff@peninsulaartschool.com).

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