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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.

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

– Joseph Chilton Pearce

Helped are those who create anything at all, for they shall relive the thrill of their own conception and realize a partnership in the creation of the Universe that keeps them responsible and cheerful.

– Alice Walker, *The Temple of My Familiar*, 1989

President's Letter

Dear Members,

We are planning to have a booth at the AFA art fair at the end of July at the Peabody Estates in Oakbrook, but we need help from you. First, let me know if you would like to have some of your artwork in the exhibit. I am always impressed with the quality of work we have on display every month, so I hope several of you will participate, especially our teachers. We also need people to transport, set up and staff the booth. The dates are Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with set-up starting at 7 a.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with take-down following. Several other area art leagues are also participating, so it will give us a chance to meet our fellow art enthusiasts. Call me at 630.844.1928 for more information or to participate.



We have extended the reservation deadline for a trip to the Art Institute on Sunday, August 2 to July 10. I have since found out that seniors over 65 will have admission and a tour of the new wing and part of the modern art collection for \$20. We can also plan to have lunch in the new restaurant for those who are interested. The views of Millennium Park and the city are spectacular from the ramp near the restaurant. You are welcome to bring friends and family as well. Contact me at 630.844.1928 if you'd like to attend.

Thank you for responding to our interest surveys – fill one out if you haven't. I have three volunteers for the art fair from the survey and really appreciate the work done by Bill Black and his committee to put it together. I know other board members have been given names of potential helpers as well.

At our last board meeting, after much discussion, we decided that we needed to raise dues to cover the increases in costs of utilities and maintenance that we have been experiencing in the last few years. Our basic membership will be \$50 a year and a family membership will be \$60 with students staying the same starting in September. We have not had a dues increase in over 10 years. Classes and discounts remain the same.

Enclosed you will find a special insert written by Bill Utterback. We wish him all the best and thank him for all he's done for the League over the years.

"Apparently one impression that we are making...is that creativeness consists of lightning striking you on the head in one great glorious moment. The fact that the people who create are good workers tends to be lost."

– Abraham Maslow

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

June Award Winners... "Plant It, Water It, Watch It Grow"

Best of Show

Kay Wahlgren, "Flowering Kale," Watercolor

Theme Awards

Ken Gonzales, "Look, a Head in My Garden," Acrylic

Special Merit Awards

Sarah Ettinger, "Turbulent Flow," Acrylic

Liz Morton Hernandez, "Take Ten," Pastel

Patricia Matthews, "Ruby Stella," Oil

Merit Awards

Joe Eddy Brown, "Barn," Found Object Sculpture

Charles Aaron Camp, "Fiction Flora," Acrylic

Jan Dunteman, "Mother Nature's Garden," Oil Pastel

Carol Gorman, "Poppies," Oil Pastel

Marge Hall, "Three Tulips," Oil

Annette Perone Leiber, "Engulfed in the Web of Life Underwater," Mixed Media

Tom Mahady, "Rising, Drops, Sea," Oil

Robert Pennor, "Growing Poppies," Acrylic

Corrie Taming, "A Safe Place," Oil

Carol Wiesman, "New Generation," Pastel

Susan Young, "Seeding Tulip, Micro View," Photo

Robert Yurgaitis, "Blowing in the Wind," Oil

Judge

Cynthia Hellyer Heinz, Warrenville. B.F.A. Pratt Institute, Honors; Master of Fine Arts, Northern Illinois University. Highly detailed colored pencil artist. Recipient of many awards. Participant in numerous exhibitions. Her works are in many corporate and private collections.



"Flowering Kale" by Kay Wahlgren

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Maureen McKee** had a number of her abstract monotypes selected to exhibit at the Black Walnut/Robert Wayner Gallery in Chicago at 220 N. Aberdeen Street. The opening reception is Friday, June 5 from 6-9 p.m. The exhibit runs from June 1-30. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday.
- **Valerie Lorimer** received a Merit Award for her piece, *Valley of Dream*, in the Naperville Art League's "Dream Works" show.

Rotating Exhibits

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As most of you know, DPAL has a program called Rotating Exhibits that allows our member artists to display their work at various retail establishments in the area. We have lost several sites recently due to economic conditions, and we are currently looking for replacements. All that is required from the establishment is an open mind regarding art styles and a desire to promote local artists. The \$100 charge per year is even tax deductible. If you know of someone who fits this description, and they would like to be involved in the program, please let Sarah Ettinger know at 630.717.9487 or email sarahettinger@comcast.net.

Do you Facebook?

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Maybe you have no idea what Facebook is. It's an internet community. A place where people often search for other people, or groups or clubs. I've opened up a Facebook page for the Dupage Art League and anyone is welcome to join. Go to www.facebook.com and type Dupage Art League in the search box to find us.

I aim to post reminders and news there that maybe is too late to get into the newsletter. Check it out, we'd love to see you there!

Upcoming Calendar

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| July 1-2 | Pickup for <i>Plant It, Water It, Watch It Grow</i> Drop off for <i>My Country, My Home</i> |
| July 29-30 | Pickup for <i>My Country, My Home</i> Drop off for <i>In The Mood</i> |
| August 26-27 | Pickup for <i>In The Mood</i> Drop off for <i>As Different as Night and Day</i> |

Upcoming Competitions & Juried Contests

Clay3 – National Juried Ceramics Exhibition

Oct. 23-Nov. 21, 2009 – ClaySpace Ceramic Arts Studio

Function and sculptural ceramic art must fit within one cubic foot (12"x12"x12") – Visit www.clayspace.net for details.

Entry deadline: August 1, 2009

2009 National Juried Ceramics Exhibitions

October 24 – November 21, 2009 – Warrenville, Illinois

Submission deadline: August 1, 2009

Digital submissions only. *Presented by ClaySpace Ceramics Arts Studio*

Collectors Corner

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Please always check the "Pick Up" area in the Collectors Corner back room when you drop off or pick up your artwork from our Gallery One monthly shows. Items are removed from display roughly every three to four months to keep the area looking fresh. Please do not wait for us to call you if you know something has been there that long. Check any items you remove off your inventory sheets, which are kept in ring binders on a shelf above the metal cabinets. Please initial and date any item listed that you remove. You may take any item that belongs to you, no matter if it is on a shelf, the wall, a showcase or the portfolio bins. Leave any replacement artwork, with a completed inventory sheet on the shelves between the "Extra Stock" and "Pick up shelves." Do not file the sheet, nor display the work yourself. The Collectors Corner committee need to check in any artwork that enters our department.

I still need some framed work from different artists. We seem to only have about six to eight artists exhibiting framed work at the moment. It would be nice to have a couple of pieces from 12 or 15 artists. If you haven't exhibited before and would like to, give me a call, I can walk you through how to enter items.

Any questions – either call or email me.

Board Notes

- John Cather will no longer be staffing the front desk. Jay Davis will take over that position.
- We have a new calculator and a new microwave.
- Carol Kincaid will train new desk staffers in June and July – more are needed.
- We are operating with a deficit for the year. Dues will be raised to \$50 (\$60 Family; \$20 Students).
- Carol Kincaid and Tanya Berley made a PowerPoint presentation to the Lions Club.
- More surveys need to be returned to the league.
- The walk-in art program for kids will be July 19 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon.
- We have an official advertising agreement for newsletter ads.
- Dave Riechart will exhibit in Gallery II in July but there will be no reception.
- Ideas for fund-raising possibilities were discussed to offset rising costs.
- Dick Shipley will teach two classes in the fall.
- The new flooring is installed in the main gallery. It looks gorgeous.
- Bill Utterbach's art philosophy will be printed in the newsletter.

With Sympathy

Eleanor Himmelfarb passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the age of 98. She was a long time member of DPAL. Her family is having a private service for her, but they are planning a memorial mass for her at a later date. When the date is set someone will let the DPAL know.

Eleanor, her husband Samuel, and her son John were all accomplished artists. Eleanor was born in St. Charles, IL. She was the artist in residence at Normal and also taught at Rosary College, Triton College, College of DuPage and our own DuPage Art League for many years. Her main style was abstract, and she loved to incorporate nature as well as the figure. At DPAL she taught oils, design and composition. It was very hard to sign up for her classes because they would fill up faster than the league could list them. Her students just adored her. She will be greatly missed.

Want to Save Big Money on your next class at DuPage Art League?



- Staff the front desk on a regular basis (minimum two four-hour shifts per month).

- Go it alone or team up with a fellow artist and do it on the “buddy system.”

- You save 50% off the regular member’s class tuition up to four times per year (once each class “season”).

We need you. Contact Jay Davis at 630.682.7796 or jaysdavis@aol.com.

FREE
Children’s
Program
August 19

Walk In and Be An Artist

Children ages 5 to 14 are invited to stop in anytime during 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon on August 19, and get creative! You can paint,

draw and do some print making. You’ll then be able to show Wheaton your completed work in our Gallery during September. No reservations are necessary. If more information is needed, please e-mail Bill Black at LWilliamBlack@aol.com (parents only please).

Free

Display boards for art fairs. Call Gene Vitale at 630.627.4760.

Place Your Ad Here

Advertise your business in the monthly DPAL Newsletter. Reach out to more than 400 members to advertise your products, services, or art shows at a low rate.

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- 1/8 page
- 1/4 page
- and 1/2 page

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For more information, contact Bill Black, VP Publicity/Promotions, at LWilliamBlack@aol.com. Ads will be printed in black/white.

Judith Laczo to Exhibit at Gallery 200

Judith Laczo’s soft pastel and oil pastel artwork will be featured at Gallery 200 from July 2-August 3. She will host a free Opening Reception of Art on Friday, July 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. with live entertainment and refreshments.



Hungarian born artist Judith Laczo’s life-long passion for art drew her to art museums throughout Europe. She left Budapest in 1971 with her husband, who was employed as an engineer, and spent six years in South America. While living in Buenos Aires, she was introduced to oil and tole painting through friends. In Paraguay, she taught art and art history to supplement the education of English speaking students in the rural area where she lived.

After moving to the U.S., she spent time raising her children, and later returned to art as a hobby, continuing to develop her skills in watercolor, soft pastel and oil pastel. She loves to photograph nature and typically paints still life from photographs or the garden.

“I enjoy painting because it gives me a feeling of energy, excitement and satisfaction.”

Judith became affiliated with the art league five years ago where teachers Mary Moynihan and Anne Von Ehr encouraged me to express myself freely. She has received numerous awards for her artwork.

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

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If there are any other updates or corrections that need to be made to our membership roster, please contact Julie Luedtke, VP Membership, at 630.517.8687. Thank you.

From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Great news! The library now has two new bookcases in addition to the two purchased last year! One will allow breathing space for the biographies. Now Michelangelo won't be cramping Monet's toes, and Renoir will stop poking Rubens! The other new bookcase will be used to expand the art history and reference sections which have yet to be reorganized. However, you are always welcome to check out any books of interest to you. Just sign the check-out card in the book. If there is no card and pocket in the book, just leave a note with title and author and your name and the date you are checking them out. Leave the checkout cards and notes at the Front Desk.

A huge "thank you" goes to Vickie Hollingsworth for arranging the purchase and installation of all the new library bookshelves and cases. Vickie not only found the best place to buy them (at terrific prices, I might add), but she also saw to delivery and to the not easy job of adjusting the individual shelves to accommodate many of our larger sized books. Thank you, Vickie, for making the library look so good!



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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!

Gallery II Artist for July – David Reichart

David graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He worked for six years at various commercial art jobs and then began a teaching career at Ridgewood High School teaching art and English.

David's work in this show includes acrylics on paper and board, watercolors, and several mixed media pieces. The latter use collage along with gesso primer and/or acrylic.

He describes his work... "I'm often not able to finish a watercolor to my satisfaction, and I find I'm able to extend the work longer with this method. It also lends itself to rough textures in landscapes such as tree bark and rocks. Lately, I've even used the technique to start a painting. Skipping any preplanning I've allowed large 'wet in wet' areas covered with random collage to suggest subject matter and then gone on with more overlay to develop the painting."

Please take time to view this unique show sometime during the month of July.

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