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## NEWSLETTER

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### DPAL Newsletter

Newsletter Editor: Valerie Lorimer  
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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.

## Members, Teachers... Show Off Your Art!

It is now possible for members and teachers to show off their work on our website. Each member/teacher may submit a picture of one piece of their art (.jpg format) to be juried by the DPAL Board for inclusion on our website. Simply attach the file to an email and send it to Bill Black ([LWilliamBlack@aol.com](mailto:LWilliamBlack@aol.com)). Please include your name and membership code. Teachers who are not members may also submit. For more information, please email to Bill.

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

At our annual meeting at the end of June it was interesting to review the changes and accomplishments of the past year.

- We continued to offer excellent classes and workshops under the direction of Diana Mitchell.
- We had beautiful monthly exhibits organized by Jan Dunteman.
- Our membership remained strong, over 400 members, managed by Vicki Hollingsworth.
- We had monthly programs averaging 30 people in attendance planned by Doris Bettin.
- Collectors Corner and Yuletide Treasures were very successful due to the hard work of Yvonne Thompson and Jan Dunteman.
- Kay Wahlgren developed a plan to organize the back storage area that vastly improved its function.
- The classrooms were painted and new flooring in Galleries I and II were installed.
- The maintenance of the building and office needs were met through the work of Dale Dunteman and Bernie Malovany.
- We are starting to see some additional revenue from advertising and donations through the efforts of Bill Black and Carol Kincaid.



*Annual Meeting*



*John Cather*

We also recognized and thanked the following people for their service. John Cather for staffing the front desk for many years, and behind the scenes Joe Hall who developed our website and Valerie Lorimer who does our monthly newsletter. There were also present three women who together have volunteered at the league for more than 100 years of service; Barb Rothman, Therese Ratterman and Nancy Thompson.

Thanks to them and the whole board for a successful year and to our wonderful teachers who make it a delight to take classes.

*"Art teaches nothing but the significance of life."*

- Henry Miller

See you in class,

*Tanya Berley*

## July Award Winners... "My Country, My Home"

### Best of Show

Mary Kent Goebel, "My Starry Spangled Country," Oil

### Theme Awards

Kandi Husarik, "Remembering Frank," Watercolor

### Special Merit Awards

Gordon France, "White Sox Game Morning, 35th and Normal," Watercolor

Vicki Joyce, "Serenity at Home," Oil  
Marguerite Paris, "Colorado Garden," Pastel

### Merit Awards

George Bruce, "Our Majestic Meadow," Oil Pastel

John Cather, "Mississippi Headwaters," Acrylic

Leonard Fumarolo, "Madison Street Bridge House," Acrylic

Geri Greenman, "Autumn in Vermont," Oil  
Zaki Knapen, "After IX/XI Stand By Me," Installation

Kerry Leibowitz, "Shining Sea, Acadia National Park," Photo

Suzanne Massion, "Sunset Song," Oil

Robert Pennor, "Homestead," Oil

Nancy Tait, "As American As...," Acrylic on Maple

Carol Wiesman, "Sunlight in the North Woods," Pastel

Susan Young, "Liberty's Precious Legacy," Photo

Robert Yurgaitis, "The River," Oil

### Judge

Mike Venezia, Glen Ellyn. Author and illustrator of children's books including "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists" series and "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers" series. Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Retired after 33 years as Executive Art Director and Vice President of Leo Burnett Advertising Agency. Brother of Debby Venezia, Executive Director of Naperville Art League. Website: [www.mikevenezia.com](http://www.mikevenezia.com)

## From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer  
Some recently reorganized library sections that you might like to take a look at include Reference, which has some interesting books on color and the perception of art; Art History which, of course, covers art from ancient to modern, including American art which may eventually have its own shelf; followed by Regional art which is more international than regional. The last section is called Miscellaneous, but it really should be called Inspiration since it mainly includes lovely picture books on a variety of subjects (e.g., flowers, animals, and landscapes).

Titles cataloged this month include:

– Loomis. *Drawing the Head and Hands* (Drawing)

– Loomis. *Figure Drawing for All It's Worth* (Drawing)

– Martin. *Encyclopedia of Colored Pencil Techniques* (Drawing)

– Holman. *Searching for the Artist Within* (Watercolor)

– Treman. *Building Brilliant Watercolors* (Watercolor)

– Creative *Watermedia Painting Techniques* (Watercolor)

– Singer. *Painting Women's Portraits* (Watercolor)

– Masterfield. *In Harmony with Nature; Painting Techniques for a New Age* (Painting)

– Lehrman. *Freshen Your Paintings with New Ideas* (Painting)

– Leonard. *Painting the Landscape* (Painting)

– Metzger. *The Artist's Illustrated Encyclopedia; Techniques, Materials, and Terms* (Reference)

## Children – Jackson Pollock Workshop

Due to the children's great interest in getting a little messy and being creative like Jackson Pollock, another date for the this workshop has been added. Teacher Doreen Thurston will repeat this fun workshop on Friday, August 14. Cost is still \$15. Time is still 10 a.m. to noon. Children should wear **old** clothing or a smock. This workshop is open to ages 7 to 13.

## Artist Bio Tips from Wild Fire Glass Studio

Unfortunately, many do not know the high quality of the items in art league galleries. Another problem we face is our "throw away" society who would prefer to buy a cheap print they can dispose of when they change their room's decor – how sad!" You can fight both of those problems by helping your collector's get to know you as an artist and a person. The easiest way to do that is to write an artist biography and statement. Even if you have only been working as an artist for a short time it is a good idea to write a bio.

Here are a few reasons why:

1. It gives people a very clear idea of who you are as an artist and why you have chosen your medium.
2. It makes you take time to reflect on why you are doing what you are doing in life.
3. It makes you look more professional (trust me, the good galleries look for professionalism).
4. Most shops and shows prefer a good bio and good pictures, to a long fancy resume.
5. If you have at least one copy to give out with each work represented, each one of those works becomes worth more in value to collectors.

Check out the artist's bios on the our website to see what one might look like. [www.wildfireglasstudio.com](http://www.wildfireglasstudio.com)

## Upcoming Calendar

August 7	Annette Perone Leiber Reception, Gallery II
August 26-27	Pickup for <i>In The Mood</i> Drop off for <i>As Different as Night and Day</i>
August 28	7 p.m. Reception for Gallery II Volunteer Show
September 30- Oct. 1	Pickup for <i>As Different as Night and Day</i>

## Collectors Corner

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Just a little reminder to all of you who exhibit in Collectors Corner. Some of the work being dropped off does not fit the criteria. Please read the Collectors Corner section of your Activity Schedule (pages 15-17) to refresh your memory.

Framed work has to be **original** or a **limited edition print**, 11" x 14" (inside the frame) or smaller, and under \$175. Only six (6) pieces can be entered at any one time.

Portfolio work can be an original or a print. Work must have a rigid backing board and be presented in a sealed acetate bag (which maybe purchased at the Front Desk). Your piece may not be larger than 20" x 28" nor priced over \$125.

Both framed and portfolio work must have a Collectors Corner pink highlighted media label on the rear of the piece. When filling in the media line on prints, please do not list what the original piece was. This line is for the medium of the actual piece for sale. For a print, please write **print**.

For those of you who wish to enter work in Yuletide Treasures, we have made some changes to the criteria and amount of artwork you may enter this year. The **new** guidelines and inventory sheets will be at the front desk by October 1, 2009. Please pick these up **before** you bring in your artwork for Yuletide Treasures. Entry for this show will start on October 28. Remember, any member exhibiting in Yuletide Treasures is required to volunteer for at least four hours during the show.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## New & Renewing Members

Julie Luedtke, V.P. Membership

**Dan Brinkmann (BDA)**  
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Aurora, IL 60506  
630-844-0212

**Christine Chlapecka (CHN)**  
21W644 Kensington  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
630-790-4589

**Linzi Johnston (JLL)**  
1557 S. Prospect St.  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
630-487-0823

**Cheryl Price (PRI)**  
111 N. Wheaton Ave. #306  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630-665-1358

**Timothy McWilliams (MCW)**  
4176 Edinburgh Tr.  
Roswell, GA 30075  
630-790-4136

### Benefactor Membership

**Don Myhan (MYD)**  
2335 Woodglan Ct.  
Aurora, IL 60502  
630-820-6819

### Sponsor

**Blick Art Materials**  
79 Danada Square East  
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630-653-0569

Special Thanks to Don Myhan for his \$150 Benefactor Membership and to Blick Art Materials for their \$250 Sponsorship.

Thanks also to all our Art League Active Memberships. It is your continued support through your membership and volunteerism that makes DuPage Art League successful!

## Exhibits

Jan Dunteman, V.P. Exhibits

Please mark your activities calendar with the following events/corrections:

- July Pickup/August Entry  
July 29-30
- August Pickup/September Entry  
August 26-27
- September Gallery II  
We'll celebrate our volunteers with an exhibit of their art and a reception on Friday, August 28 at 7 p.m. Please come and say "*thank you*" to those who make the DuPage Art League possible.
- Yuletide Treasures  
Begins the first week in November. This is an opportunity for great shopping, income for the league and opportunity for those artists whose work is uniquely appropriate and affordable for gift giving. All members are invited to an opening night celebration and reception on a date to be announced in the next newsletter. Our members get first pick of the wonderful gift selections. In the meantime our regular events continue on schedule. See you at the league!

## Attention Pastel Artists

The DuPage Art League is pleased to present Plein Aire Pastels, a Workshop. David Garrison, the renowned pastel artist with studios in Iowa and France, is conducting a plein aire pastel workshop. David helps you create a flow to your painting that is beautiful and pleasing to the eye. Learn when to stop before overworking your painting. Learn the technical use of edges, lighting, design, values, and color. Discover what to do with trouble spots. Develop your own style and leave feeling uplifted and inspired. David gives demonstrations and answer your questions.

The workshop is \$150 and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8. Don't miss it!

## Visit our Web site:

www.dupageartleague.org  
This newsletter, archives and class schedules are downloadable in PDF file format at this site.

## Newsletter email:

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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!

## Arts & Crafts Fair

Saratoga Grove Retirement Community in Downers Grove is looking for vendors for its Arts & Crafts Fair on Sat., September 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's \$25 to display indoors (includes lunch).

## Annette Perone Leiber to Exhibit in Gallery II

Annette Perone Leiber graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BA as a Comprehensive Art Major. She works in many art forms focusing on watercolor and sculpture for this exhibit with the theme "Serendipity"...an apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally. Her watercolors are works in progress experimenting with different papers, cheese cloth, plastic wrap and modeling paste to name a few as she develops "fractured fantasies" in realistic and abstract works. The sculptures are unique in concept using different materials inspired by paper-making, marbelizing paper and collage constructed in triangular shapes using wood or recycled fiber board supported by dowel rods in various lengths to serve as feet (base) of the sculpture. Her paintings are an inspiration from which she draws her subject matter in her sculptures.

"Wanting to grow as an artist, I have spent most of my life experimenting with all media. The world we see affords an ever changing subject from which to draw inspiration. Today, I embrace contemporary techniques while combing concepts, materials and images from many sources. My senses fill me with wonder compelling me to create art that will communicate my thoughts and feelings. Possessing voice, vision and creative energy, I understand myself as imagination leads me thorough the stages of a developing artist. I hope to educate others to use imagination and perception in interpreting my art. Art has many meanings. Each individual understands and appreciates art from an intensely personal point of view. My goal is to present my views of beauty and meaning."

Annette invites everyone to join her at an opening reception on Friday, August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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