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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,

Welcome to a new year of membership, classes and events. We closed out last year with more than 500 members, a tribute to all who want to see the arts thrive and to our hard-working Board, committee members volunteers and teaching staff for making it happen. Help us continue to make the DuPage Art League a success by renewing your membership today. You can sign up on line, by phone, mail or in person.

The benefits of being a member are many...

- Discounts on classes and art supplies at Dick Blick and Carlsons
- Senior discounts on classes
- Monthly newsletters, programs and opportunities to exhibit free of charge
- Yearly Activity Book and Roster
- Invitations to gallery receptions

And finally, the chance to make new friends by volunteering at the League. As a special bonus, if you staff a half day each week you are also eligible for a 50% class discount once a quarter, so get in touch with Carol Kincaid at 630.682.0107 to learn when the next training session will be held if you can help in this way.

The Alliance of Fine Arts Fair at the Peabody Estate in Mayslake in August was well worth doing. We gave out information about classes and the league and showcased our teacher's art to promote interest in their classes. We hope to be there again next year. Thanks to Zaki who organized the event and to Ruth Leczynski, Sarah Ettinger, Sally Stekette and Carol McEvoy for manning the tent.



Alliance of Fine Arts Fair

Helping with set-up were Gary Wick, Hugh Skibbens, Gaylord Walter and grandson Andrew.

If you have suggestions for improving the League let us know.

"Talent is long patience." – Gustave Flaubert

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

August Award Winners... "In the Mood"

Best of Show

Kandi Husarik, "Mood Indigo," Watercolor

Theme Awards

Gene Vitale, "Half-Light," Oil

Special Merit Awards

Liz Morton Hernandez, "Through a Glass Dimly," Pastel

Bob Kimenko, "Eidolon," Graphite

Julie Luedtke, "A Revolution of Somberness," Watercolor

Merit Awards

Doris Bettin, "Lonely Old Barn," Watercolor

Hedy Dawson, "Impressive," Watercolor

Geri Greenman, "Okay! Mona," Photo Emulsion Lift and Oil

Ray Hassler, "Relaxing by the Thames," Watercolor

Vicki Joyce, "Farm Solitude," Oil

Zaki Knapen, "On the Edge," Bronze and Steel Sculpture

Judith Laczko, "Arizona Sky," Pastel

Dee Leppin, "Shore Line Sunset," Pastel

Valerie Lorimer, "Sonoma State of Mind," Mixed Media

Nancy Nichols, "Sunset Silhouette," Watercolor

Eve Sofferman, "Golden Day," Oil Pastel

Yvonne Thompson, "Guess That's Why They Call it the Blues," Fused Glass

Judge

Teresa Marrandino, Riverside. Co-owner of "The Art Stop" in LaGrange, a fine art gallery and custom frame shop. Custom art-installation designer for private and corporate clients. Her gallery represents many different artists and styles. Teresa has been instrumental in bringing an annual juried art fair to Riverside with more than 75 artists participating. She has judged various art shows in the western suburbs and has juried entries for various outdoor art fairs.



"Mood Indigo" by Kandi Husarik

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Geri Greenman** won a merit award in the My Country, My Home DPAL show, and received another 'merit' award for In The Mood." She also judged the Naperville Art Leagues' "Impact" show and is co-authoring a book on art techniques called The Complete Photo Guide to Creative Painting (through Creative Publishing international), with fellow artist, author and art educator, Paula Guhin from South Dakota. Several DPAL artists will be featured in our gallery within the book—George Shipperley, Marge Hall, Randie Hope LeVan, and Jacque France.
- **Nancy Tait's** root sculpture, "Protective Coloration: Nature's Big Idea" has been chosen for exhibition in The Northbrook Public Library's show, "What's The Big Idea?" The show opens with a reception on Nov. 6 and runs through Dec. 3.
- **Valerie Lorimer's** piece, "First Glance," was chosen to go on the publicity postcard for the Lakeview East Festival of the Arts.
- **Bob Kapheim** won the Grand Championship award at the DuPage County Fine Arts Fair on July 26. He also took first place in oil painting, color pencil, color pastels, and cartooning. His first place awards were supported with seven second place ribbons in as many categories. In May, Bob had a one-man show of his photography at DeVry University, and in March he had a show at the Mountain Valley Spring Art Gallery in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Chance to Exhibit

The Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce is looking for artists to display and sell their art on September 5 and 6 from noon to 5 p.m. in the heart of Glen Ellyn. No costs involved. Easy set up starting at 10 a.m. Overnight security and fenced area.

Interested artists should send an email with a picture of your work to director@glenellynchamber.com. Maximum of 25 artists.

For Sale

Fold-away drawing table, 48"x 36"x 3/4"
Alvin & Company "spacesaver"—like new \$60

Upcoming Calendar

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| September 21 | Monday Evening Program featuring
Eric Forsberg |
| September 30-Oct. 1 | Pickup for <i>As Different as Night and Day</i>
Dropoff for <i>Legends... Tall Tales... Ripping Yarns</i> |
| October 28-29 | Pickup for <i>Legends... Tall Tales... Ripping Yarns</i> |
| October 28-31 | Dropoff for <i>Yuletide Treasures</i> |
| January 6-7 | Pickup for <i>Yuletide Treasures</i>
Dropoff for <i>New Beginnings</i> |

New & Renewing Members

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Thanks to all of our members that have renewed your dues already!

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at:

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Board Notes

- We have 518 members and received 100 renewals so far in August. Don't forget to renew your membership in September if you have not already done so.
- Carol Kincaid did another training session for working at the front desk. If you are interested in attending one of these training sessions, call Carol. We need more volunteers.
- The following press releases were made: fall classes, walk in art for children, Garrison workshop, and the Trib Local. Did you see any of them?
- Names of all who returned their DPAL survey were put into a hat and one name was drawn as the winner of \$20. The recipient of the reward was Pat Black.
- A sump pump was installed in the basement. Trash in the basement will be thrown away between summer and fall classes.
- A gift certificate for \$100 will be given to John Cather in appreciation for all his work with the staffers at the front desk.
- Volunteers will be exhibiting their art work in Gallery II for the month of September. There will be a reception for them in September.
- Wayne Atkinson donated a P.A. speaker system which we hope to use on Monday night meetings. Thanks Wayne.



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Thursday Morning Class Announces New Teacher

The current fall schedule shows the Thursday morning class "Painting with a Vision" as a noninstructional studio class. Instead, we are fortunate to announce a new instructor for that class.

Tina Turner is coming to the DuPage Art League. Not the rock star (who in spite of her musical talent would probably have little to contribute to a painting class), but Tina Turner the local artist. She is taking over the Thursday morning class that began years ago with Eleanor Himmelfarb—the class with a long-standing tradition of welcoming artists who work in their own distinctive styles.

Tina's approach focuses on helping students to look at the blank canvas in a new way, and to think about what they want from the canvas. Her goal is to support students so they can achieve their own visions. By listening and making suggestions, she enables students to create art that expresses the student's message.

Tina feels her own style is ever evolving. She began painting as a child, learning from artists her mother knew as the owner of an art and crafts store. Tina grew up and became an English and Spanish teacher but never lost her love of painting and drawing. After spending 10 years mastering figure drawing and painting she went on to open a gallery on Main Street in Wheaton that closed a few years ago.

Her own painting style looks at reducing things to shapes and colors – colors related to planes to create volume. She focuses on texture and composition with a total disregard for the literal interpretation of things. Tina says she often goes back to the figure but also paints unusual still lifes. She believes in trying things and learning from them.

Students in the Thursday morning class can use any medium—oil, acrylic or watercolor. The class is not so much about refining technique as it is about achieving what you want to achieve on that surface.

Come "Paint the Lake!"

Saturday, August 22 & Sunday, August 23 • 10 am-5 pm

Bring your art supplies and come paint by the shore of beautiful Lake Ellyn during the Glen Ellyn Festival of the Arts. Your painting will be displayed in the Glen Ellyn Lions tent at the event. Open to all artists, all ages, all abilities...let your creativity flow!



Northern Illinois Food Bank's The Art of Giving to Benefit Hungry People

Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person

Cantigny Park (Visitor's Center & Le Jardin)

1 S 151 Winfield Road • Wheaton, IL 60187

Join us for an evening of delicious food provided by Cantigny, wine pairings, and fine art for sale by local artists...all complimented by the beautiful backdrop of the Cantigny Park Gardens. Tickets are \$75 per person. Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib carving station, Italian cuisine and seafood stations with wine pairings. Live music will also be enjoyed, and a cash bar will be available. Proceeds will benefit Northern Illinois Food Bank and the hungry served through its agency network. To reserve tickets or for more information, please call Northern Illinois Food Bank at 630.443.6910, ext. 125. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Types of art featured includes acrylic, oil, watercolor, photography, mixed media, pottery, and ceramics. Artists will donate 20% of any artwork sold at the event to NIFB.

Monday Evening Program

September 21, 2009

Refreshments and social at 7 p.m. at the DuPage Art League main gallery; 7:30-9 p.m. demo by one of our teachers, **Eric Forsberg: Water and Oil (Demo in Oil Painting)**

Eric Forsberg is a classic marine oil painter who at age 10 washed dishes at a banquet hall to buy pastels. A turning point in his life came when he signed up for a 6-week painting course at Charles Vickery's studio. They started to paint together on Sundays, and Vickery invited him to share studio space, a mentorship which lasted almost 10 years.

After years of studio painting, at the encouragement of Charles Vickery he went to sea to work on tall ships, schooners, and even trawlers, where he learned to paint the power and beauty of the sea and the ships with greater understanding.

Forsberg's current favorite subjects are historic ships at sea along the East Coast, the Great Lakes and the Indiana Dunes. He is currently working on a series of seven paintings of the *Pride of Baltimore* to be published for the *Pride of Baltimore* organization. Eric Forsberg has been painting for 38 years. He shows his work in fine galleries, invitational and juried exhibitions across the country. His classic maritime oil paintings are in numerous private collections.

Just Around...the Collectors Corner

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I know it is hard to believe, but Yuletide Treasures is just around the corner. Receiving days are October 28 through 31. I hope everyone has their “thinking caps” on, planning and getting ready, making the perfect gifts for our customers to purchase. This is the time of year when we hope to make the most sales and the most money for our artists! Even if you are not planning to exhibit, you must come and see all the wonderful items we have. This year we are having a special reception evening for all our members to shop before the crowds! Watch the upcoming newsletters for a date and time.

There will be a few new restrictions this year, so before embarking on any project please contact me and check that your artwork will fit the criteria. If you want to bring in Framed or Portfolio work, please note the following:

Framed Artwork

You may enter six (6) framed pieces; five (5) of those **must** be \$175 or under.

Portfolio Artwork

You may enter twelve (12) pieces, total. Sizing and pricing is the same as listed in the Collectors’ Corner criteria (see your Activity Schedule).

As pieces sell you’ll be able to bring in replacement pieces. Last year we had so many portfolio pieces that our customers just didn’t take the time to look through them all. When you are selecting your work, please keep in mind that most items purchased in Yuletide Treasures are bought as **gifts**. Also, not many people want a snow scene on their walls, 365 days of the year...unless of course they live in Colorado!

So many times I am asked, “What sells?” That is a hard question as trends alter from year to year, but ornaments always have the highest volume of sales. I can tell you our customers are looking for quality and the unique, but cost is a very important factor. Think how much you spend on your family and friends when buying holiday gifts. I’m sure many of our customers share the same budget thoughts when it comes to shopping for gifts.

A full list of criteria and inventory sign-in sheets will be available at the front desk by Thursday, October 1. Please pick these up **before** bringing in your artwork. Also, remember... Yuletide Treasures exhibitors **must** work at least four (4) hours during the show. This is in addition to the four (4) hours every member must work per year.

Dillman's Fall Workshops

Enjoy your passion, develop a hobby, fulfill a dream... Take a creative art workshop with Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation. Located in beautiful northern Wisconsin, we're proud to be celebrating our 32nd year of workshops and our 75th year of hosting vacationers at Dillman's Bay Resort. Fall color at Dillman's is inspirational and there are many activities to enjoy when you aren't painting. Below are four highlights of our fall lineup...

Betty Carr – Seeing Light as a Painter – Watercolor September 6-11, 2009 (Four Teaching Days)

Explore the excitement of painting realistic, as well as abstract qualities, of light. Learn to use a painterly approach to create dynamic works of art and use expressive brushwork for realistic effects in your paintings. How to examine colors, values and temperatures of light and shadow, its luminosity, is demonstrated along with other “how to’s.”

- Workshop Fee \$515 + tax; Room & 1 Dinner Fee \$308.75 + tax

Jan Sitts – Visual Sensations in Mixed Media September 6-11, 2009 (Four Teaching Days)

Discover materials, textures, and surfaces that you never thought possible. The process of layering with nontraditional art materials along with acrylic paint and ink will move you into unfamiliar territory which improves your expressiveness and uniqueness. Abstraction in design is the focus.

- Workshop Fee \$430 + tax; Room & 1 Dinner Fee: \$308.75 + tax

Frank LaLumia – Plein Air Oil Painting September 6-12, 2009 (Five Teaching Days)

One of the great epiphanies on the artistic road is the realization that we are painting light, not things. We'll focus on the essential challenge of plein air painting: the ability to see light, to simplify and organize the subject matter, and to present it in a simple and straightforward manner.

- Workshop Fee \$575 + tax; Room & 1 Dinner Fee \$365.50 + tax

Lewis Barrett Lehrman – The Joy of Sketching & Artistic Travel Journaling September 13-18, 2009 (Four Teaching Days)

One of the enduring pleasures of travel, Lew has found, is creating and bringing home a journal/ sketchbook of the trip. We'll be mostly outside, discovering and journaling our experiences at both popular and unexpected places. Lew's technique is hands-on, featuring demos as well as individualized help in many different areas.

- Workshop Fee \$420 + tax; Room & 1 Dinner Fee \$308.75 + tax

Email art@dillmans.com or call 715.588.3143 to register. For complete information on all 2009 workshops, visit www.dillmans.com.

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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!

Membership Survey Results

Remember the Membership Survey you filled out? Remember a drawing would be held for all participants for a \$20 DuPage Art League Gift Certificate?

The drawing was held at the Board meeting on August 13, and the winner was Pat Black. We had 36 surveys returned, so thank you for your participation. If you volunteered for any of our committees, you should have already been, or will soon be, contacted by the chair of the committee. Remember, this is your Art League and it is only as good as its members! (By the way, we're **great!**)

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). Please include your name and membership code. Teachers who are not members may also submit. For more information, please email to Bill.

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