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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.

Art Quotes

*It is better to create than to learn!
Creating is the essence of life.*

– Julius Caesar

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

– Joseph Chilton Pearce

President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

All of our Board members have done an outstanding job this year, but I want to feature one in particular this month— Ed Massart, our VP of Buildings and Grounds. Because of his hard work we have finally resolved a long standing problem with dangling wiring on the back of the building. He spent many hours, days and weeks coordinating with the city, Com Ed, other property owners, the electrical contractor Ron Haynes, and the railroad to have the work scheduled and done during our spring break. He kept our costs to a minimum, even writing up the agreement for the other property owners, so we didn't incur any legal fees. Perhaps the most interesting fact is how Ed came to be a member of the league. His son, an artist, was mentored by Bill Utterback, a teacher at the League who recently passed away.

We never know how our acts of kindness or encouragement will affect others but this is proof they do.

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

Capital Idea

We have finished the electrical work and are installing the front desk equipment. New tables have also been added to both classrooms. The total cost for these projects was more than \$10,000. These are costs that are out of the ordinary, so we are asking for your help to pay for them.

Thank you to all who have already made a donation. We have reached 30% of our goal, which we are very pleased to announce, but still have a long way to go. Remember, your donation is tax deductible.



Ron Haynes and the Union Pacific Flagman



April Award Winners... "Art Imitates Art"

Best of Show

Maureen McKee, "Jane Avril with a different Audience,"
Oil Pastel

Theme Awards

Ken Gonzales, "Fountain of Information," Acrylic

Special Merit Awards

Ken Gonzales, "Fountain of Information," Acrylic
Dianne Grieco, "Happy Glow (Zoltan Szabo)," Watercolor
Matthew Wright, "Eggs (After Wayne Thiebaud)," Acrylic

Merit Awards

Bill Baykan, "Whistler's Father," Watercolor
Laverne Bohlin, "Summer Impressions," Oil
Lihue Chua, "Pica-Gogh," Acrylic
Jean Devaud, "L. Feininger Visits Monument Valley," Acrylic
Gail Dragon, "Dragon Meets Dali," Acrylic
Gordon France, "After Thomas Cardone," Oil
Jacque France, "Self Portrait After Sorolla," Oil
John Grek, "If VanGogh Painted Kahlo," Acrylic
Liz Morton Hernandez, "Egle a la Vermeer," Oil
Annette Leiber, "Cypress," Acrylic
Robert Pennor, "Mysteries of the Past," Acrylic
Yvonne Thompson, "A Little Touch of Tiffany," Glass

Judge

Tom Lynch, Naperville. With his uniquely styled landscape paintings, Tom is considered one of the nation's premier watercolor painters and is represented by some of the leading art galleries and museums. A leading art magazine recently listed him as one of the top 20 teachers. For 35 years students from all over the world have attended his workshops. He has received two Lifetime Achievement Awards, signature membership in numerous watercolor societies, is a member of the Society of American Impressionists and is listed in "Who's Who in American Art." Many of his paintings are available in limited edition prints.



Jane Avril with a Different Audience
by Maureen McKee

Teacher Feature

Our teacher this month is Robert Pennor who graduated from the Art Institute of Boston. In his professional career, he was a designer and illustrator for an aerospace corporation, among others. Later he started Pennor Associates and did work for ad agencies in New York City.



He has won numerous awards and his paintings are in many private collections. His painting shown here, "Gliding Along," will be featured in International Artist Magazine in the June/July issue.



As a teacher Robert wants his students to develop their own style. He appreciates the enthusiasm and willingness to learn that he finds in the students at the league.

He and his wife enjoy traveling out west to gather reference material for his work. You'll see evidence of that in many of his paintings. Check out his website, robertpennorgallery.com to see his work.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are available to help at the league in any of the following ways, please call Tanya at 630.844.1928 for more information.

- Website Manager
- Show Judge Coordinator
- Housekeeping Helper

18th Annual "Best of the Best" Fine Art Exhibit

March 20-May 7

Reception and Award Presentation

May 7, 7 to 9 pm

We hope to see you there. www.allianceoffineart.org

Spring News from AFA

The Alliance of Fine Arts is now holding the Best of the Best exhibit at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. This display of excellence will appear until May 7. Promotional postcards can be found at our front desk.

Marilyn Peretti will be retiring as delegate to AFA, after serving two years. A new person will be needed, either as delegate or alternate. Please contact Marilyn or Tanya if you're interested in this broad-based art consortium. This person would start at their September meeting.

Karen Skala, new delegate from the Downers Grove Artists Guild, volunteered to head a grant writing committee for AFA. It is hoped that they can obtain grants for two students to further their education in the field of art. Other committee members are needed, and any guild/league members are encouraged to participate.

AFA is ready to print its updated Talent Directory, which lists workshop leaders from the area, as well as qualified judges.



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Board Notes

- The board voted to open a brokerage account so members can donate stocks to the “capitol idea” project if they so choose.
- The electrical work on the back of the building has finally been completed, and only Com Ed needs to connect us now. Huge thank you to Ed Massart for getting this project completed.
- We have 34 staffers all trained by Carol Kincaid to handle the front desk. Len Fumarelo will handle the scheduling of these staffers. The Point of Sale machine is here and installed. Staffers will soon be trained to use this new system.
- The Gallery II show for volunteers will be by invitation only. Theme windows have been discontinued, and we now show student's work from DPAL classes.
- Donations continue to arrive for the “capitol idea” project to raise funds for the Art League. If you haven't sent your contribution in, you can still do so.
- Letters have been sent to local business places to encourage them to buy advertising in our newsletter.
- The Oakbrook Art Show invited DPAL to handle the children's drop-in art tent on July 10-11 from noon to 4 p.m. both days. The board agreed to provide teachers and art supplies. Oakbrook provides the tent, chairs, and tables.
- This past year scholarships were given to 3 children, 11 adults, and 2 members.
- In all, 27 people were trained to staff the front desk.
- The summer meeting will be held at Carol Kincaid's house in June. Board members bring the side dishes. Purchase of new tables and chairs for the classrooms is being investigated.
- Our sympathy to the family of Lucille Jones, who passed away. Lucille was a member of the league.

Call for Exhibitors

St. James Farm Homecoming Celebration
Saturday, May 29, 2010
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is developing a new fine arts and crafts show for local area artists to exhibit and sell their original works, situated in St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville. Attendance is expected to exceed 3,500 people and provides a wonderful opportunity for artists and crafts people to sell their work without making a big cash investment.

Artists representing all media are invited to submit applications to participate; artists may show as a group or as individuals. There are only 32 spaces available, and all entries will be juried into the show. Preference will be given to works representative of a pastoral rural life and/or equestrian themes.

Artist may request an application via email at sjartfair@dupageforest.com. The application deadline is May 7, 2010. For more information, please call Marcy Rogge at 630.933.7076.

Exciting New Classes at DPAL This Summer

There are some exciting new offerings at the art league this summer. The new schedule, for the first time, will be emailed to members, as well as posted on the website and available in hard copy at the league.

Maritza Bermudez will be back offering her class on "Flower Portraits in Watercolor" on Monday mornings during the first session. If you've struggled with flowers, this is the class that will enable you to conquer them.

Pam Allnutt returns for Session B of "Painting with a Vision" on Thursday mornings. Sessions A & C will be open studios for a charge of \$30 for four classes.

Sarah Rehmer will be teaching a new class on "Intro to Photoshop Elements Software" on Wednesday afternoons. If you've been frightened away from working with this software, Sarah will take the mystery and fear out of it. You will learn to use the filters and other options to color correct photos, resize and restore damaged images, prepare files and more. This class also works for those who have regular Photoshop as well.

We all know **Robert Pennor** is an expert acrylic and oil landscape painter, but who knew his talents extended to watercolor as well? Robert will be offering a unique class on using watercolor with pastels and colored pencils on various paper surfaces. The result is a dramatic yet subtle effect. Robert's class, entitled "Landscapes in Mixed Media," will be held on Thursday afternoons.

Ellen Rottsolk will be teaching two new classes during Sessions A & B, "Figure Drawing" on Wednesday afternoons and "Painting with Pastels" on Tuesday mornings. Figure Drawing can be challenging and Ellen will help you understand how the body moves and how to capture accurate proportions. As many of you know, Ellen is also an accomplished pastel artist, but we've kept her busy teaching beginning and advanced drawing classes. This is the first chance we will have to study pastels with her. Sign up early for both classes...you know they'll fill up fast.

Anne Fines is also offering a couple of new options including a class on "Drawing People: It's Easier Than You Think" on Tuesday afternoons during Session C. Anne is an extremely versatile artist who works in several media. You may have seen her beautiful colored pencil drawings. Now you'll have the opportunity to learn how she does them in "Draw, Draw, Draw – Colored Pencil to the Max!" Her classes will cover still lifes, figures and color theory, lighting and development of flesh tones.

On Friday mornings there will be a new class, entitled "Pouring Watercolor with Nancy," with new instructor **Nancy Nichols**. Pouring watercolor produces a luminosity you just can't achieve any other way. Try this special technique and learn how Nancy starts her paintings using her own unique starter designs.

We also have an exciting array of workshops, including teachers who have been extremely popular in the past.

Maureen McKee's Oil Pastel Workshop and **Beth Leahy's** Color Theory Workshop are in June. In August we're offering a two day collage workshop with award-winning artist **Laura Lein-Svencner** plus a chance to paint the figure in watercolor with **Gordon France**. Gordon's work was recently on the cover of "Watercolor" magazine with a 9 page article featuring his stunning watercolor paintings. In September, **Andrea Burchett** returns with a colored pencil workshop entitled "White on White," definitely an intriguing title. And **Jacque France** returns with her popular plein aire oil painting workshop.

It's going to be a full summer. Sign up early to be sure to get a spot in these exciting classes!

April's New Memberships

Roger Harges HRO
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Elmhurst, IL 60126
630.248.1928

Carol Voelker VOE
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Wheaton, IL 60189
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Margaret Park PMA
11911 Cormoy Ln.
Orland Park, IL 60467
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Margaret Bucholz Featured at Blooming Fest

Margaret Bucholz is one of 20 local featured artists to have a banner on Main Street during West Chicago's Blooming Fest on May 15, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her original painting of a family cocker spaniel will be on display in the West Chicago Museum through June 3. Blooming Fest is a signature event for West Chicago and draws thousands of people from many surrounding suburbs.

More than eighty booths representing crafters, artists and garden-related vendors will occupy Main Street, along with the downtown businesses. Live entertainment and children's activities will take place throughout the day, and as always, the West Chicago Garden Club will be on-hand for their annual plant sale and to share their green-thumb know-how.

Our Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Lucille Jones, longtime life member of the DPAL, who passed away in early April. She was living at Wynscape Nursing Home for the past year. A memorial service was held April 12. Lucille was co-president of the DPAL with Nancy Thompson in the early 1980s. She is fondly remembered as a stalwart and supporting member of the league and will be missed by her many friends.

If you would like to send a card to Lucille's family, you can send them to:

The Family of Lucille Jones
c/o Wynscape Nursing Home
2180 Manchester Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

DuPage Invitational Sculpture & 3-D Art Show

May 8 in Lombard's Lilacia Park

On Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Lombard's Lilacia Park will be the breathtaking backdrop to the 2nd Annual DuPage Invitational Sculpture & 3-D Art Show. This truly multi-sensory event will showcase the amazing three-dimensional work of 28 local artists surrounded by flowers in bloom, the scent of lilacs, and musical entertainment.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Lilacia Park is located at 227 W. Parkside Avenue in Lombard, near Main Street and directly across from the Metra Station. For more information, go to www.dupagesculpture.org or call 331.645.3992.

Collectors' Corner

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I am asking for your help! These last few weeks I have changed hats and have become the data entry clerk for our new Point of Sale system. Because of this, I haven't been calling people about picking up their old Collectors' Corner items. Next time you are in the art league, even if that is not until the next monthly gallery show, please check the Collectors' Corner pick up shelves in the back room to see if any of your CC stock is waiting for you to take home. A few items are there because they are now out of season—others have just been with us for too long.

Also, there is one Christmas ornament there, left over from Yuletide Treasures. It has lost its code and price sticker, so I have no idea who it belongs to. It's a ball ornament; I think it is red and silver. If you think it may be yours, please check the top cubby holes of the **pick up** area in the back room. I would love to find its owner!

Some members are bringing in cards and portfolio work in tired, tatty bags with dirty looking stickers. Please remember, look at your entries through the eyes of the customer. If you look at you work and think, "Oh it will do"...it won't! We do have a lot of competition in the downtown area. We need to only display items that look fresh, current and new. All Collectors' Corner exhibitors need to check their work regularly to make sure the work they have for sale is looking the best it can be. If the protection bag has seen better days, replace it. We have card and portfolio bags which may be purchased singly, for a nominal fee, at the front desk. If you need more than 15 of one size please buy them directly from the manufacturer. We use www.clearbags.com

And just one last request. If there is anyone within our membership who has not volunteered their annual four hours (or more!) and who understands computer data entry, I could do with some help! Please contact me. The system we are using is Microsoft Dynamics Point of Sale. Eventually, I'd like to have all Collectors' Corner items inventoried into the system... but then I'd also like a Ferrari and that will probably never happen either! :o)

Upcoming Calendar

June 2-3	Pick-up for <i>Celebrations</i> Drop-off for <i>Garden Party</i>
June 30-July 1	Pick-up for <i>Garden Party</i> Drop-off for <i>A Slice of Americana</i>
July 28-29	Pick-up for <i>A Slice of Americana</i> Drop-off for <i>Lazy Days</i>
August 25-26	Pick-up for <i>Lazy Days</i> Drop-off for <i>Artist's Choice</i>

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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!

May Gallery II Show Features Watercolors by Bill Baykan

Bill Baykan will be showing his watercolor paintings in Gallery II during the month of May. Bill's interest is primarily figurative but also likes to explore various approaches with different mediums to include in his watercolors.

Retiring in 1995 after over forty years of graphic arts experience as Art Director for major corporations, advertising agencies and art studios where his design credits include uniform and logo designs the New York Mets major league baseball team, Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers football teams and the University of Indiana. Additionally, he designed packaging and promotional graphics for Quaker Oats cereals, Aunt Jemima breakfast products, Gatorade beverages, Gillette shaving products and the Miss America pageant.

Bill is a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh with additional studies at the American Academy of Art. He has attended several workshops with nationally known artists, is a member of TWSA, IWS, DuPage and Naperville Art Leagues, has been juror for major art fairs and has exhibited at TWSA, IWS and many local galleries and shows.

His philosophy is to draw and paint things that interest him and along the way hopefully they will be of interest and enjoyed by those who view them. Please come and view the exhibit in Gallery II which runs through the month of May.

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