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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.

New Members are Invited...

If you have joined the league for the first time this year (2009-2010), we would like to invite you to a special reception on Monday, July 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the main gallery. We'd like to introduce some of our officers to you, make a small presentation and answer any questions you may have about us. Looking forward to meeting you in July!

Your DPAL Board

President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

The Board and I want to thank you for getting our Capital Drive off to a great start. More than seventy members have made a total donation of \$4,300. Forty-four donors are eligible to receive a mug by donating \$50 or more, bringing us to almost to the half way mark of our \$10,000 goal! The mugs will be distributed sometime this month. We wanted to know an approximate number to order before going ahead.

If you haven't yet made a donation, and are enjoying the upgrades in the classroom, \$30 would pay for a table, \$10 for a cushion. We'll continue taking donations through the summer and keep you informed of our progress. A list of donors who want their names published will be made at the end.

Yvonne Thompson has been hard at work along with Ann Johnson getting our new front desk equipment ready to go. It should be done sometime this month, so enrolling for class and paying for membership will be much simpler.

You're invited to our Volunteer and Annual meeting on Sunday, June 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Carol and Jeff Kincaid's in Wheaton at 2S109 Apache Drive. Their number is 630.682.0107. Food and refreshments will be provided by the Board and the Kincaids to our volunteers and their spouses as our way of thanking you for your service. There will be an annual report on last year's activities at the league. Please join us! RSVP to the league so we can plan on a number.

We are saying good-bye to a few of our Board members. Jan Dunteman served as Exhibits chair, Carol Kincaid-Finance, Berny Malovany-Office Management, Diana Mitchell-Education and Julie Luedtke-Membership. They have all performed outstandingly, and we are a more successful league because of them.

We welcome to the Board Lenny Fumarolo-Office Management, Julie Luedtke-Exhibits, Tammy Proctor-Membership, Debra Mielke-Finance, and Kay Wahlgren-Education. Also, George Ceffalio will be our representative to the Alliance of Fine Arts and Hugh Skibbens will be a delegate as well. Thanks to Marilyn Peretti for being our AFA rep for the last two years.

"Art is the expression of what makes us human."

—Anonymous

See you in class,
Tanya Berley



DPAL Annual Meeting

The DuPage Art League would like to invite you to the annual meeting on...

Sunday, June 13
4-7 pm
at the Kincaids
2S109 Apache Drive, Wheaton
630.682.0107

Directions from the league are as follows... Travel south on West Street. Go across Roosevelt and continue south (West Street becomes Plamondon) until it ends at Orchard (three-way stop). Turn left on Orchard and turn right onto Flint Creek (second street on the left). Turn left onto Apache Drive (first light). The Kincaid's home is in the middle of the first cul-de-sac on your left (white two-story colonial).

Please RSVP to the art league (630.653.7090) and feel free to bring your spouse or other family member.

From the Library

by Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

As you start a new class this summer, or take time off to complete some of those unfinished masterpieces, there are lots of new books in the league library to inspire you! Here's a sampling of recently cataloged books:

- Dawson. *The Art and Craft of Papermaking*. (Decorative Arts)
- Tuckman. *Complete Book of Silk Painting*. (Decorative Arts)
- Smart. *Seascape Painting Step-by-Step*. (Oil)
- Hackney. *The Art of the World's Greatest Watercolourists*. (Watercolor)
- *Your Visit to Orsay*. (Museum Collections)
- Brommer. *Collage Techniques*. (Decorative Arts)
- Dobie. *Making Color Sing*. (Painting)
- Calle. *The Pencil*. (Drawing)
- Jackson. *Painting Flowers in Watercolor*. (Watercolor)
- Douglas-Cooper. *The Artist's Bible*. (Reference)
- Gair. *The Artist's Handbook*. (Reference)
- Reid. *Charles Reid's Watercolor Secrets*. (Watercolor)
- Roycroft. *Fill Your Watercolors with Light and Color*. (Watercolor)
- Rayfield. *Painting Birds*. (Painting)
- Fossi. *Italian Art*. (Art History)

There are also a handful of Exhibit Catalogs/Programs in the large wood display case. Enjoy!

Teacher Feature

Gail began her professional art career more than 30 years ago, working as a commercial artist in advertising for Jewel Foods, and subsequently opened her own ad agency, Davis Design. A strong desire to reenter the world of fine art led her to explore oil painting and pastels.

Gail has been a member of the DuPage Art League for ten or more years and feels fortunate for all the friendships made there. She feels lucky to have studied portraiture with Mary Moynihan and Bill Utterback. As a portrait artist she strives to capture the individuals' 'spirit' as well as their face.

Gail has been teaching Portrait Drawing along with Ellen Rottsolek for over a year and conducts the Wednesday evening group 'Live Model Head Studies.' She hopes to offer students an opportunity to build their confidence with encouraging instruction toward their ability to capture a likeness.

Gail received the Theme Award, as well as a Merit Award for 'Celebrations'. Her class is offered on Tuesday afternoons.

Something you may not know about her is that she attended two years of Nursing School, but realized her true calling was passion for art.



Volunteer Opportunities

Show Judge Coordinator

Schedules judges for the league's monthly shows. For more information, call Tanya at 650.844.192.

Rotating Art Exhibit

by Debra Mielke, Chairperson for the Rotating Artists Exhibits

DuPage Art League would like to welcome our newest customer into the Rotating Art Exhibit program. Wells Fargo Advisors located in Itasca will be part of the family of sites that accept artwork from our members. This site is capable of exhibiting about 10 art pieces.

I am looking for a volunteer within the Dupage Art League to be a site coordinator for the Itasca site. This position would schedule with the Wells Fargo contact the art medium and time periods for our members to exhibit their art works. If any member lives fairly close to Itasca and would consider giving a small amount of their time to help launch this new site, please contact Debra Mielke at 630.893.3139 and we can coordinate the duties.

Thanks to Kandice for initiating her work site to be included in Dupage's successful Rotating Art Exhibit program.



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Board Notes

- The DPAL summer meeting will be at Carol Kincaid's home on June 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. Three groups of grade school students have taken tours of the DPAL.
- The board had a guest, Travis Duffy, explain how Trans National does their credit card transactions to see if it would be beneficial to the league to change credit card companies.
- The board made a decision that there are no exchanges or returns on items purchased from the League. All sales are final.
- Kandi Husarik will be the artist in Gallery II in July.
- Tanya thanked all who served on the board in the past and welcomed all newly elected members to the board. A committee will be formed to see about changing and updating our website.
- Money continues to come in from our capital Idea project to raise funds for the League.
- A family membership was defined as one member plus one more member per household.
- Annette Leiber will be in charge of rotating exhibits for Wells Fargo.

Collector's Corner

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We have been sending out letters to those people who have had stock in Collectors' Corner longer than our Activity Schedule dictates, or those who have lapsed in their membership. Please pick up your work before the cut off date on the letter or it will become the property of the art league.

Even if you have not had a letter, please check the "Collector's Corner Pick Up" cubby holes every time you come in to see if some of your work is there. It will save us the stamp in having to write to you.

Please remember when you are bringing in new stock...

- No out of season artwork.
- Price tickets go on the front, bottom right side on **framed work**
- Price tickets go on the front, top right side on **portfolio work**
- Collectors' Corner Media stickers on the back of Framed and Portfolio work
- Fill out one of the color coded inventory sheet and leave it with your work, in the C.C. drop off area out the back.

May Award Winners... "Celebrations"

Best of Show

Anne Fines, "Three Graces," Pastel

Theme Awards

Gail Dragon, "Fiesta El Torito," Pastel

Special Merit Awards

Hedy Dawson, "Floral Fantasy," Acrylic

Jean Devaud, "Celebrate the Saxophone," Acrylic and Wood

Sarah Ettinger, "Celebration of Spring," Acrylic

Merit Awards

Robert Cliff, "Short Break," Photo

Gail Dragon, "Fiesta El Torito," Pastel

Lisa Garrison, "Ribfest," Watercolor

Mary Kent Goebel, "Mom's Day Out," Oil

Ken Gonzales, "Celebrate Each Dawn," Acrylic

Vic Harris "Freedom," Photo

Kristen Hill, "Planning a Party," Watercolor

Zaki Knapen, "Spirit of Soccer," Bronze Sculpture

Annette Leiber, "Celebrate Color," Mixed Media

Sally Steketee "Catching Tadpoles," Oil

Yvonne Thompson, "Celebrate the Sunset," Glass

Milvi Wheeler, "Marsh Marigolds," Oil

Judge

Don Lindstrom, Park Ridge. B.S. Bradley University, studied at American Academy, Ray Vogue, The Art Institute of Chicago, Palette & Chisel Academy. Former advertising career with Leo Burnett Agency. Teaches art at Oakton Community College. Former freelance artist for Salvation Army. Has exhibited in numerous shows and collections. Reproductions of his paintings of well-known landmarks, landscapes and other scenes are popular with collectors.



Three Graces by Anne Fines

"I'm Painting in the Garden"

Suzanne Poursine Massion will be a featured artist during the Fox Valley Garden Walk on June 12. "Elgin East Side Gardens" is hosted by the American Association of University Women.

Suzanne says, "The AAUW asked me to set up a display during the event to show and sell my oil paintings. I asked, instead, if I could paint all day at one of the garden locations. Then I met John and Holly Weidmeyer and a group of free-range felines at their beautiful Elgin garden. They were so enthusiastic about an artist painting their garden that I decided on that location immediately. The Weidmeyers restore "painted ladies" and other historical buildings as a business. Visit www.qualitypaintingandcarpentry.com to get an idea of what they do. It's breath taking!"

Stop by between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and say hello. The Weidmeyer garden is at 73 North Liberty Street in Elgin, but you will need tickets for the whole garden walk. For tickets or Garden Walk information, call 847.931.0351. Tickets purchased before June 12 are \$12; tickets purchased after June 12 are \$15. Suzanne's website is www.spmassion.com

Dick Blick Events

You might want to check out these upcoming events at Dick Blick in Wheaton!

Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting

Saturday, June 5 • 10 am-Noon

with a demonstration from watercolorist Bob Krajecki

For more information, visit www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org

Gamblin Oil Painting Workshop

August 21 & 22 • 10 am-3 pm

with nationally known artist Andrea Harris

Cost is \$80 (includes supplies). Students are required to supply their own brushes and palette knives. Preregistration is required and payment is due at time of sign-up. Space is limited!

Oil Pastel Workshop

August 7 & 8 • 9 am-4 pm

with George Shipperley

Cost is \$60 per person (supplies not included). Get acquainted with a variety of techniques using oil pastels. Discover the versatility of this medium and develop your own individual style. Preregistration is required. Payment is due at time of registration.

Saving Trees and Being Green!

by the recycling guru, Yvonne Thompson • 630.966.9616
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As some of you already know, we recycle the aluminum soda can at the Art League. They are taken to "Cans for a Cause" and recycled both for Smile Train (who preform free cleft palette surgery for children in need) and Ronald McDonald's Houses (the ring pulls).

Looking to be further responsible, we are now recycling clean paper and cardboard at the league. There is a large open blue Rubbermade box to the left of our two green dumpsters. Jan Dunteman, Nancy Tait and I will empty the container regularly and take it to one of the local recycling groups we support. Please remember this when you are throwing clean paper and cardboard away at the league.

You cannot recycle:

- Anything that has touched food
- Paper towels or tissues (thank goodness!)
- Nothing that has paint on it

We all need to be more responsible with our "trash," both at the league and in our homes. I was talking to our friendly trash man the other week and found out that due to the all landfills in the area being full, our trash ends up in Dekalb or south of Chicago. Just think how much gas it takes to transport it too! If anyone else is interested in being part of this, please contact me.

Here are some ways you can recycle at home and save money too:

- Use black and white newspaper about 8 sheets thick, under your garden mulch. I tear mine into 4-8" strips as it makes it easier for the water to get through. The insects don't like the ink and the barrier will keep weeds out. Also, it will rot into the soil every year and feed your soil.
- Re-use dry cleaning bags as trash bags for your kitchen trash can. Just knot the bottom (where the hanger went through) and drop it into your 15 gallon can. They are mostly clear too, so they don't stand out like the ones you buy from the store. You can add a big elastic band (or knot together the elastic that comes with gym shoes when you buy them) to keep the bag in place.
- Compost your waste kitchen "greens." A lot of people don't want a compost heap or bin in their yard, but you can do it on a smaller scale. Keep one of the empty large coffee cans (which are now plastic and come with airtight lids) near your sink. Line it with a small paper bag or newspaper and drop your peelings, and waste from salad and veg in the pot (no animal products, oil or fats). When it is full, dig a shallow hole near your plants, about the size of the coffee can, and empty the contents of the coffee can in the hole. If you have a post hole digger it works well for this. Cover with the earth and that is it. The worms will do the work for you and nourish your plants!

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Robert Koch** had paintings accepted in the Illinois Watercolor Society's 26th Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the Next Picture Show Gallery (Dixon, IL) from May 7-June 1, the Louisiana Watercolor Society's 40th Annual International Exhibition in the atrium of Place St. Charles (New Orleans) from May 8-28, and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 34th Annual National Exhibition at the Kenosha Public Museum from May 1-July 25. Robert's painting, "John Chad's House" (from their "Watercolor 2010" Exhibition) was accepted into the permanent collection of the Norris Gallery at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles. He is honored to be part of the gallery's permanent collection.

Upcoming Calendar

June 2-3	Pick-up for <i>Celebrations</i> Drop-off for <i>Garden Party</i>
June 13	DPAL Annual Meeting, 4-7 pm
June 30-July 1	Pick-up for <i>Garden Party</i> Drop-off for <i>A Slice of Americana</i>
July 19	New Member Reception, 7-9 pm
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>
September 29-30	Pick-up for <i>Artist's Choice</i> Drop-off for <i>Fall For It!</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!

Count Your Blessings

We've all heard this one many times, but have you done it recently? In your journal, or a piece of paper that you will keep, write down:

- the names of everyone that you love
- the names of every that loves you
- everything that you have done that you are proud of (ex, graduating, winning award, finishing paper, entering contest, taking trip, having child, etc.)
- the things that you have been able to attain that bring you happiness
- the places you have visited that you enjoyed
- the people that you have met that you gained the most from
- your character traits that you think other people admire in you
- the character traits that you admire in yourself
- the things that you have done that you thought you could never do

Quite a list! When you are done, you will be in a wonderful state to create! Try it!



Creativity is a celebrations of life.

– Joseph Zinker



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