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## NEWSLETTER

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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.

## Notice – Change in Class Discounts

As of September the senior discount will be \$5 rather than 10% per class. We are trying to find ways to run in the black for the year and start to build an emergency fund to cover unexpected expenses without making major changes. It will also be easier for everyone to figure out as well.

## President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

Thanks to our volunteers at the Oak Brook Art Fair on July 10 and 11 we were able to provide a free family art project as hosts of the family tent. Kay Wahlgren created eskimo sunglasses for the children to design. It was a big hit as you can see from the pictures. Thanks to Gail Dragon (teacher), Margaret Bucholz (board member), Nancy Green (DPAL member), and daughter Gail Berley for all their help Saturday. Kay headed up the team for Sunday.

Stop in and pick up your DPAL mug if you've donated \$50 or more to our Capital Drive. We are very pleased with the final design. Check at the front desk for more information. We still have more mugs to give out, so you may still donate to help us on our way. We are close to \$6,000 thanks to your continued generosity. Special thanks to an anonymous donor who gave us \$500 this month.

We wish Zaki, artist and teacher, all the best as he leaves our area to move to Florida. He has been a tireless supporter of the arts in the area, and we thank him for donating a piece of art to us as a parting gesture and for being such a dynamic addition to our art league. Keep in touch!

It's hard to believe, but we are already nearing the end of another membership year. So, you may begin to renew your membership any time this month. The new year starts September 1.

See you in class,

*Tanya Berley*  
President



*Photos from the Oak Brook Art Fair*

## Volunteer Opportunities

Workshop Coordinator – Call Kay Wahlgren at 630.858.2892 for more information.

## Important Notice for the Next Newsletter

Valerie Lorimer • Newsletter Editor

Don't forget...the deadline for the September issue of the newsletter is going to be **August 9** instead of August 15. Please mark your calendars for the early deadline!

## Collector's Corner

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You may have noticed that Collector's Corner is looking a little light on stock. This is because we have been working to get all the items that have been there for more than four months removed. Many of you have had letters from me, requesting you collect your pieces by a certain date, but some letters still need to go out. If you exhibit in Collector's Corner, please check the pick-up area in the back room the next time you are at the art league. Everything is in a bag or package, with the artist's name on the outside. All items have been marked off your inventory sheets, so they are ready for you just to pick them up.

If you are thinking of bringing in new stock, give me a call at home (or email) **before** you bring in your items. I want to get barcoded tickets printed for all new stock where possible, and it would be wonderful if I could have these waiting for you when you bring your items in, with your inventory sheets.

As I write this, I am getting ready for a full week of training for the front desk staffers on the Point of Sale system. You are all going to be amazed how simple the system is! But saying that, I would like to start making a list of people who would like to be involved in updating the system with information. We need you! I have set everything up, so as long as you can type the upkeep will be easy. There will also be some work that could be done from your home computer!

And my last request is.....start thinking **Yuletide Treasures!** On those days when it is just too hot to paint outside, it is a good time to start making a few things for our holiday show. We start receiving items for Yuletide Treasures at the end of October. I know it seems a long time away, but it will be upon us quicker than you think!

## Meet the Editor



A big thank you to Valerie Lorimer who has been putting our newsletter together since 2003 as her way of donating time to support the league. She also has artwork in Collector's Corner, is a frequent contributor to our monthly shows and is in several of our area art fairs as well. Look for her delightful, whimsical cards next time you're at the league.

She is in charge of graphic arts at the Wheaton Park District. Both she and her family are also involved in the arts musically through singing, teaching, performing and playing piano. We are so fortunate to have her as a member.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a volunteer to spend 45 minutes, weekly, to teach art with our senior residents at our supportive living senior retirement home in Bartlett called the Victory Centre of Bartlett.

If you're interested, please email Rose Simone (rsimone@pathwaySL.com) or call 630.213.0100 (ext. 5007).



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## Board Notes

- We need more staff to volunteer for being at the front desk during the summer months. Call Len Fumarolo if you can take a morning or afternoon.
- The activity book is being completed for publication.
- We are looking for a chairperson to set up and run workshops. We have an assistant but need a chairperson. If you are interested, call Kay Wahlgren.
- There will be two new children's teachers, Gail Dragon and Nancy Tait, starting in the fall.
- A demo mirror that was given to the DPAL by Wayne Atkinson will be hung in the big classroom with the intention of making the Monday night demonstrations visible to more of the audience.
- A thank you reception for people who made donations to the DPAL this year will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. before the September, Monday night meeting. If you made a \$50 or more donation, you can pick up a coffee mug at the front desk.

## Women's Wisdom Artisans

The People's Resource Center (PRC) Women's Wisdom Art Program is offering an opportunity to clients who need to work at home and are interested in learning to make handmade products to be sold to PRC donors and volunteers, as well as within the community through churches and markets.

Classes begin Wed., August 11 from 12 to 3 p.m. with two more classes on August 18 & 25. We'll teach you basic jewelry making techniques and at the end of the classes, you'll be given materials to make jewelry to be sold through PRC.

To find out more about this program, contact Lesley Gena at 630.683.5402 (ext. 241) and plan to attend our orientation on August 4 at 12 p.m. at the PRC Wheaton.

## People's Resource Center Offers Free Programs

Don't forget to check out free programs for all ages and skill level at People's Resource Center! You can join a class anytime...just call 630.682.5402 (ext. 241) to register or for more information.

## Teacher Feature

Our teacher this month is Ellen Rottsolk. After receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Art from Northern Illinois University, Ellen taught drawing, painting, ceramic, and jewelry construction in a suburban high school for eleven years. During those years she returned to Northern and earned a Master of Arts degree.

Moving to Wheaton in 1986, Ellen discovered the DuPage Art League where she concentrated on exploring and expanding her knowledge and mastery of pastels.

About eight years ago she began teaching children's class at the league. When a need for a drawing instructor presented itself, she enthusiastically stepped in and has since been offering classes in Drawing Fundamentals, Advance Drawing, Perspective and Figure Studies. Last year, she and Gail Dragon began offering a class in Portrait Drawing.

Ellen believes the ability to view our environment with an "artist's eye" will give students the confidence in their own abilities to master the drawing techniques that establish a firm base for exploring other media and forms of artistic expression.

Working with three Vice-Presidents of Education, Ellen produced the class schedule for six years, and has spent the last two years as Teacher Representative. She believes that working as a volunteer and teacher has given her the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with some of the most dedicated and creative people in the area.

Something you may not know about Ellen is that she attended a private college prep high school which did not include art classes. She headed off to college determined to bring to reality her third grade "when I grow up" themed paper. Ellen wrote that she wanted to be an artist and art teacher.



## July Award Winners... "A Slice of Americana"

### Best of Show

Roger Harges, "The Ubiquitous American Red Barn," Pastel

### Theme Awards

Bill Baykan, "Hot Dogs, Holidays and John Philip Sousa,"  
Watercolor

### Special Merit Awards

Mary Kent Goebel, "Heartland," Oil  
Kerry Leibowitz, "American Dawn," Photo  
Sue West, "Victory Garden," Mixed Media

### Merit Awards

Jacque France, "Elizabeth Perkins Historical Home in York,  
Maine," Oil  
Ken Gonzales, "Once Upon America," Graphite  
Ray Hassler, "Chicago - All American City," Watercolor  
Annette Perone Leiber, "A Touch of Class," Mixed Media  
Mary Jane Ludovice, "Country," Pastel  
Nancy McGuire, "The Red, The White and The Blue,"  
Acrylic  
Diana Nawrocki, "A Slice of American," Fabric  
Peggy Schuda, "Full Service," Gouache  
Nancy Tait, "Have a Slice - Have a Ball," Acrylic on Wood  
Don Wheeler, "North American Swamp Folk," Mixed Media  
Matthew Wright, "Paper on Painting," Oil  
Pat Young, "Farmers' Market," Watercolor

### Judge

Bob Fritz, Lombard. Robert Lee Fritz has been an art instructor for more than 30 years. He currently teaches in the Motion Picture/Television Department at College of DuPage. He also taught high school, middle school and grade school students. Mr. Fritz has also worked with freeblown glass for more than 30 years. His works have been included in exhibitions and in private and museum collections.



*The Ubiquitous American Red Barn* by Roger Harges

## You're Invited!

LaGrange Art League would like to invite all creative souls to join us in this exciting experience of journaling over the next nine months with Make Your Mark, an exciting community art project. Sign up today to become the steward of one of 200 journals. Make your personal mark by writing, sketching, pasting, painting, drawing doodling, sewing or gluing the journal. Once you make your mark, pass it on!

This is your chance to play on paper. The goal is to pass along these 200 journals, and then have them returned to the LaGrange Art League for a gallery exhibit. Each journal will be numbered, and you will have the joy of making a personalized cover for your journal on Sept 24 & 25 when you pick up your journal at the launch party.

When you receive your journal...

1. Read it...get to know what others have added.
2. Add to it...draw, paint, write, whatever—you get the point.
3. Share it...ask your friends, family, strangers to add to your journal, enhancing the collaborative nature of the project.
4. Return it...at the end of the nine months, by July 30, 2011 bring the journal back. It will go on display and travel between art leagues in the Chicagoland area.

Get your application form at [www.lagrangeartleague.org](http://www.lagrangeartleague.org).  
Questions? Email: [info@lagrangeartleague.org](mailto:info@lagrangeartleague.org). Don't delay—there are only 100 left!

## Inspirational Quotes

*To bring anything into your life, imagine that it's already there.*  
—Richard Bach

*Stop. Breathe. Allow yourself the luxury of doing nothing for a moment, or an hour, or even a day. It is in emptiness that inspiration will appear.*  
—Carole Katchen

*You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.*  
—Maya Angelou

## Upcoming Calendar

August 9	<b>Newsletter Items are Due!</b>
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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## New & Renewing Members from May & June

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## With Sympathy

Our condolences to friends and family of Nancy Ahlstrom who lost her battle with colon cancer on July 5.

## Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- **Tom and Carol Gorman** have been accepted into the juried show, A Time and a Place, presented by the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum. The reception was Friday, July 16. The show runs through August 24.

## Newsletter via Email

Just a reminder that you can now receive the DPAL newsletter via email! So, help the league "go green" and save the league money at the same time. If your email is not already on file, please send it to Ann Johnson at [ajohnsondpal@yahoo.com](mailto:ajohnsondpal@yahoo.com). Thanks for your help!



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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!

# Artists Wanted at Gibby's Wine Den

In our continued effort to champion the artistic community in the Fox Valley, Gibby's Wine Den is proud to announce exhibition opportunities to both emerging and established artists in the Geneva, St. Charles, Batavia area.

Our client base extends north into Elgin and the northwest suburbs and south to the Oswego/Yorkville area incorporating Aurora, Sugar Grove and Elburn; providing vast exposure for your artwork in the Fox Valley and beyond. Art exhibitions will be on a monthly rotating exhibition schedule based upon artist availability.

Shows begin in September 2010. Interested artists should immediately contact Mary McHugh via email (info@gibbys-wine.com) in order to schedule a time when we can review your artwork or portfolio for exhibition consideration. Information is also available online at www.gibbys-wine.com.

## From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Do you remember those wonderful boxed biographies of artists published by *Time-Life* under the series title *Time-Life Library of Art*? If you do, then you'll be glad to hear that the library now has a complete set. And, if you don't remember them, then you have a treat in store for yourself! The books contain a biography of each artist and are beautifully illustrated with their works. From Bernini to Whistler, there's an artist for everyone to enjoy, especially on a lazy summer afternoon.



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