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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.

Like to Help Out?

We're putting together a fresh new list of people who would be willing to volunteer to bring refreshments for our Monday evening meetings. Contact Nancy Anderson if you'd be willing to help out.

President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

We have some really exciting news to share. We have received a generous grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation for \$15,000—all thanks to a recent conversation one of our teachers, Marge Hall, had with Dorothy Mellin, Mr. Driehaus' sister. Dorothy had taken classes from Marge at the league a few years ago and asked how we were doing.

After learning about how we are starting to use more technology to run the league, she suggested this money could be used to help streamline our operation and also for general support.

At our board meeting on January 12 we voted unanimously to hire Yvonne Thompson, with part of the funds, to become Business Manager as well as continue in her board position. As many of you know from reading our newsletters, since March 2010 she has worked as a volunteer, without compensation, to set up and continue to take responsibility for running the Point of Sale System that completely changed our front desk management.



Gone are the days of individual hand written sales slips, and instead we use a database of customers to record all transactions. But it does take work to check the daily reports, train staffers, act as troubleshooter, and be on call to help when our volunteer staffers need it as well as prepare reports for our treasurer and others.

She will still volunteer to run Yuletide Treasures and the gift shop but will continue to improve how we do business.

We're so glad this opportunity came along for her and the league, and we thank Marge for being an ambassador for the league and making this happen.

See you at the League,

Tanya Berley, President

Board Notes

- Although fewer items were sold during Yuletide Treasures this year, the sales exceeded by \$1,000 the total for 2010.
- Due to the work of Vicki Joyce and her committee, DPAL has received exposure in the Chicago Tribune and other local newspapers. Chicago Tribune journalist, Marie Lazzara, featured twelve artists from the League in her "Prime Time" column.
- Our Facebook page features the teachers and events at DPAL. Our website has monthly news on the front page.
- We received a grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation. This grant comes with the stipulation that the money be used to improve the efficiency of the League.
- We now have voice mail. If you call and the phone is in use, you will be transferred to voice mail and the staffer will call you back.

Upcoming Calendar

- Feb. 1-2 Pick up for *Cold as Ice*
Drop off for *Live, Laugh & Love*
- Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 Pick up for *Live, Laugh & Love*
Drop off for *Guardian of the Planet*

From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Creativity as a subject heading has been added to the Library. If you need a little inspiration, or want to reflect on what being an artist means, you might enjoy browsing through these titles. Books on this subject already in other areas will gradually be transferred to this section.

- Cameron. *The Artist's Way; a Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity.* (Creativity)
- Carbonetti. *Making Pearls; Living the Creative Life.* (Creativity)
- Cassou. *Point Zero; Creativity without Limits.* (Creativity)
- Lehrman. *Being an Artist.* (Creativity)
- *Portrait Inspirations: a Collection of Drawing and Painting Ideas for Artists.* (Creativity)

Other Subjects

- Arthur. *Spirit of Place; Contemporary Landscape Painting & the American Tradition.* (Painting)
- Katchen. *How to Get Started Selling Your Art.* (Reference)
- Katchen. *Painting with Passion; How to Paint What You Feel.* (Painting)
- LeClair. *Color in Contemporary Painting.* (Painting)
- Maiotto. *The Watercolor Handbook; Learning from the Masters.* (Watercolor)
- Savage. *Painting Landscapes in Pastel.* (Painting)

Local Treasure

Discover a world of beauty, learning and fun just around the corner! Cantigny was Colonel Robert R. McCormick's gift to the community and all 500 acres are yours to enjoy.

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Yuletide Treasures...The Figures Are In!

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The new year has certainly started off well for us! After some “number crunching,” I have some great news about Yuletide Treasures. Our final figure was \$14,424.45! That is close to a \$1,000 increase on the total from Yuletide Treasures in 2010! What I found interesting was we also sold 329 items less than in 2010! That means each single item sold was of a higher price than those of the prior year.

Everyone always wants to know what were the most popular items that sold. (This list is roughly the same every year for Yuletide Treasures.)

1. Ornaments
2. Jewelry
3. Cards
4. Pottery

The sales broke down into the following “departments”:

Wall artwork	22
Portfolio artwork	20
Glass giftware	38
Cards	155
Books	9
Pottery	116
Jewelry	159
Wood giftware	28
Textiles	59
Misc giftware	87
Ornaments	330

(glass 78, pottery 28, textile 54, paper 92, misc 78)

We sold 1,023 items. 910 of those were \$25 or less, so you can see where our customers purchasing comfort zone was. While we did sell five items for \$100 or more, it is a tiny proportion of the sales. I certainly never want to fill the show with just small stuff, but it maybe be useful to you when selecting items for this year’s Yuletide Treasures.

Kudo’s to the following members who were our “Top Ten Sellers.” In alphabetical order:

Cesira Bonin	Sue Dix
Beverly Docherty	Marge Hall
Michelle Kuo	Julie Luedtke
Gai Moodie	Nancy Tait
Yvonne Thompson	Judy Warren

A special “pat on the back” for Judy Warren who had the highest single item sold with a sterling silver necklace at \$200. It has been quite a few years since we have had a \$200 sale from the show.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this show a success. No matter if you exhibited, bought gifts or helped with the workload in some way, you played an important part of raising over \$3,500 for our art league. Together we are an awesome group of artists!

Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments

- Marriott Hotels purchased four pieces of artwork from **Valerie Lorimer** for the new Naperville Marriott. The pieces are due to be installed soon for the spring opening. She also has an exhibit at Whole Foods in Wheaton through mid-February. Valerie will also be exhibiting at *Bacchus Greet the Arts* at Gibby’s Wine Den in Geneva on February 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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articles by the 15th of
each month: vlorimer@yahoo.com

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!

Gift Shop News

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We are now accepting new work for the Gift Shop. Please notice there are **new** inventory sheets, so if you have any of the old ones at home, please recycle them. The new sheets are in the front of every department binder, kept on top of the metal cupboard in the gift shop back room.

All work being entered in the Gift Shop now has to have inventory numbers. Just like you did for Yuletide Treasures, you choose the numbers. Please do not duplicate any number unless you are entering identical items, like cards with the same artwork on them. Keep it simple, starting from 1 is okay! No letters though, it must be totally numeric. These numbers go in the first column of your inventory sheet and immediately after your 3 letter code on the barcode label. Remember to put the price on your label too!

Also, fill out a new disclaimer form. As many people would forget to sign that line on the inventory form, we have now changed to a form that you'll only have to fill out once a year. It will cover any work you bring in for the Gift Shop and Yuletide Treasures. The blank sheets will be in the Gift Shop back room.

Finally, if you need barcodes, call me before you bring your work in. Once printed, they are stored in the "Members Barcodes" navy blue ring binder. You'll find this with all the other ring binders on top of the metal cupboards.

Any questions, call or e-mail me.

Attention Acrylic Painters

A workshop especially for you. Sandra Bacon, a Golden Products rep, will be here leading the exploration and experimentation of the company's newest products. Image transfers and the creation of paint skins to be used in mixed media paintings will be the main focus of this two day workshop. Sandra will share her experience and materials so that participants can learn these techniques and the possibilities that Golden's products and processes offer to the acrylic painter.

Check workshop listings for complete details.

Monday Evening Program Features Jacqueline France

Landscape Painting as an Extreme Sport!

January 16 – 7 p.m. Social | 7:30-9 p.m. Program

Jacque earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. After graduation, Jacque taught art to children as an occupational therapist. She soon found she was busy raising her own family, but continued to paint as a recreation while developing an antique business that has kept her travelling around the country.

Her urge to paint full-time blossomed after she attended a landscape painting workshop in Tuscany, Italy. Jacque and Gordon return to



Europe frequently to paint and attend workshops. They also travel throughout the U.S. combining golf and painting. Her work hangs in private collections in Chicago, Peoria, and Italy. Come to see how Jacque does landscape painting as an extreme sport!

Interested in Teaching

The art league is looking for a children's painting/drawing teacher to replace Marilyn Dwyer with our "Art in the Park" program this summer beginning in June. Marilyn is retiring and will be sorely missed by her students and the league. Please call Kay Wahlgren (630.858.2892) to recommend someone or to express interest in the position.



Join us on Facebook!

Bookbinding Art Offers Soothing Appeal

The DuPage Art League believes Cheryl Mahowald and Carla Klausler when they say paper is an incredibly versatile medium. Cheryl tells, "Collage, sculpture, quilts, books, clothing, lighting, you name it, and most likely it can be made with paper. I took my first papermaking class in 1994. It was like the mother ship calling me home. I am a gardener. The idea of using plant fibers grown and harvested from my own yard appealed to me, and I was drawn to the sensory aspect and "zen-like" quality of making paper by hand. The water and repetitive motion are soothing."

Carla continues the enthusiasm..."I like to think the classes that Cheryl and I teach are fun...we play music during the class which reflects what or how the students are learning. Since we get bored easily, and we like to spice things up, we change our curriculum each session to keep our students up-to-date with new techniques we have learned. For me, papermaking and bookbinding are such peaceful activities that it's easy to focus on creating and my troubles and woes temporarily slip away, leaving me calm...it's better than therapy!"

Cheryl and Carla begin teaching their bookbinding class at DPAL on February 27 for six weeks. It will cover Bindings and Surface Treatment Techniques. This could open up a whole new peaceful world for you!



Bookbinding is an art from plant to finish

January Award Winners... "Cold As Ice"

Best of Show

Gordon France, "Commuters Morning," Watercolor

Theme Award

Sue Young, "Cold as Ice," Photo

Special Merit Awards

Dale Olsen, "Cold Afternoon Sun," Acrylic

Marguerite Paris, "Nightfall," Acrylic

Annette Perone Leiber, "An Early Frost," Acrylic Mixed Media

Merit Awards

Vic Harris, "-28 Fahrenheit," Photo

Jon Walker, "Winter Evening Rock Falls," Acrylic

Sue Dix, "Athena," Clay

Sally Sharp, "Winter's Dawn," Oil Pastel

Jan Dunteman, "A Scarlet Beauty," Oil Pastel

Kathi Kucher, "It's Got to be Freezing," Watercolor

Bob Kaphein, "Alaskan Tlinget Monolith," Resin Sculpture

George Bruce, "Wintry Day," Watercolor

Greta Pfeifer, "Icicles," Photo

Roger Harges, "Rural Winter," Mixed Media

Kip Pasta, "Outside the Gallery," Wood

Jacque France, "Ashland Backyards," Oil on Paper

Inspirational Quotes

When you stop having dreams and ideals—well, you might as well stop altogether.

—Marian Anderson

The dignity of the artist lies in his duty of keeping awake the sense of wonder in the world. In this long vigil he often has to vary his methods of stimulation; but in this long vigil he is also himself striving against a continual tendency to sleep.

— Marc Chagall

My role in society, or any artist or poet's role, is to try and express what we all feel. Not to tell people how to feel. Not as a preacher, not as a leader, but as a reflection of us all.

— John Lennon

The artist is a receptacle for the emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web.

— Pablo Picasso

A Peek Into the Kid's Art Classes at DuPage Art League



Check it Out!

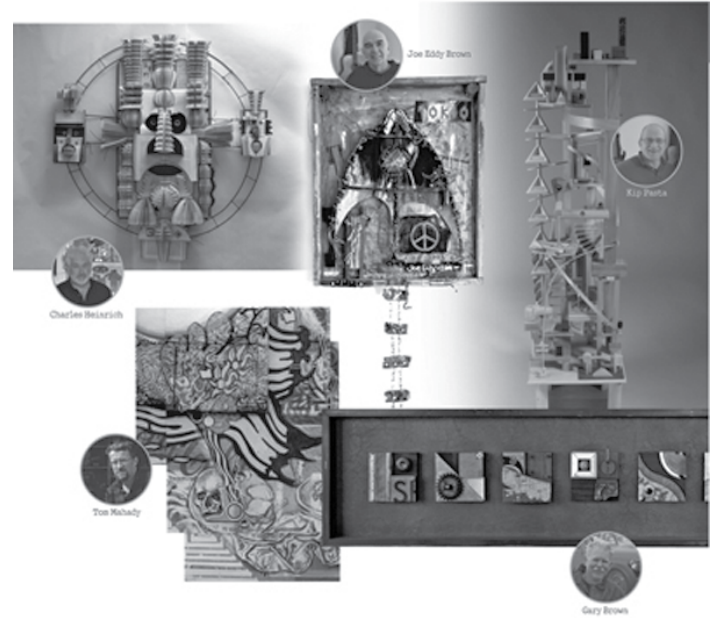
If you haven't had a chance, check out this awesome exhibit with some of our DPAL members.

5ive Outside™

"Hey, look what we made with all this Stuff!"

An Exhibit Featuring the Works of Gary Brown, Joe Eddy Brown, Charles Heinrich, Tom Mahady, and Kip Pasta

ON DISPLAY JANUARY 22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12
Artist's Reception: Sunday January 29, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



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Mid Winter Festival of Artists

free event for visual artist and friends

Friday, March 2, 2012 • 5-8 pm

Dick Blick Art Supply Store, Wheaton

Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation (DCAF) will partner with The Hopkins Center for the Arts to bring free art demonstrations to artists and friends in your area for the third year. For 35 years DCAF has organized complimentary Mid Winter Festivals of Artists across the country. The Festival in Hopkins includes hour-long demonstrations by well-known artists in their chosen medium; art sales of work and artist's books and videos by internationally known artists and information on resources for artists. Refreshments by Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation and hourly door prizes make for a fun evening.

Schedule of Demonstration (subject to change)

5 pm Tom Linden (Darien, IL)—Dramatic Landscape-Watercolor

6 pm Michael Ireland (Cary, IL)—Big Big Watercolors

David Becker (Chicago, IL)—The Most Important Watercolor Workshop You Will Ever Take

Ongoing Activities

Frank LaLumia (Trinidad, CO)—DVD—"Plein Air Oil Painting-The American Landscape"

For more information, please visit www.dillmans.com.

Free Art Classes at People's Art Studio

Don't forget to check out the variety of art classes through People's Resource Center...

- Women's Wisdom Art (Tuesday, 1-3 pm; Thursday, 7-9 pm)
- Family Art (Saturday, 10 am-12 pm)
- Watercolor Painting (Monday, 9:30-11:30 am)
- Creative Writing Drop-In Workshop (Saturday, 9-10:30 am)
- Pottery (Wednesday, 6:45-9 pm)
- Knitting (Thursday, 10 am-12 pm)
- Fundamentals of Painting & Drawing (Monday, 5-7 pm)
- Women's Wisdom (Monday, 7-8:30 pm)

For more information and to register for classes, call Lesley at 630.682.5402 (ext. 241).

Happenings at Addison Art Guild

Collage Workshop with Laura Lein Svencner

Sat., March 17 • 9:30 am-1 pm

\$45 member; \$55 nonmembers

Laura Lein Svencner will lend her expertise in this collage workshop as we celebrate 100 years of collage as a fine art with the Midwest Collage Society. Experience the old and new art movement in collage with this step-by-step workshop; using found and re-purposed papers, acrylic glazing and clear transfers. The technique of using the tacking down method to apply collage papers with a heat seal iron will be taught. Students will create and 8x8 piece of collage art.

For more information, contact Annette Leiber at 630.250.9407 or email annettelei@comcast.net. Registration deadline is March 5.

"Thinking of Downsizing?"

Now is a good time to start organizing and giving yourself plenty of time to plan.

Over the 20 years I've been working with my clients, I've worked very hard to help them streamline the transition of buying or selling their homes.

Call me today and let me help you with the many options for your own smooth transition into a simpler more carefree lifestyle."

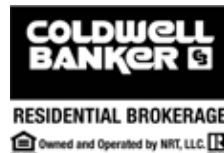


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DuPage Art League 2012 Art School Winter/Spring Schedule

Our new schedule is packed with opportunity for you to fulfill your New Year's Resolution and take that class you've dreamed about, or polish your blossoming skills.

Our classes are for all ages and levels. For complete class descriptions and to confirm times, see our printed schedule or visit us on-line.

And visit us on Facebook for featured teachers and samples of their art!

Call today to register as our most popular classes fill up quickly! Or stop in and visit our gallery and gift shop when you register for classes.

Register now!
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	Morning	Afternoon	After School (Youth)	Evening
Time	9:30 - 12:00	1:00 - 3:30	4:15 - 5:45	7:00 - 9:00
Monday	Beginning Watercolor <small>WAHLGREN</small> ----- Colored Pencils <small>BALKE</small>	Oil Painting (12:30 Start) <small>MASSION/HALL</small> ----- Oil Pastel Adventure <small>PENNOR</small>	Drawing Animals(A), People in Action(B) Draw a Masterpiece (C) <small>FINES</small>	Oil & Acrylic Landscapes <small>PENNOR</small> ----- Bookbinding (B) <small>KLAUSER/MAHOWALD</small>
Tuesday	Oil Painting <small>MASSION/HALL</small> ----- Drawing Fundamentals <small>ROTTSOLK</small>	Amazing Acrylics 1- (A & C) 2 - (B only) <small>FINES</small> ----- Portraits <small>DRAGON/ROTTSOLK</small>	Amazing Acrylics I <small>FINES</small> ----- Love to Draw <small>DRAGON</small>	Beginning Watercolor <small>WAHLGREN</small>
Wednesday	Painting w/Pastels <small>ROTTSOLK</small> ----- Colored Pencil (A&B) Pencil & Graphite (C) <small>LIMES</small>	Oil Skills (A) <small>J.FRANCE</small> ----- Watercolor Cityscapes <small>G. FRANCE</small>	Wondrous Color - Pencils & Pastels <small>FINES</small> ----- Drawing Faces <small>DRAGON</small>	Amazing Acrylics <small>FINES</small> ----- Head Study <small>DRAGON</small> <i>(non-Instructional Studio)</i>
Thursday	Oil Pastels <small>BRUCE</small> ----- Painting w/Vision <small>TURNER</small>	Advanced Drawing <small>ROTTSOLK</small> ----- Watercolor & Pastel <small>PENNOR</small>	Storybook Illustration <small>FINES</small>	Drawing Fundamentals <small>ROTTSOLK</small>
Friday	Watercolor <small>SHIPLEY</small> ----- Digital Photography (A & B) <small>DRURY</small>	Advanced Watercolor <small>HETZEL</small> ----- Drawing Dynamics (B&C) w/ Figures <small>FINES</small>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>We are located in downtown Wheaton, right across from Wheaton's free and easy parking garage. Visit us today at:</p> <p>dupageartleague.org 218 West Front Street Wheaton, Illinois 60187</p> </div>	
Saturday	- Amazing Acrylics 1&2 <small>FINES (youth)</small> - Cartooning <small>WELCH (youth)</small> - Fun w/Paper (A & B) <small>TAIT (youth)</small> - Printmaking (C) <small>TAIT(youth)</small>	Life Drawing & Painting <i>(non-Instructional Studio)</i>		

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