President’s Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

I am sorry to report that Honorary Life Member and Past President of the League Barbara Rothman passed away on June 11, 2014. Barbara staffed on Friday mornings and calculated teachers’ pay for many, many years until she moved to Anchorage, Alaska to live with her son Nick. In honor of such a long-standing and hardworking member, one of her paintings with a tribute detailing her many contributions to the DPAL will be displayed at the art league later this month. Barbara’s favorite charity was Doctors Without Borders. ([www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)) Donations may be made to this charity. Her son’s address is Nick Rothman, 3115 Antioch Circle, Anchorage, AK 99508.

In other League news, please welcome Bob Wahlgren to the board. Bob is our new Vice-President of Finance. Having worked with non-profits, Bob brings experience in grant writing and fund raising.

Some members may be wondering about the Annual Members’ Meeting and Picnic that usually has been held in June. The board felt June is so busy with graduations, Father’s Day, weddings, and vacations that perhaps more members will attend in September. The meeting/picnic will be held September 7, 2014. ALL DPAL members are invited to this event, and more information will be included in the August newsletter.

Don’t forget to sign up for summer classes. There are some new courses that are only available in the summer.

Diana Mitchell, DPAL President
Education News  Tanya Berley—

Why Create even if most of us are not going to be in a museum?

The short answer is it’s good for us and for many of us it’s especially good for our aging brains.

It’s exciting to see results we didn’t know we were capable of that we couldn’t have achieved without the guidance of wonderful teachers.

It gives us a chance to meet others with the same interests and be inspired by them as well as make new friends.

It helps us appreciate the great art of others.

The list goes on………

Summer classes are underway and people are discovering some new teachers as well as continuing on with favorites year round. Won’t you join them? See our schedule online or pick one up at the front desk. Oh, and by the way summer is a good time to invite someone to join you in a class to share the adventure.

OFFICE MANAGER: Yvonne Thompson

I am so blessed! Three people have come to my aid for staffing the front desk. Mary Ann Golla and Rosemary Sieben have volunteered to be Saturday staffers. Mary Ann’s husband, Larry is now watering the planters also for me...........It’s great when both husband and wife volunteer!!

After over 5 years of staffing, Marguerite needs a break! She does so many other things for us, including Special Services, helping out with artist receptions and often Monday night programs too. She also has stepped in many times when a staffer couldn’t make it....including Saturdays! Marguerite, THANK YOU! You are a extraordinary member, volunteer and friend.

Thank you also to Alice Kennedy who will take over Marguerite’s Friday afternoon spot. The timing was right as she has missed staffing and helping out around the league.

If you haven’t volunteered yet (.........and every member is asked to give at least 4 hours per year, eight if you enter Yuletide Treasures), consider offering some of your time or talent. Just being around your fellow artists inspires and regenerates your creativity.

You may have a talent we are in need of so why not contact me, Yvonne Thompson 630-966-9616 or email dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net. Remember your talent may be our weakness! We wanted.......Your PC to a good home!

If anyone is considering upgrading their computer and is looking for a good home for the old one, please consider donating it to DPAL. Two of our computers are running XP and probably are close to being maxed out. We will be upgrading the program, but I’m not sure if this will send them into cardiac arrest! So I just thought if you have one that is only 5 or 6 years old that you are going to send to the "big database in the sky", DPAL may be able to use it.

If you have something you think we maybe able to use, please contact Yvonne Thompson 630-966-9616 or dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net

My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece”  — Claude Monet

Are you proud of your garden? Do you have a green thumb and fingers to match? If so, I have a great way for you to fulfill your 4 hour yearly obligation.

I am looking for 4 people, one per season, to design and plant the two stone planters at the league with seasonal displays. DPAL will supply a small budget for this, but remember these planters are always in the shade. Winter can have non growing displays, as could Fall if necessary.

If you are interested or need more information please telephone or email me, Yvonne Thompson 630-966-9616 or dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net.

Please note:  The June DPAL Board Minutes will be printed in the August newsletter
June 2014  Sky Mood

Best of Show
Allen Tampa  Visions,  Oils

Best Theme
Peter J. Grass  Symphony for One,  Digital Photography

Special Merit Awards
Mary Lynn Sullivan  Cloud Story,  Pastel
Carol Gorman  The Badlands,  Oil/Pastel
Donna Pape  Leland Port,  Oil

Merit Awards:
Peter Sausen,  Electric Sky,  acrylic
Cynthia Boudreau, Sand, Sea & Sky,  felted silk
Tammy Miller, Mystic Moon,  color pencil
Joan Kalmanek, Sky Above-Earth Below,  photograph
Dale Olsen, Afternoon Storm,  acrylic
Nancy McGuire, The Clouds They Are Comin’,  acrylic
Lydia Blasko, Sailing Sky,  Watercolor/pastel

Upcoming Calendar
Exhibits:  Gallery I

July  “Artistic License”
Entry:  June 25 & 26
Pick-up  July 30 & 31

August  “Water, Water Everywhere”
Entry:  July 30 & 31
Pick-up:  August 27 & 28
Volunteer

The DuPage Art League is always looking for volunteers. We are always looking for additional people to staff the front desk or help out in other capacities. Email staff@dupageartleague.org if you are interested in volunteering some time. Even if you only have an hour or two, you can make a difference today!

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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!

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