



# **DUPAGE ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Kay Wahlgren**

Here we are again at Christmas, Tra-la-la. Sales are going well in the gallery. Yvonne Thompson's melted snowmen are a big hit not only with customers but with the jolly crew of elves that meet to laugh and decorate the hats of the liquidated snowmen. Yvonne claims this was her last year doing Yuletide Treasures. It is a huge job for one person but she has done a great job with it. It will probably take a small committee to replace her but we will try to find people who have good ideas and enthusiasm to make it a continuing success. If you are interested please let me know. With a committee no one will have to bear the entire task alone and it could be great fun together.

## **Yuletide Treasures Yvonne Thompson – Chair**

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The break down of the Yuletide Treasures show is THURSDAY, December 29, starting at 10.30 am. The art league is closed to the public between Christmas and New Year, so there are no staffers, so please do not turn up early....you won't be able to get in!

If you are planning to come and help that day you will be able to take your unsold stock with you. All other merchandise will be packed in bags and boxes and left in Gallery 2 for your prompt collection when we re-open on January, 3rd. Collect BEFORE Monday January 30, 2017 as unless you notify me, we will dispose of any uncollected items after Monday, January 30, 2017.

Checks will be mailed out at the end of January.

As I said in the last newsletter, this was my last year being the Chair of Yuletide Treasures. Since then, I have fallen AGAIN, so I know I have made the right decision! I have had so much fun with this show, met some wonderful artists who have become true friends and honed this show into a well oiled machine. Wouldn't you like help next year and be a part of a committee to run this show? Many of you have helped me in the past, maybe you have some ideas for improvement that you'd like the chance to put into action? Please contact myself or Chris Chlapecka ([630-790-4589](tel:630-790-4589)) if you would like to help.

I will still send the sales reports to Kandi to issue your checks and printing the barcodes, so it is only the actual physical show part we need help with.

Also it is ONLY Yuletide Treasures that I am giving up. I will still be the VP of Membership, the Business Manager and the Chair of the Gift Shop....I think that is enough to keep me busy, don't you?

Happy New Year everyone!

## **CLASSES RESUME WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH**

## **Remember renew your membership, to get the discount**

**CALLING ALL OUR 2016 VOLUNTEERS!** Christine Chlapecka Co-Exhibit Chair

The DuPage Art League board extends a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all our volunteers. We appreciated your time, support, and involvement in 2016. As a way to show our gratitude Gallery I & II as been reserved for our volunteers to show and share their creative endeavors this coming June.

There were many who volunteered to move us, who clean, serve on committees, and who were involved in other ways throughout the year. Unfortunately, our memories fade as time passes. We do not want to miss acknowledging your support. If you could contact me by email at: cchriscka0709@gmail.com or phone 630-790-4589 Include your name, phone number, email and how you volunteered. In the coming months you will receive an email with information of our June Gallery Show. If you have any questions, please contact me.

We look forward to viewing the diversity of creativity that our volunteers possess.

**BOARD NOTES**

Board Meeting Notes from the December 8, 2016 Meeting Carol Kincaid

Finance VP Dan Anderson stated that we have raised approximately \$131,000 for our "Raise the Roof" project but reiterated that we still have a long way to go to pay off our total expenses which came to about \$300,000 for the new roof, trusses and other construction. He estimates that we need at least another \$125,000 to pay off our bank Line-of -Credit (\$100,00) and to restore our reserves to a healthy level (\$25,000). So there will be another appeal to all of us members as well as the general public and foundations for additional donations.

Our website has a new look and is easier than ever to use. Check it out.

Sally Hines, our VP of Publicity is looking for some member(s) who would like to work on using more of the social media, such Twitter and Instagram, to help with marketing and publicity. If you have an interest and knowledge in this area and might like to work on this, please contact Sally.

The DPAL Open House on Saturday December 3 was a great success. Dick Blick provided 2 demonstrators who were here for 6 hours and our league member Margaret Buchholz demonstrated water-color techniques. Besides enjoying refreshments and trying out new art supplies, the raffle of 4 baskets provided by Dick Blick, Carlsons and Bob Greene (Dupage Framing) brought in \$300 for our Roof Fund. We would like to repeat this next December when Wheaton holds its Wheaton Holiday Walk since it was great exposure for us and we had a lot of traffic and sales.

The sale of "Melted Snowman" has been very successful. More than 88 have been sold as of December 8 and more sales are expected. However, revenue from Yuletide Treasures is down from last year because we have less stock this year.

The Activities Booklet will be out soon and Yvonne Thompson is planning something on the front cover to celebrate the league's 60 years—its Diamond Jubilee

Sandy Wille, VP of Activities, stated that our monthly Monday evening programs will be held at the annex.

***“The roof is fixed, but our finances aren’t” Dan Anderson, VP Finance***

That’s the message we shared with members in our recent mailing. We got the roof to stop collapsing and leaking by borrowing money from a bank. For some mystical reason, the bank says they want their money back ... with interest ... in about a year. So we are still in fund raising mode. What’s wonderful is that some 220 members, foundations and businesses have already contributed over \$131,000, putting us more than half way home. The DPAL Board wants to thank all of you for helping us cope with this extraordinary crisis, allowing us to keep a roof over our heads and to continue giving DuPage County artists a place where they can develop their skills and exhibit their work.

We don’t have room here to acknowledge all 220 donors, but following is a list of those who gave \$500 or more as of December 5 (thereby losing the coveted “starving artist” designation):

Aberdeen Charitable Foundation	Hines, Sally	Sullivan, Kennan
Anderson, Midge & Dan	Hunter, Barbara	Van Der Molen, Karla
Anonymous (3)	Husarik, Kandice	Wahlgren, Kay
Bruce, George	Kincaid, Carol	Wheaton, City of
Driehaus Foundation	Meisner, Barbara	Wille, Sandra
Gamboa, James	Mitchell, Diana	Wells Fargo Foundation
Gerber, Cecille	Olson, Jane	Wooden Structures
Goebel, Mary	Puglise, Fran	Wortley, Victoria
Hall, Marge	Showalter , Charles	Young, Kathy
	Sullivan, Kennan	

**SCOUTING FOR VOLUNTEERS – ANOTHER FEEL-GOOD WAY TO HELP DPAL IN THE NEW YEAR**

For several years now, Carol Kincaid and Cele Gerber have been the A-Team in introducing local Scout troops and elementary students to the wonders of the Art League and the artwork of our members. Kids arrive with wide eyes and tons of questions. An hour and a half later, they leave with big smiles on little faces, their original work of art, and a fondness for the Art League. And their moms, dads and teachers have a new appreciation for our organization, too.

This program’s popularity has grown to the point of about a dozen visits between January and May, and we are in desperate need of an AA-Team. Would you be willing to observe our goings-on sometime in January or February and see if it’s something you could help us do for the League? The kids are eager and we think you’ll find it to be fun as well as most gratifying. The scheduling of dates is flexible enough to fit your own calendar.

Here’s the general set-up: The kids come bustling in around 4:00 and we divide them into two groups of (usually) about ten. Carol takes them into a classroom to sketch a still life with bright colors while Cele asks them to find and talk about one of their favorite pieces in the current exhibit. In both activities, kids often have amazingly insightful things to say about the use of shape, color, line, and other elements.

The fledgling artists switch places after a half hour, and at the end of both sessions, we post and discuss their completed work. They are back out the door before 5:30. The A-Team (and soon-to-be AA Team) then slaps a High Five for another successful afternoon of community outreach at the League!

Special requirements: Love of art and children. That describes YOU, doesn’t it? Please call either Cele Gerber (630-682-1798) or Carol Kincaid (630-682—0107) to find out more details.

## Let's Have a Show (Finally)!

The New Year starts with a new exhibit. The theme is Sunrise/Sunset – from a landscape to a symbolic beginning or ending – what does it mean to you? Drop off will be January 4 - 5, 2017. Pick-up will be February 1 - 2, 2017.

Please remember to renew your membership. Uninterrupted membership will keep your awarded points intact.

## SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all who stopped by the League to help celebrate the "Raising of the Roof"! On December 3, 2016 DuPage Art League held an Open House in conjunction with the Wheaton Holiday Walk. Members came to see the obvious improvements and hear about the hidden improvements (the roof is no longer falling down!). Community members came to find out about the League and all that we have to offer.

Yuletide Treasures did a booming business. The Melted Snowman Project was very popular. A raffle was held to raise money for the roof fund. Kristin and Becca from Blick's in Danada spent six hours with us demonstrating a variety of art materials. Margaret Bucholz spent time demonstrating her new children's watercolor class. Cookies, candies, apple juice, and snowman's soup were available to all.

### Raffle Winners:

- Tina Turner won the gift certificate from DuPage Framing Center.
- Ann Johnson won the Pastel basket donated by Blick's.
- Toni Guida won the Children's basket donated by Blick's.
- Jim Hanna won the Acrylics basket donated by Carlson Art Supply.

DuPage Art League is very grateful to the businesses that supported the Open House!

## DAN DANIELSON ADDS SECOND CLASS

Dan Danielson's first class filled very quickly so he has added a second class on Thursday morning from 9:30 to noon. The class titled "Discover Watercolor - Bold, Loose & fun" is for both beginners and intermediate students. Values, color and composition will be covered. Classes will include demos, individual guidance, support and critiques in a friendly environment. The supply list is available on the website [www.dupageartleague.com](http://www.dupageartleague.com) under classes and at the front desk. The first class will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. You can register with a credit card by phone, by printing a registration form off the website and mailing it in or at the front desk.

## ***Energize your Art!***

Would you like to take your Art to the **next level**? Then join award winning artist **Michael Latala** for this **informative** and **inspiring** 2 day workshop!

**Day 1** will begin with Michael doing a demo of a beautiful still life, explaining step by step his painting method. In the afternoon, students will paint from the same still life, receiving as much one on one instruction as they like!



**Day 2** Students will create a painting from a photo of their choice. Michael will help each student to interpret their photo reference in a painterly fashion!

Michael will work in soft pastels both days. Students will bring their own supplies, but a supply list will be provided.



So if you'd like to develop more of a **lush, impressionistic** look to your art, this is the workshop for you!

Dates / Time: Sat. Feb. 25, 2017 9am-4pm  
Sun. Feb. 26, 2017 9am-4pm

### **FROM THE LIBRARY:** Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

The library volunteers are thrilled that books are once again being checked out of the library. We're busy catching up with work we couldn't do during the roof renovation. Soon new titles will be featured here, and donations that the library can't use will be offered for sale to you, with proceeds going to the "Raise the Roof" fund.

At the same time, here's a little reminder for you to return any books that you took out before summer. As you start those January "de-cluttering" projects, keep an eye out for any DPAL books that are around your house. Others may want to check them out, especially with the January class schedule beginning. If you'd like a list of what you have checked out, leave a note tacked to the bulletin board in the library.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR NOW RUNS FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST.

2017 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE NOW

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DPAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 25TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND. WILL REOPEN JANUARY 3RD

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