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NEWSLETTER

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DAN ANDERSON, VP FINANCE

Roof Project Fund Raising Breakthrough

Since the whole issue started with a roof that was threatening to “break through,” perhaps that headline should be rewritten: “A Patron of the Arts Has Shored Up Our Future.”

Two members who wish to remain anonymous, but who describe themselves as more art lovers than artists, have stepped up with a huge \$125,000 donation, effectively taking the bank loan monkey off our backs. This, in concert with the roughly \$12,000 donated in response to our December mailing (including two gifts of \$1,000 and one of \$1,500) has restored the Art League to something resembling fiscal solvency. Going forward we still need a plan to rebuild our reserves against future calamities, but we can do so from a position of strength, which is important. (See next item.)

Do We Have an Aspiring Grant Writer in our Ranks?

For several years now -- through the efforts of a dedicated member -- the Art League has been the recipient of an annual grant from the Driehaus Foundation which has been instrumental in helping to finance our operations. The Board would like to explore other grant opportunities. To do this we need a volunteer to pursue grants on our behalf. Grant writing may appear mysterious, but it's actually quite straight forward. And very rewarding when you are doing it on behalf of a good cause. If you would like to learn the basics of grant writing and devote just a few hours a month to this activity, we'll be happy to show you how it's done. Give us a call at 630-653-7090 or email staff@dupageartleague.org Just leave your name and phone number ... and be prepared to get showered with love and adoration.

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Articles and pieces are due by the 15th of the month. Preferred via e-mail, (word documents) / photos jpg or pdf format or put in the Newsletter drawer at the league. Please put submissions on **FULL** pieces of paper . Thanks.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The following is the slate for April elections:

VP Building and Grounds: Charles Showalter

* VP Activities and Community Exhibits: (to be confirmed)

VP Publicity and Promotions: Mary Dorrell

Secretary: Sally Hines

Treasurer: Kandice Husarik

Election will be held at April Monday night meeting

EDUCATION - Nancy Anderson

Session B will begin on February 27, and I hope that you have signed up for a class or two (or three!). Dan Danielson will teach an additional watercolor class on Thursday mornings again this session, and I urge those who are interested in color theory to sign up for Mary Dorrell's class, Exploring Muted Color vs. Chromatic Grey, which is offered both Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Although this class is listed under the oil painting category, Mary welcomes painters using acrylics or watercolors who wish to explore color mixing.

In addition to her teaching, Mary also is the coordinator of the life drawing and painting sessions offered at the art league on the second and fourth Saturday afternoons of the month, from 1:30 to 4:30. These sessions are a remarkable bargain at only \$15 each for members and nonmembers alike. Registration is not required; payment must be made at the front desk before each session. The next sessions are on February 25, and March 11 and 25. Please take advantage of the chance to work from a live model.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session B classes: Dan Danielson has added an additional watercolor class on Thursday mornings. 9:30 to noon.

Robert Pennor is exhibiting four acrylic paintings at the Sushimono restaurant in downtown Wheaton from February through April"

Robert Pennor, a member of the Illinois Watercolor Society, participated in a paint-out at the Chicago Field Museum on February 11, 2017.

NEEDED:.....

Does anyone have an old printer that will print on 8 1/2" X 14" size paper that you would be willing to donate to the DPAL.

If yes, please contact Ann Johnson at 630-939-0108 or dpalnewsletter@gmail.com

Thanks,

BOARD NOTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2017 MEETING

Carol Kincaid

Great News!!! Thanks to two anonymous art lovers who donated \$125,000 to the league's roof fund we now have been able to pay off the bank's loan ("line-of-credit"). What a milestone!

However, donations to the roof fund are still needed since there were other cost involved with the project but at least the burden of a large bank loan has been eliminated.

DPAL Board elections are approaching and the candidates for the offices will be announced at the February and March monthly meetings. If you would like be considered for a board position this year or in the future please let Diana Mitchell know.

We now are 341 members strong. Please remember you have to be a member to receive the class discounts and to exhibit in our monthly gallery shows as well as enjoying all the other benefits membership bestows.

Just a reminder Monday night monthly meetings will continue to be held at the Annex

Happy News—Two new printers are going to replace the copier in the back room which always seemed to run into problems.

Please save the date—June 4th —because this year's Annual Meeting will be held at the league on that date during the Volunteer Show's Reception.

You may have notice lately the presence of many youngsters around 4 pm at the league.

They have been the boy and girl scouts who have been participating in our scout program.

They spend about 90 minutes at the league being guided through the galleries and having a hands-on-art project. This successful program could use some more volunteers because there are many more scout troops scheduled to participate in March, April and May. If you could help out please call Cele Gerber or Carol Kincaid.

EXHIBITS: Christine Chlapecka Co-Exhibit Chair

Please join us at the League on Sunday, March 12, from 2-4 pm as family and friends come together to celebrate Carol Kincaid's Gallery 2 Show. View her creative art, while chatting with the Carol and other art lovers.

EXHIBIT CLOSET

As some people have noticed the sign out sheet changed for artwork that is being stored in the Exhibit Closet. The clipboard is located in the exhibit closet. Please sign this sheet when removing your art.

This year the **Best of the Best Show**, hosted by the Alliance of Fine Art, will be held at Mayslake Peabody Estate from March 1 to April 30. The reception and announcement of winners will take place on March 16 from 6 - 8pm. We are proud to have the following DPAL members show their work:

Cosette Kosiba, "Garden Path"

Theresa Miao, "Calm in the Storm"

John Moodie, "Europe Cathedral"

Khrystyna Kozyuk, "Music of the Moment"

Dianna Mitchell, "Bad Storm Near"

Dale Olsen, "Summer Stream"

Dick Shipley's Memorial showing is coming to a close soon. Join his family, friends, and students on Sunday, February 19 from 2-4 as they share their memories of this talented artist.

Dillman's "Festival of Artist" will take place on Saturday, March 18 from 10am - 2pm. This free event will be held at One Friendship Plaza, Addison. [630-458-4500](tel:630-458-4500). Demonstrations by well-known artists, Door Prizes, Snacks, and Silent Auction have been planned.

JUNE VOLUNTEER SHOW

The volunteer list is growing!! We know there are many members who showed up to move the league across the street and later back home. There were others who showed up to clean the building from top to bottom. Sadly we did not get a sign in sheet to know who you were. We need you to jolt our memory by emailing me what you participated in at the email address below.

I am also searching for those creative "Melted Snowmen" ladies, who came in and brought life and smiles to a simple bottle of water. I need to know.

If your name is in the 2016 or 2017 activity book listed under the committees, you are on the volunteer list. Board members have turned the names of others who volunteer in other ways. These volunteers could be mailing our newsletters, delivering soda, to coordinating activities for the league. If you are not sure, ask a board member. They have a list.

Contact me with your information or if you have questions at: cchriscka0709@gmail.com

SCOUTS PROGRAMS

Carol Kincaid pointed out the artistic successes in work by local Girl Scouts during a recent visit. Since January, Carol and Cele Gerber have worked with 61 scouts in 6 different sessions. There are still at least six more visits coming up in March, April and May. If you'd like to learn more and possibly substitute a time or two, please leave a message at the DPAL desk, and Cele or Carol will get back



PURGING ...to quote Martha Stewart, "It's a good thing!"

Have you got any art supplies or projects you never got around to using? Would you like pick up some art supplies at garage sale prices? I thought so!!

Let's face it we all bought something with good intention, but somehow never got around to it. Now every time you see it, it's like the crazy family member who says "I'd love to come to the family reunion!"....a bad reminder!

Well here is your chance to PURGE and help a good cause!

In July Yvonne will host an Afternoon Artisan.... with a difference. She will kick off the first ever, "Welcome Inside, Sidewalk Sale" in the large classroom. This will start at 3pm on Wednesday July 5th and continue till 3pm on Friday 7th. It will be open not just to members, but the public also. To continue our outreach into the community and honor one of Bob Walhgren's favorite Charities, all proceeds will go to Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center.

Please
Unload and
Recycle those
Good
Intentions, that
Need to be
Gone!

All remaining items will be donated to Peoples Resource Centre, SCARCE or another Not for Profit of our choosing. Tea and refreshments will be served at 3pm Wednesday, but the "sale" will be open until 3pm Friday So start turning out those art closets, corners of the studio, drawers and workrooms. **We will take any useable art and craft supplies, but no frames or unfinished canvases.**

Contact Yvonne Thompson if you have items to donate, 630-966-9616 or email dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net

ARTISAN AFTERNOONS

Yvonne Thompson - VP Membership

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Thank you to everyone who came to the February Valentine's Day workshop and thanks to Kay Wahlgren for such a fun workshop! Everyone left with enough cards for all our "sweethearts".

March's Artisan Afternoon is a freebee. Thursday March 16th, 2.00 – 3.30 pm at the Annex

Staying between the lines.....Coloring!

Following the latest trend for coloring, come and have some fun with us. I'll supply the coloring sheets to anyone who needs one or bring your own. I'll also bring some colored pencils.

Bring a friend or make new ones!

We'll supply the tea, coffee and the camaraderie. No need to sign up, just turn up.

No fee, but donations are accepted for Raise the Roof.

I will always try to have these afternoons towards the middle or end of the month, so always check the current newsletter for the dates.

New members, this is great way to get to know what the art league has to offer, come join the fun!

FEBRUARY GALLERY I AWARDS

Best of Show

Chris Hughes Love is for the Birds acrylic

Best Theme

Linda Danner Nana's Little Love photography

Special Merit

Dan Danielson Mom? Watercolor

Susan McLean Snow Day acrylic

Bill Baykan True Love watercolor

Merit

Valerie Lorimer Sisterly Love mixed

Beverly Miotke Here Kitty Pencil on canvas

Maria Livanos Summer Cottage Oils

Cynthia Boudreau All You Need is Love fiber

Allen Tampa Story Time oil



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HUGHES

MARCH GALLERY I

Gallery I is looking to blow in spring! The March theme is "Blowing in the Wind". Stormy days, kites, new ideas, good news are just a few suggestions. Although the monthly theme is used to choose the Theme Award, entries are not limited to the chosen theme. The League is fortunate to have such a large gallery. Please share your passion and talent! Drop off is March 1st and 2nd. Pick-up will be March 29 and 30.



DANIELSON

MOM?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.



Valerie Lorimer's design, City Center, was chosen to appear on a shoe through Buckfeet.com. Starting February 21 (through March 13) you'll be able to order the shoe in the Gallery Shop at Bucketfeet.com. I need 15 orders to get the shoe into production, so I'm hoping you can help me along and possibly order a pair or share the link with anyone who might be interested. Thanks so much!

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@ THE DUPAGE ART LEAGUE**



YES, YOU CAN HELP THE LEAGUE. Think about bringing in a couple of rolls of paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues once or twice a year. Maybe do it during your birth month or the first day of a new class session.

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 dpalfrontdesk@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering some time. Even if you only have an hour or two, you can make a difference today!

Visit our Website:

WWW.DUPAGEARTLEAGUE.ORG

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

Monthly Programs: Our monthly programs 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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