



DUPAGE ART LEAGUE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: - Kay Wahlgren

Never a dull moment! Some of you may have noticed the 'decorative' plywood covering one of our front windows. A few weeks ago a van ran over the ginkgo tree in front of the building and smashed into the window at 1:30 in the morning. The impact made a dent in our lovely slatboard in the window and even carried across the ceiling to dislodge tiles on the opposite side of the gallery. Our insurance company responded immediately and we are now in the process of having everything repaired.

It is amazing how much we have used our temporary home known affectionately as 'the annex' across the street. Monthly open meetings, board meetings, workshops, open studio and meetings by art related groups all use the space. We may find it hard to give up our extra 'annex' when our special sublease expires. To make the space suit us better we are covering the floor of the main space with Masonite panels to better protect the tile and carpeting and even out the floor surface. No more blue plastic tarps or shredded paper to trip on.

When the sudden down pour of rain and snow pounded our newly renovated building this winter I was extremely grateful we took the time and made the large investment to bring the building and roof up to code. I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to everyone who contributed large and small to the roof fund to make the building safe and extend its life well into this millennium.



DPAL BOARD ELECTIONS APRIL 17, 2017

The slate for the board election is as follows:

- Secretary: Sally Hines
- Treasurer: Kandice Husarik
- VP's Activities and Community ExhibitsJennifer Schwab and Sue Thomas
- .VP Building and Grounds Charles Showalter
- VP Publicity and Promotions Mary Dorrell

The election will be held immediately preceding the April 17 Monday night program. Names of other members who wish to serve and are qualified may be placed in nomination at the meeting. Thank you my nominating committee: Nancy Anderson, Ann Johnson, Marguerite Paris, and Ellen Rottsolk and to those members who have chosen to serve on the board.

Diana Mitchell, President Emeritus

DP Art League and Rolling Thunder Offer Free Art Classes for Disabled Veterans

The DuPage Art League and Rolling Thunder Illinois Ch1 are partnering to offer six (6) scholarships for art classes to disabled veterans. The league will give scholarships for the actual classes and Rolling Thunder is donating monies to purchase the supplies needed for the classes.

Any disabled veterans interested in applying for a class can call the league at [1-630-653-7090](tel:1-630-653-7090) or visit the school and gallery at 218 West Front Street in Wheaton between 9 and 5 Mon. to Fri. and 9 to 2 on Sat.

The partnership came about because a disabled veteran with limited finances came to the league expressing an interest in classes but without the resources to pay. The league has long run a scholarship program but the supplies are paid for by the student. The staffer at the front desk brought the problem to the board and a way was found to cover the cost of supplies. A board member had a relative active with Rolling Thunder and told him about the student and how much he was enjoying the class. Rolling Thunder is a non-profit organization dedicated to publicizing the POW-MIA issue and to helping American Veterans from all wars. The case was presented to the group and they voted to provide money for supplies.

The DuPage Art League offers a full schedule of classes in drawing, acrylics, oil painting, pastels, watercolor and other mediums for adults and children. Classes are in 4 and 6 week sessions. They also provide free art related programs and have a gallery for members' art. More information can be found on their website



Rolling Thunder officials Gary Vandebos (on end) and Bill Atkinson (in middle) present check to DuPage Art League President Kay Wahlgren (on left) at a recent board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan Danielson has added a second watercolor class in C sessions on Thursday mornings

Don Ryan has won first place for both the Oil, and Pastel category in the 2017 Hines Creative Arts Festival.

Diana Mitchell's painting, "Bad Storm Near" received an Honorable Mention Award in the 2017 Best of the Best Show!!

Artisan Afternoon

Yvonne Thompson dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net

Friday APRIL 21st - 2pm- 3.30pm

\$20.00

It's good to get paint on your clothes!

Ann Johnson, our hardworking VP of Office Management and superwoman will teach us how to paint on fabric...so it stays on through the wash! Ann will supply paints. Bring your own item of clothing, a place mat, or a fabric tote bag, or to paint on (just make sure you wash the item **without fabric conditioner**). (Light color works best for learning.) There are a limited number of canvas bags with red trim available for \$3.00 each. Canvas bags do not need to be pre-washed.

Supplies needed:

Painting Surface

Please bring your own brushes: Acrylic brushes for regular fabric, some bristle brushes if you will be painting on a canvas bag or similar material.

Piece of cardboard or foam core board that will fit under area to be painted.

Sukara Identi-pen marker—black. **(DO NOT SUBSTITUTE)**

Also, bring a couple of simple, basic designs that you are interested in painting. Will have some available for you to use.

Any questions, contact Ann at dpalnewsletter@gmail.com or 630-939-9108



BOARD NOTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2017 MEETING

- The meeting began with a check presentation from the non-profit organization Rolling Thunder to cover the cost of art supplies for disabled veterans who receive art scholarships. Ann Johnson, our Office Manager told her brother, a Rolling Thunder official about the need and they responded immediately to say they would help. See the article about the partnership elsewhere in this newsletter.
- The Treasurer reported that with the generous donation that took care of our debt for the roof we are showing positive numbers.
- Membership renewals are still coming in with more needed to meet our goal. The insurance company has approved payment for repairing the missing window and fixing the awning. Our Building and Grounds VP has had quite the year. In addition to the roof and the recent damage from the van crashing into the front he is also busy dealing with the annex and procuring estimates for future repairs so we can plan for the future.
- The slate of officers will be voted on the April meeting.
- A committee is working on things that can be done to make the annex even more functional. The board voted to purchase Masonite to cover the floor and are looking at other purchases.
- The exhibits team has planned everything through 2017 and with astounding efficiency is now looking at 2018. Kudos to them.
- There are two workshops set for April. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter or go to the website for details.

EDUCATION - NANCY ANDERSON

Session C classes begin on April 17, so I urge you to sign up soon, and the schedule for the summer classes will be out in early April. You cannot register for any summer programs until the schedule is available. There are several exciting opportunities being offered this summer including new summer art camps for children. **Nancy Kenney** will offer her Art in the Park camp the week of June 19 for children ages 7 to 10 and June 26 for those aged 11 to 14. These will be held in Adams Park. In addition, **Margaret Bucholz** will have colored pencil classes during the weeks of June 5th and July 17 for age groups 7 to 10 and 11 to 18.

4 HOUR WORKSHOP COLORED PENCIL ON SLATE TILE **Instructor: Mary Ann Jimenez Saturday, April 22, 2017** **9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$55.00**



Participants in this class will select a slate tile that they feel best suits the picture they want to portray on it. They will need to draw that picture on tracing paper first, working from a photo or a specimen. They will then transfer their drawing to the tile using white chalk. After that they will complete the drawing on slate, using Prismacolor pencils, or another brand that would have a high content of soft wax. Advice and suggestions as to how to achieve the color and depth that they want will be offered by the instructor. It is suggested that participants bring several different photos or specimens to class. Some specimens will be provided to select from. This will make it easier to select a piece of tile, since every sheet of tile will be entirely different one from the other.

2- DAY WORKSHOP— PHOTOGRAPHY HARRY HITZEMAN **APRIL 29 AND MAY 6 \$80.00**

A new teacher, photographer Harry Hitzeman, will be leading a workshop on “How to Use Your Intuition and Imagination to Create Impactful Photographs” on two Saturdays, April 29 and May 6, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. both days. Cost of this workshop is \$80. This interactive workshop will allow you to give your photographs impact and originality. Each workshop participant will receive Harry’s book on this subject. Harry will also be teaching three sessions of photography this summer; Session A will emphasize landscape and travel photography, Session B focuses on macro and close-up photography, and Session C will be about still life and food photography. These classes will allow students to take exceptional photographs that can be used for references in their drawing and painting classes.



March Gallery I Awards

Best of Show

Dan Danielson Witch of November watercolor

Special Merit Awards

Elaine Clauson Yamhill Valley pastel

Sally Sharp Twilight Windsong pastel

Diana Nawrocki Regatta Celebration embroidery

Merit Awards

Peter Young Blowing in the Wind photography

Theresa Miao Wind Racing watercolor

Valerie Lorimer Oh Happy Day mixed media

Robert Pennor Sunset Sail acrylic

Robert Koch West Harbor Washington Island oil

Khrystyna Kozyuk Wild Garden acrylic

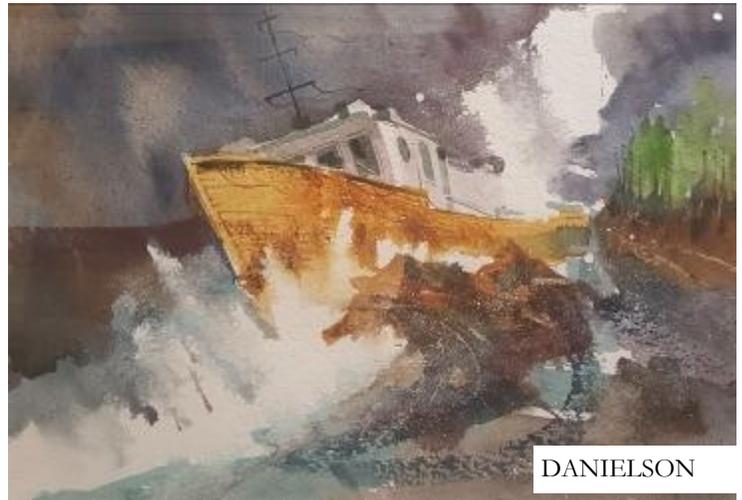
June Padovani Wild Whooley Snow pastel

Susan Young The Answer is... photography

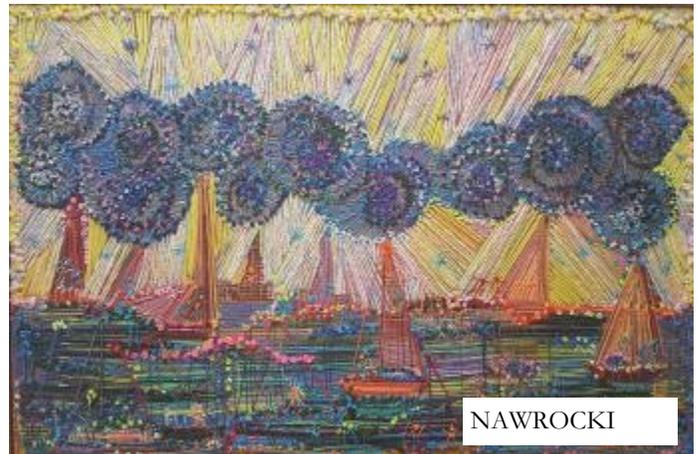
Chris Hughes Touching the Sky oil

Judith Horsley Wherever It Blows photography

Margaret Swedzikowski Morning Breeze
mixed media



DANIELSON



NAWROCKI



SHARP



CLAUSON

Gallery News

Thank you to all of the wonderful artists that participate in the monthly exhibits. April's theme is "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head". **Drop-off is March 29-30. This is during Spring Break so make your plans accordingly.** Pick-up is April 26 – 27. Looking into the future, just a reminder that the June exhibit is the **Volunteer Show – Invitation Only.**

Be sure to visit Gallery II during the month of April. **The photographs of Tom Phelan are featured.**

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- VP Activities & Community Exhibits
Sandra Wille
- VP Building & Grounds: Chuck Showalter
- VP Education: Nancy Anderson
- VP Exhibits: Chris Chlapecka/Barb Denny
- VP Finance: Dan Anderson
- VP Membership: Yvonne Thompson
- VP Office Management: Ann Johnson

VP Publicity & Promotions: Sally Hines
 President Emeritus: Diana Mitchell

Yuletide Treasures TBA
 Newsletter Ann Johnson

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Articles and pieces are due by the 15th of the month.
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 format or put in the Newsletter drawer at the league.
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