



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus | VP Exhibits

It's that time again! The gallery theme for September is "School Daze", back to school, childhood memories. Once again, the children and parents are making the change from summer activities back to schedules for another school year. The pick-up dates for your August artwork and the drop off dates for the September exhibit are August 28 and 29.

We look forward to your participation!

Gallery II in October

In October, Gallery II will have a show of this year's efforts of the Friday Outdoor Sketchers. The Sketchers work in a variety of media including pencil, pastel, watercolor, oil paint, etc. The group gathers on Friday mornings each week at a pre-arranged meet-up location, usually somewhere in DuPage County (but we have ventured into Kane County just a little!). We welcome all DuPage Art League members to come and see what we have been up to out there in the "wilds" of DuPage County.

These sketches are our attempts to depict the beauty that we see that is close at hand in our communities. We would like League members to see our efforts and hopefully be tempted to come join us in Summer 2020!

Food for Thought

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Monday Night Open Programs

Note: Location and time change!

Kathleen Newman | Creating Mood and Atmosphere with Pastels

October 21 | 6:30-8:30PM | Wheaton Public Library, Meeting Room "A" (225 N. Cross Street)

Kathleen will discuss how to interpret photo references to create more expressive and personal work while showing her pastel techniques on paper. Using black and white images, she will illustrate methods of designing strong compositions through abstract light and shadow patterns, working around the color wheel to improvise creative use of color strategies, and then will demonstrate her painterly techniques of layered pastel to convey mood and mystery rather than describing detailed accuracy.



NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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Acceptable formats for submissions include Word documents or PDF files for text and 300dpi JPG for images). Please proof/verify your information before submitting. **Use minimal formatting; send photos, flyers, images as attachments to your email (not as part of the email body).**

Gallery 1 August Awards

Best of Show

Rashda Arjmand, "Last Light", Watercolor

Best Theme

Lori Tucker, "Barn on my Bike Ride", Oil

Special Merit Awards

Sue Thomas, "Study in Gray", Pastel

Vicki Liszewski, "Coneflowers", Watercolor

Judith Horsley, "Trail Bridge", Digital Photo

Merit Awards

Diana Nawrocki, "DuPage Fair Flea Market", Textile

Barbara Grabowski, "Cantigny Concert", Pastel

June Padovani, "Blue Crane on Lake Marmo", Watercolor

Marita Valdizan, "Landscape", Mixed Media

Gail Kroepel, "St. James Farm Pond", Acrylic

Joan Kalmanek, "McCormick House", Photo

Annette Leiber, "Moon Glow", Watercolor

Kris Davis, "Cantigny", Pencil

Robert Koch, "Two DuPage Geese", Watercolor

Mooneen Mourad, "Flowers in Fall", Acrylic

Robert Pennor, "Gone Fish Inn", Acrylic

Eve Sofferman, "Pratt Wayne Woods", Oil Pastel



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Board Notes



- The Driehaus Foundation has once again sent us an annual grant for \$15,000 which is a huge help in paying our expenses. Many thanks go to this generous foundation for their support this year and for the past several years.
- While summer classes didn't bring in as much money as in the past, workshops and the kids camps more than made up the difference. In addition, utilities, supplies and promotion costs were down.
- All the programs are set for next year in our new location at the Wheaton Library. Programs will begin earlier at 6:30PM because the library closes at 9PM. The speakers represent a variety of mediums so there's something for everyone.
- The board approved an increased benefit for front desk staffers who work the required number of hours. Those staffers will be eligible for one 1/2 price class each session (a total of 8 per year) or a free membership after completing training and one month of solo service. The board talked about what a great service our staffers perform. Without them we couldn't open the doors. In addition, everyone agreed that staffing is the best way to meet people, learn about the inner workings of the organization and have fun at the same time.
- A new teacher is joining the league and a flyer will be put in the schedules about classes. Kat Carolan does fabric painting, multi-media and paper cutting. Keep your eye out for more information.
- Life Drawing with a live model will be meeting once a month in the fall for a cost of \$20 per session. The dates will be posted on the website and at the front desk.

Seeking Volunteers

Here are a couple of great ways to volunteer at the Art League that do not involve committee meetings or staffing. If you exhibit in the gallery, one of these would be a perfect way to fulfill your 4 hour a year volunteer commitment.

Help print the monthly newsletters and mailing labels. Minimal computer skills are required! A short training session will take place during the week of September 16. If you can help with this each month, the newsletters are printed on or around the 18th of each month.

Plan and lead a New Member Orientation to be conducted after the first of the year. The ideal candidate would be familiar with DPAL and enthusiastic about all it has to offer. Great people and planning skills would certainly be a plus!

If you are interested in either of these opportunities please call Kay Wahlgren at 630.858.2892 or email her at kbwahlgren@gmail.com.

The DuPage Art League does not discriminate nor tolerates harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, genetic information, or any other characteristic.

Yuletide Treasures

Yvonne Thompson (630.966.9616) and Sherry Theilgaard (224.283.1578)

Yes we know it is only August, but this news can't wait! This year, no matter what items you are bringing in for Yuletide they will all have your same personal barcode! (Thanks to a wonderful idea by Nancy Nolan!) No longer will you need different codes for different items. They will all be 300- then your 3 letter code. Easy peasy! Also, the first three inventory sheets will be pre-numbered (yes, we are spoiling you!). If you are bringing in more items and need continuing numbers, there will be blank sheets available.



Yuletide information packs and barcode order forms will be ready the middle of September.

So you have probably gathered, Yvonne has volunteered to help Sherry this year, but that still means we need your help **big time!** Every exhibiting member must help, so here's a list of areas where we can use your help:

1. Inventory check-in (18 people) on Tuesday, October 22 through Saturday, October 26. Two members per morning (9AM-1:15PM) or afternoon shift (1-5PM); Saturday (9AM-2PM)
2. Help hang the show (10 people) on Monday, October 28 (10AM-1PM).
3. Help the front desk staffer wrap purchases, assist customers, clean and tidy the displays, and cut out exhibition labels during slow times. Morning or afternoon shifts starting Friday, November 29 (1 person each shift) (9AM-5PM).
4. Delivering flyers to local businesses and retirement homes. Requires a lot of walking!
5. If you are free on Monday, October 21 and are used to lifting stuff, running up and down stairs and moving tables, you can help us set up the classroom ready for inventory.
6. Yvonne is doing the windows again this year. Can you fold a paper plate, staple, hot glue or dry brush paint? She'll need three or four people to help with making window props. Some work can be done at home.
7. Are you willing to do a demo of your work for 4 hours in the gallery on a Saturday? Let us know!

* Preshow Meetings and "Drop-in Days"

There are a lot of changes this year for Yuletide. New barcodes, new limits and how many times you can call in to ask us questions. Your preshow entry meeting is on Friday, October 18 from 2-3PM. Come learn the changes and what to do to enter the show.

But we know you often have questions **now!** We're not going to make you wait till October. Yvonne and Sherry are hosting some "Drop-in Days" in September. Maybe you are not sure if something you would like to enter is acceptable, maybe you want to ask how to package your work so they are giftable? Call in to DPAL on any of these days and chat with one of us. You'll also be able to pick up your entry pack and order barcodes.

Monday, September 16 | 9-11AM | Sherry
Thursday September 19 | 3-4:30PM | Yvonne
Tuesday, September 24 | 9-11AM | Sherry
Thursday, September 26 | 3-4:30PM | Yvonne

Come in for a chat, questions or information. We are here to help you!

Questions? Call Yvonne at 630.966.9616 if you have questions or want to sign up early or email me at dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net



Desmond O'Hagan Presentation From the Library

Barbara Grabowski | Library Volunteer

The DuPage Art League is honored to welcome Desmond O'Hagan for a workshop and program this September. On Thursday, September 5 at 7:15PM Desmond will present a FREE slide show and discuss oil and pastel painting at the League. This is an opportunity for our members to see a nationally known artist offer insight into his process and inspiration.

Desmond O'Hagan is a master pastelist with the Pastel Society of America, and is an Eminent Pastelist with the International Association of Pastel Societies (one of 14 in the world!). He has been a professional artist for over thirty years and has had numerous one-man shows throughout the United States. He has also participated in group shows in Japan, China, and France. O'Hagan has received several awards for his art through the Pastel Society of America, IAPS, and the Salmagundi Club in New York City. He has judged many national shows for pastels and oils and conducted workshops throughout the United States.



The following titles have been added to the Library. You may find them on the "New Books" shelf.

- *Age of American Impressionism; Masterpieces from the Art Institute of Chicago.* (Art in Collections)
- Becker. *Watercolor Composition Made Easy.* (Watercolor)
- Dodrill. *The Transparent Touch.* (Watercolor)
- Gregory. *An Illustrated Life; Drawing Inspiration from the Private Sketchbooks of Artists, Illustrators, and Designers.* (Drawing)
- Hart. *Human Anatomy Made Amazingly Easy.* (Drawing)
- Johnson. *Painting Nature's Details in Watercolor.* (Watercolor)
- McCaw. *A Proven Strategy for Creating Great Art; All Stages Shown- From Thumbnail Ideas to Finishing Touches.* (Oil)
- Matsubara. *Introduction to Watercolor Painting.* (Watercolor)
- Mollica. *Color Theory; an Essential Guide to Color-From Basic Principles to Practical Applications.* (Reference)
- Neuer. *Ukiyo-E; 250 Years of Japanese Art.* (Regional Art-Japan)
- *Vatican Collections; the Papacy and Art* (Art in Collections)
- Wolf. *Basic Flower Painting; Techniques in Watercolor.* (Watercolor)
- Wolf. *Strokes of Genius 7; the Best of Drawing; Depth, Drawing Dimension, & Space.* (Drawing)
- Wolf. *Strokes of Genius 8; the Best of Drawing; Expressive Texture.* (Drawing)

Enjoy!

Members in the News

Suzanne Massion's oil landscapes will be exhibited at the Wheaton Public Library during the month of September. The body of work, "Images of the Heartland" features the open spaces of Illinois. Suzanne says "My fellow artists who've painted with me in class will recognize the subjects I love most. Prairies, oak woods, marshes, and wetlands are my favorite images to paint". Stop by the library and visit Suzanne's show. All of the paintings are for sale and may be purchased.



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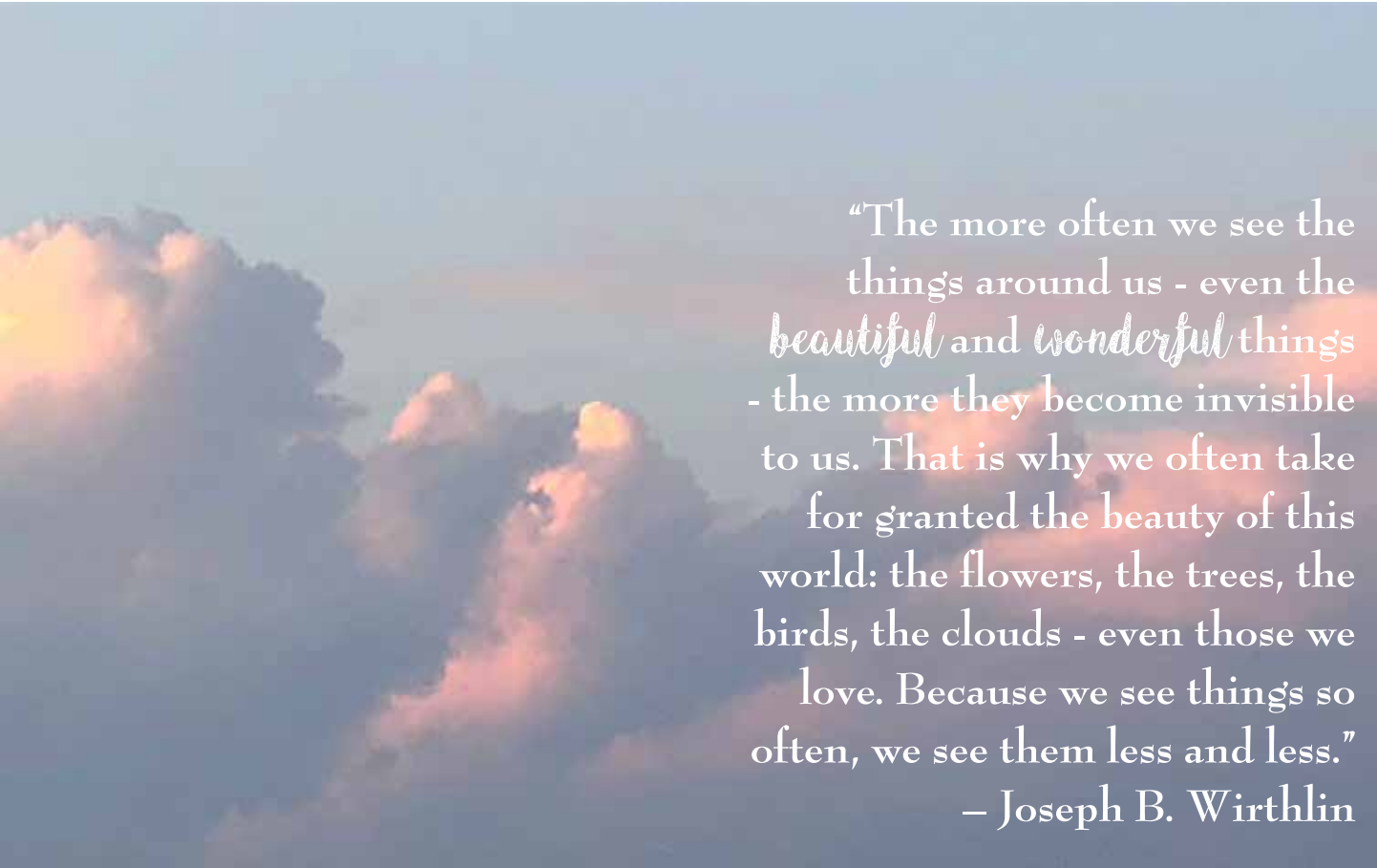
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“The more often we see the things around us - even the *beautiful and wonderful* things - the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds - even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less.”
– Joseph B. Wirthlin

Photo: Clouds off the Outer Banks | Valerie Lorimer

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