



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

New Class – “Word Portraits” with Wes Douglas

Wednesdays | 7-9:30PM | Session B and C only

Have you ever wanted to create a really special gift portrait for someone you love (but don't think you are very good with portraits)? Then “Word Portraits” might be perfect for you! “Word Portraits” incorporate drawing, hand-written text and colors to create a one-of-a-kind portrait that you make yourself. Every detail of hair, shadow and clothing are lovingly made from your hand. In class, we will develop a long list of words and phrases that are particular to your subject and build a very special portrait. All you need is a good 8” x 10” headshot photo of your person.



Yuletide Treasures What treasures indeed!

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I hope you have all been in to see our fabulous holiday show. There are so many new and fun items this year. Suggest to all your friends and family to shop with us (hints for something you would love to own is also allowed!). There are postcards and flyers at the front desk that you can share. With all the upheaval going on next-door, the fencing and the road work all around Weaton, we need to let as many potential customers as possible know we are open and waiting on them. Maybe I should start a “wish list” form to hand to those in our lives who never know what to buy for us!

Don't forget that Monday, November 25 is the second drop off for Yuletide Treasures!

I have a few of my own “treasures” to thank. Those who assisted with the installation of the windows and those of you who helped Sherry with installing the show. Sue Jurkus, Wilda Kemp, Jan Fritsch and Kay Wahlgren. If you still haven't signed up to work your 4 or 8 hours, please contact Sherry or I before we contact you! There are still many ways you can help, including the breakdown of the show on Friday, January 3.

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Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus | VP Exhibits

'Tis the season for Yuletide Treasures! The gallery is filled with gifts to purchase for a special someone to brighten up their holidays or maybe just a gift for you.

Please take a stroll around and check it out!

Volunteer Needed

Each month photos of the top five gallery award winners are posted in the monthly newsletter and online. Our photographer, Tom Phelan, provided us with those photos. Tom is stepping down from that position, and we are in need of a replacement. If anyone would like to contribute their time to the art league and has a background in photography, please give me a call at 630.212.1282.

Thank you Tom for your time and expertise!

A special acknowledgement to Yvonne Thompson for her time and creativity with our holiday window display!

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Help Wanted

Kay Wahlgren | 630.858.2892

Looking for an opportunity to give back to the DuPage Art League? Now is your chance. There is an opportunity to serve on the board as VP of Membership. The position has many facets besides keeping track of memberships, so even if you are not interested in a board position you can volunteer for smaller jobs that take only a few hours a month. Computer skills are always helpful.

Regular volunteers such as staffers and board members receive a generous perk with reduced class or membership fees. From personal experience, I can say that volunteering for any job at the League has been the source of enduring friendships and much enjoyment over the years.

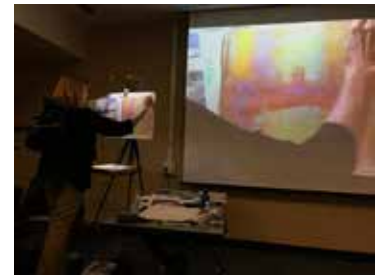
Come join us!

Members in the News

Valerie Lorimer will have a solo exhibit, *A Whimsical Journey*, at the Wheaton Public Library in December.

Monday Night Open Programs

Chicago pastelist Kathleen Newman was our visiting artist for the October program at Wheaton Library. She discussed the importance of taking time to sketch. It is an invitation to wonder, to slow down one's pace, and look closely.



Kathleen always starts out making a value sketch before she starts a painting. This value sketch, otherwise known as a "Notan", has made a dramatic improvement in her work.



For her demo, Kathleen choose a peach palette with the goal of a high key color harmony painting. She kept her values close together to achieve the effect of "mood and atmosphere" that she is so well known for. Kathleen sent us her finished pastel from the demo.

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Muse with A View

By Mary Dorrell

Join the Du Page Art League Volunteer Team!

As a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, we depend upon the support of our volunteers. Consider donating your talent by joining our corps of volunteers, our VIPs - Vitally Important People. There are many ways you can become involved and join the fun.

- Front Desk - Get a discount on membership or classes. It takes a lot of people to staff the front desk and keep our doors open. There are many benefits and you will learn about the students, the teachers, the artists and their artwork.
- No task is too small - Be part of a task team to assist one of the VPs; there is just so much that can be done with a little help from our members.
- Be a Board Member - There is nothing like being on the board to help expand your understanding of how things work.

You are a member because you want to grow as an artist. You can grow even more by getting involved beyond your classes. Your League needs you! Remember that if you are exhibiting in the gallery you are required to donate four hours of volunteer time each year. Yuletide exhibitors are asked to donate an additional four hours each year.

Maybe it is just an hour a week or maybe its four hours a week. Whatever you can donate, we will all benefit from your input.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to build relationships and find new friendships at the league. To be involved at the DPAL as a volunteer, you can simply contact me (Mary Dorrell), and I will connect you to a person to get you started.



Board Notes



- Work on the new computer system and website is progressing. Dan Anderson has been working on barcodes and various ways of printing them. Mary Dorrell is working on the website and is getting ready to install photos. She is expecting to be able to show the new website to the board at the next meeting.
- The summer kids camps were very popular this year, and a discussion arose about finding a location for next year that could be used in case of inclement weather and for indoor activities. St. Michael's school is a possibility we are exploring.
- There was a recent issue with the fire alarm but it was fixed while the board meeting was in session.
- The volunteer who has been photographing the Gallery I show winners is leaving that job so a search is on for another volunteer to take over. The photos are posted on the website and in the newsletter. It's really pretty simple and just involves taking the photos once a month and then emailing them to the newsletter editor and the person who maintains the website. If you are able to assist the league in this way please contact Sue Jurkus at susanjurkus@att.net or leave your name and contact information at the front desk attention: Sue Jurkus.
- Yvonne, our oh so creative Yuletide Treasures co-chair and Business Manager, asked the board to approve the purchase of some artificial trees to go on either side of the front door. She will be adding white lights to them to draw attention to the league this Christmas. We are also going to put white lights in the upstairs window. We are definitely decking not only the halls but the front of the building. That on top of the amazing windows should be spectacular.

NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS


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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: vlorimer@yahoo.com and copy sallyhines@comcast.net by the 15th of the month.

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).**

*Wishing everyone
a blessed
holiday season!*



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