



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Summer Outdoor Season is Coming!

We have had a nice taste of warmer weather - it's time to start planning for the Summer 2020 Friday Outdoor Sketching season! The summer schedule will be available April 1 at the front desk at the art league and (hopefully) also on the art league website.

Come join the intrepid artists who enjoy working in the outdoors. Friday meet-ups are from 9:30AM to Noon at scheduled locations, mostly in Dupage County or within a reasonable driving distance. Sketchers, painters, pastelists, folks who enjoy being outdoors with good company are all welcome. There is no fee or registration needed to attend. All meet-ups are at your discretion, weather permitting. We invite you to come by and see what this group is up to and decide if you would like to give it a try. We are all happy to answer questions about how and why we work outdoors.

For those who have come in year's past, now is the time to get out the equipment you put away last fall and get things ready to go. Summer is coming!

Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus | VP of Exhibits

The gallery theme for April is "Signs of Spring". With the closure of the DuPage Art League, the pick-up dates for your March artwork and the drop-off dates for the April exhibit are yet to be determined. Please refer to the league website for further information in the next few weeks.

In addition, we will also be releasing a Calling Post addressing the status of the April exhibit in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Class Spotlight

Join Wes Douglas for "Portraits Made with Type" which incorporates hand-written text and colors arranged to create a one-of-a-kind portrait that you make yourself. It's the best way to create a memorable portrait of yourself or someone you love. All you need is a good 8" x 10" headshot photo of your person. All skill levels welcome; supply list available. The next class will be on Wednesday nights starting April 15, 7-9:30PM. WS20-DOUG-1C



Members in the News

Margaret Bucholz' banner painting, "My New Home, Gallery 200" was selected by the West Chicago Arts Commission to be on one of their street banners from May through September with the "Home" theme. Margaret is currently painting a picture of a 9-foot raised flower bed, titled "Victory Garden", for the Obama Legacy Initiative. These paintings of flower beds done by 12 area artists will be on display at the Naper Settlement in Naperville the week of May 11-17, and the public are invited to vote on them and make bids. Proceeds will go to local food pantries.

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.

2020 Board Nominations

We are happy to announce the slate for the 2020-2021 board positions has been filled with extremely qualified and dedicated DPAL members.

The slate is as follows:

President: Dan Anderson
VP Education: Kathy Szeszol
VP Exhibits: Gallery 1 - Margaret Bucholz;
Gallery 2 - Mary Lynn Sullivan
VP Office Management: Sue Krzyzanowski

The vote is scheduled for April 20, 2020 before the Monday Nite Program presentation.

Your Nominations Committee,
Diana Mitchell, Sally Hines, Ellen Rottsoik, Jennifer Schab,
Kelly Sebold

DPAL to Host Best of the Best

The DuPage Art League will be the location this year for the 2020 Best of the Best sponsored by the Alliance of Fine Arts of which we are a member. Drop-off will be Thursday, April 30 from 6:30-8:30PM. The show will be hung on Saturday, May 2 in the morning, and the reception will be held on Sunday, May 17, from 2-4PM.

Artwork pick-up will be Tuesday, May 26 from 6:30-8:30PM. Each league or guild is allowed seven pieces to represent their group. The DuPage Art League will have the following representing those who won "Best of Show" during the past year in our monthly show:

Rashda Arjmand	<i>Last Light</i> , Watercolor
Kris Davis	<i>Matron</i> , Colored Pencil
Carol Kincaid	<i>Dancing in the Dark</i> , Oil Pastel
Valerie Lorimer	<i>First Day Jitters</i> , Acrylic
Diane Nawrocki	<i>Harvest Moon at the Lake House</i> , Textile
Terry Niccoli	<i>The Artist</i> , Pastel
Dale Olsen	<i>Morning Light 2</i> , Acrylic

Monday Night Open Program

Wheaton Library has cancelled the April Monday Night program. This program will be rescheduled for a future date.

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).**

Gallery 1 January/February

Best of Show

Kenneth Kloss, "Chicago Skyline", Oil

Best Theme

Dan Danielson, "Witch of November", Watercolor

Special Merit Awards

Cathy Raef-Dunnigan, "Ready for Some Wind", Acrylic

Robert Pennor, "Gliding Along", Oil

Jesse Lee, "Tears of Ireland", Watercolor

Merit Awards

M. Kent Goebel, "Abandoned Farm", Oil

Judy MacLeod, "Beach Breeze", Oil

Cynthia Golger, "Untitled", Alcohol Inks

Judy Ross, "Hold Fast", Oil

Janice Zeuch, "Fast Cars", Pastel

Joan Kalmanek, "Flying Spinnakers", Photo

Kathy Manning, "On the Beach", Watercolor

Dale Olsen, "Laguna Morning 2", Oil

Carolyn Pennor, "Flying Trio", Acrylic

Sharon Peters, "Flying High", Acrylic

Diana Nawrocki, "Summer Splash", Watercolor

Eve Sofferman, "Prairie View", Oil



Kenneth Kloss, "Chicago Skyline"



Cathy Raef-Dunnigan, "Ready for Some Wind"



Dan Danielson, "Witch of November"



Robert Pennor, "Gliding Along"



Jesse Lee, "Tears of Ireland"

From the Library

Barbara Grabowski | Library Volunteer



The following titles have recently been added to the Library. You will find them on the "New Books" shelf and are welcome to check them - out:

- *Art of Colored Pencil Drawing*. (Colored Pencil)
- *Artist's Handbook: Pastels, Materials, Techniques, Color and Composition, Style and Subject*. (Pastels)
- *Cogniat, Raymond. Bonnard*. (Biography)
- *Descharnes & Neret. Salvador Dali. Vol. I, 1904-1946; Vol. II, 1946-1989*. (Biography)
- *Franks, Gene. The Art of Pencil Drawing*. (Drawing)
- *Harrison, Hazel. Watercolor School; a Practical Guide to Painting with Watercolor*. (Added copy) (Watercolor)
- *Nicholas, Banjie. Silver Linings; Introduction to Silverpoint Drawing*. (Drawing)
- *Ross, Al. Cartooning Fundamentals*. (Cartooning)
- *Willenbrink, Mark & Mary. Drawing for the Absolute Beginner*. (Drawing)

Enjoy!

Summer Schedules and Thank You!

Nancy Anderson | V.P. of Education

I have had the privilege of being the V.P. of Education for DPAL for nearly four years, and it saddens me that one of the last acts I have done as a member of the board of directors is to vote to cancel classes for this session in light of concerns about the coronavirus. I know that it was the right thing to do, but I am sure that many of the students, as well as their teachers, will miss their classes and the chance to make art with others who share that love. I know that I do.

I have many people to thank for aided me with this position, including my fellow board members who have helped along the way, the excellent instructors, some of whom I have been fortunate enough to have persuaded to teach at the art league, Kathy Szeszol, who works tirelessly preparing the schedules and her predecessor, Sally Hines, who was very helpful to me when I first started, Jen Schwab, the exceptional workshop coordinator, and the inspiring students I have met during my tenure. I also must thank Ann Johnson, our office manager, for making sure that student registration is a smooth process, as well as doing a million other things to help out with education, and the business manager, Yvonne Thompson, the woman who knows the art league inside and out.

With that out of the way, I assume we will have brighter days and things will begin to return to normal. Schedules for the children's camps and classes are available, and the adult schedule should be completed soon. Please sign up so that we can guarantee that the DuPage Art League can continue to offer you the classes that you love.

Board Notes



- Much of this meeting was taken up with a discussion about the Coronavirus and what to do about it. Dan Anderson prepared a list of several options that the board reviewed. Ultimately it was decided to cancel classes through the end of the B session. There is an open week between Session B and Session C and following that our hope is to reopen with Session C. However, the board agreed to meet to review the situation before then to determine whether classes can safely reopen or we need to wait longer. The galleries will also be closed and a deep cleaning will take place during that time. The teachers notified their students and an email and phone message went out to the membership.
- There has been a perennial problem with classes that have a low enrollment being cancelled and people being disappointed when they try to enroll on the day of the first class only to learn the class is cancelled. In order to try to eliminate that situation we are going to set and communicate an earlier deadline for registration. Registration for all classes will end on the Friday before the week in which the classes begin. The new deadline will begin with the summer sessions. We will put up signs and publish this change in the newsletter and via other communications.
- There is a full slate of officers who will be voted on during the April program meeting. They are: Dan Anderson for President, Carol Kincaid VP of Finance, Kathy Szeszol, VP of Education, Margaret Bucholz and Mary Lynn Sullivan VP's of Exhibits, and Sue Krzyzanowski, VP of Office Management. Sue Jurkus will be moving to Membership VP.
- Work is moving ahead with Magenium Solutions on our new computer system. There were no additional charges from the vendors that we were working with previously. Yvonne, our Business Manager, met with Magenium and provided them with a multitude of documentation so it's full steam ahead! It should only be a matter of a few months until we're in test mode.

DPAL Board 2019-2020

President: Kay Wahlgren
Secretary: Sally Hines
Treasurer: Patricia Thorson
VP Activities: Sue Thomas
VP Building & Grounds: Chuck Showalter
VP Education: Nancy Anderson,
Workshops - Jen Schwab
VP Exhibits: Sue Jurkus/Marguerite Paris
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We Need Your Help

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Please help our DPAL outreach service which donates original artwork (created by us) to other not-for-profit organizations. For many of our newer members who may not know about this service, every year we are asked by other organizations for donations for their fund raisers. Instead of giving gift certificates or money, we give them a piece of original art which you (our members) have created and then donated to this service.

Every year we are approached by at least 12 organizations looking for a donation of an original piece of artwork. These groups (all not-for-profit) range from agencies raising money for pediatric brain cancer research to world hunger groups to our more local church and school organizations. Your donations have been wonderful and have been gratefully received by these groups, but now we are running out of these and need your help again.

Please see if you can part with something that is framed and "ready-to-hang." There is another plus, besides getting a new home for your artwork, and that is some free publicity. Most of the our recipients have wanted to know something about the artist whose painting they have chosen. In fact, many have wanted to do a little write up about you - the artist - to put with the painting or to include in their literature. So, if you would like a little free publicity, please include something



about yourself to put with your donation. Of course, this is purely optional.

Please try to help us out by bringing your framed art (or jewelry or pottery) to the league with a note on it saying it is a donation and put it to my attention, Carol Kincaid. If you would like a record of your donation, there are donation slips at the front desk.

Again, thank you for what you have donated in the past and thank you in advance for what you will donate now.



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