



# DuPage Art League School & Gallery

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Thank You To The Board

I wish to thank the past members of the DuPage Art League board, and all the committees, for their diligence and commitment to their positions. It has been a pleasure serving with you these past four years as president. We have come a long way and accomplished so much and overcome many obstacles to serve our membership and the art community.

I wish I could give each one of you a hug but right now it will have to be long distance. Dan Anderson will be our new president, and he will find how easy the job is with such dedicated and committed members, each doing their job to make DPAL the best league. Thank you all.

Kay Wahlgren

## Introducing Sue Jurkus, Your New Membership VP!

Yvonne Thompson

Most of you know Sue. She was VP of Gallery 1 and a regular Front Desk staffer, but as of May 1, her new title will be VP of Membership.

While we were without someone for this post, I have been filling in, but in future anything to do with Membership Sue will be dealing with. This also involves the newsletter, new members orientation, Activity Schedule preparation and Membership records.

Of course with the present situation it may be a while before you see her in person, but when you do please join me in extending a hearty welcome to her. She is a gem!

## Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus | VP of Exhibits

As indicated in a recent calling post, the Best of the Best Show scheduled for May was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Also, due to the closure of the DuPage Art League the March Exhibit will remain in Gallery 1 until further notice. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact us either by telephone or email.

Effective May 1 my term as V.P. of Exhibits will be ending. I have taken another position on the board as V.P. of Membership. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Margaret Bucholz will be assuming the position of V.P. of Exhibits for Gallery 1. Margaret's art background and long time devotion to art will make her a great asset to this position. We look forward to her creative contributions!

As all of us look forward to moving on with some normalcy in the near future, I wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy year! Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

## Monday Night Open Programs

Due to Covid-19, our scheduled Monday Night programming at the Wheaton Library was cancelled for March (Ben Calvert - Using Wood to Create a Relief Print) and April (Robert Krajecki - Traditional Watercolor Painting). Both Ben and Robert are scheduled to do their demos next year, as we already have our fall artists in place for this year. Hope to see everyone at our next demo on August 3 with Pastelist Nancy King Mertz. Hope you all are staying safe and sound. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at DPAL and Wheaton Library when it is safe to do so.

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## Remember When...

From the Incoming President, Dan Anderson



Remember when this building was alive with aspiring artists listening to skilled instructors? It will be again!

I'm told that I will be your new president by the time this newsletter lands in your lap. Diana Mitchell, who chaired our nominating committee, will attest to my reaction to this news: a blend of fear and excitement. Why fear? Because I'm relatively new to The DuPage Art League and was invited onto the Board as a fund raiser, not as an artist. (My wife was the artist.) Right up front, I will admit that I don't know nearly as many of our members as I should. Combining that with an increasingly poor memory for names could make for a difficult presidency. As for excitement? The prospect of getting to know so many wonderfully creative people is very exciting for me. And then there's the challenge of figuring out how to weather the storm that has shut us down as DuPage County's leading school for the visual arts.

But there is good news amidst this storm. Your Board has done an outstanding job of managing the finances of the Art League. Pat Thorson, our Treasurer, has done the math. Even if we are unable to hold any classes through the rest of 2020 (perish the thought), we will not go broke! At least that will be true if our loyal members stay with us as loyal members and pay the modest dues we ask of you. Your home for the visual arts and art instruction needs to be there for you when the quarantine is lifted. (You might even consider renewing at the Sustaining Member level when the time comes!)

In other news, financing for our new website and computer system was secured some time ago, so we are in good shape there. The best part is what we can expect. The new website, with graphics designed by Mary Dorrell, is going to blow you away. And if the graphics aren't enough, the functionality will convince you. Among other things, you will be able to register for classes **online**. Welcome to the 21st century! We are using a firm with professional programmers, most of whom work from home anyway, so the quarantine isn't slowing things done much in that area.

We also have some creative ideas that instructors like Dan Danielson are developing to give you ways to remain engaged and improve your skills online. Separately, you'll see one of Dan's proposals. Your feedback will be very helpful. Meanwhile, please be careful and stay healthy. The Art League needs you.

## Information we Received from Arts DuPage

Americans for the Arts ([americansforthearts.org/](http://americansforthearts.org/)) is offering information and valuable resources related to the Coronavirus and the arts industry. The Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on America's arts sector: it is estimated that nonprofit arts organizations alone have already suffered financial losses of \$4.5 billion in lost revenue and unexpected expenses. In addition, canceled and postponed events have caused the loss of an estimated 197 million in attendance and resulted in an estimated loss of \$6.2 billion in event-related consumer spending so far. On this web tool you will find news, information on relief funds, and financial assistance and preparation advice.

## A Proposal from Dan Danielson



Here's an idea. Let's have an all-media "Art Keeps Us Together" Art Show for all DPAL members. The format would be exactly like our regular monthly exhibits. The only difference would be that the artwork would be submitted online and shown on a special DPAL web page for all to see and enjoy.

We could invite a juror to select award winners by reviewing all work online. Top award-winning artwork would be printed out, matted or framed and hung in our front windows.

This is the basic idea. I'm sure we could add more emotional appeal and encourage a sense of involvement. Please send your reactions/thoughts regarding this idea to "DanA" at [dpamidge@gmail.com](mailto:dpamidge@gmail.com) so we can pursue this most effectively.

### NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: [vlorimer@yahoo.com](mailto:vlorimer@yahoo.com) and **copy** [sallyhines@comcast.net](mailto: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).**

## Meet Your New Board

Despite the difficulty of holding an election without being able to meet in person, we have succeeded in filling all of the vacancies arising from those retiring from the Board. Here's the list for 2020-2021:

Position	Name
President	Dan Anderson
Secretary	Sally Hines
Treasurer	Pat Thorson
President Emeritus	Kay Wahlgren
VP Activities	Sue Thomas
VP Building/Grounds	Chuck Showalter
VP Education	Kathy Szezol
VP Exhibits (Gallery 1)	Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits (Gallery 2)	Mary Lynn Sullivan
VP Finance	Carol Kincaid
VP Membership	Sue Jurkus
VP Office Management	Sue Krzyzanowski
VP Publicity	Mary Dorrell

It's an outstanding collection of talent and dedication. Please feel free to offer congratulations to all of them...**and** to offer to help as a volunteer if you are so inclined.

## Stay on Your Couch and Tour an Incredible Museum

Sally Hines | Secretary

There are lots of virtual tours of art museums online. Some are longer than others. Some are better than others. Some are actual walking tours. The one that seems to be the highest



rated is the tour of the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. If you love the impressionists and you're fond of beautiful music, there is a 17-minute tour that is an absolute stunner.

Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and put "Musée d'Orsay virtual tour" in the search box and

you should pull up several options. The one that is a standout should be the first video listed. Because so many of the paintings are familiar it's like greeting old friends.

If you choose to do some of the walking tours that are available one of the things you may notice is how strange it feels to be part of the crowds as you walk the halls. I suspect it's something that will be uncomfortable for a long time. But for now it's an easy way to feel like you're getting out of the house, looking at incredible art, and perhaps finding a little inspiration to make your own art.

## Board Notes



- Like many organizations across the country during the Coronavirus quarantine, the DuPage Art League held a board meeting using ZOOM on April 2, 2020. We've learned a couple of things from the experience. First of all, we're more technologically adept than we thought we were. And secondly, it's a good motivator for cleaning up at least the part of the room behind you on the camera. (A personal observation.)
- Our first issue was canceling Session C. It was apparent to everyone that because of the quarantine holding session C was impossible. We discussed several options for staying in touch with students and are going to look into them further.
- A new board was elected last month and the May meeting traditionally includes both the retiring board members and the new members. In addition, individual retiring VP's will need to hand over information and review responsibilities with their counterparts. The board agreed to hold the joint May meeting on May 7 via ZOOM. The individual board members will set up their one-on-ones in whatever way works for them.
- Because it is unclear when the quarantine will be lifted and things are so uncertain, the board also agreed to postpone registration for summer classes until May 18. A Calling Post Notice went out to members with information about our plans.
- In the meantime, work continues on our new computer system. Yvonne has given Magenium troves of information and she, Dan and Mary continue to communicate with them as the project moves forward.

## 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

VP Finance: Dan Anderson

VP Membership: Open

VP Office Management: Ann Johnson

VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Dorrell

President Emeritus: Diana Mitchell

Yuletide Treasures: Sherry Theilgaard, Liesl Mann,  
Yvonne Thompson

Newsletter: Valerie Lorimer | [vlorimer@yahoo.com](mailto:vlorimer@yahoo.com)



## 33 Lessons from Jerry Saltz, New York's Art Critic

Here's a teaser to entice you to go to the site and read the whole article by Jerry Saltz. It's an interesting read!

Here's the link: [vulture.com/art/](http://vulture.com/art/)

- 1) Don't be embarrassed.
- 2) Tell your own story and you will be interesting - Louise Bourgeois
- 3) Feel free to imitate
- 4) Art is not about understanding or mastery
- 5) Work, work, work
- 6) Start with a pencil
- 7) Develop forms of practice
- 8) Now, redefine skill
- 9) Embed thought in material - Roberta Smith
- 10) Find your own voice
- 11) Listen to the crazy voices in your head
- 12) Know what you hate
- 13) Scavenge
- 14) Compare cats and dogs
- 15) Understand that art is not just for looking at

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