



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

January 2021

The Light at the End of the Tunnel

Letter from the president, Dan Anderson

Today, as I write this, the first people in the Chicago area are getting their initial dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Obviously this is good news, but what does it mean for the DuPage Art League?

We've been swimming in a sea of uncertainty for ten months. Why should it be any different now? At this point, we have no idea when enough of our members and others who frequent the Art League will be vaccinated to allow us to resume our normal schedule of classes and class sizes. For that matter, how will we know who has received the vaccine? The fact is we won't know!

In the weeks and months ahead, the DPAL Board will be grappling with thorny issues such as whether or not we can ask our instructors to get inoculated, can we ask students if they have been inoculated, can we prohibit them from enrolling in a class if they haven't been inoculated? Do we even have the right to ask such questions? And if we do, should we? No easy answers, but we would love to get your feedback. If you have thoughts on these issues that you would like to share with your Board of Directors, please put them in an email to me: dpamidge@gmail.com

As mentioned last month, there are things we can do while waiting for the vaccine scenario to play out. I'm happy to report that the upgrades to our HVAC systems have been made. And we getting great cooperation with our face mask and social distancing requirements. Again, no promises can be made. But today the DuPage Art League is an even safer place to congregate with other creative people. Let's just hope that the light at the end of the tunnel isn't a freight train coming our way. Stay masked and stay healthy.

Yuletide Treasures

Yvonne Thompson, Yuletide Treasures Chair

As I write this there is still almost two weeks before Christmas, and I am pleased to report we have sold more than 500 items in our holiday show! Only four items sold were \$100 or more with the majority being in the under \$20 group. We have taken about \$6,500 so far, which is amazing considering COVID and up until Thanksgiving we were only open four hours a day. Please join me in thanking all the staffers for without them we couldn't open the doors.

If you had items in Yuletide Treasures that did not sell, they will be awaiting your pick up from Gallery 2 when we open after the holidays on January 4, 2021. All items will be boxed for your convenience and have your 3 letter code on the outside of the box. Please collect these before January 22 or your items will become the property of DPAL. If for any reason you can't pick your items up by then you must call Yvonne. Checks will be out by the end of January at the latest.

If you had items in the Gift Shop, these will go back on display there after Yuletide, but please plan to remove your items that have been in there since 2020. New stock will be accepted in February.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and that 2021 is a healthy one for you all!

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

If you have not paid your 2021 dues, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out on the benefits of membership!

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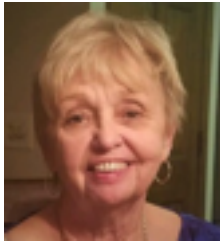
Review of November 16 Monday Night Program with David Dallison

David filmed his demo in his own studio using four cameras. The camera shots switched back and forth between his palette, himself, and his work in progress. He also walked around with a camera to show us his studio. David played two video clips of his plein air travels from around the world. If you did not catch his demo and registered you should have received a link to watch. If you did not register and would still like to watch any of the Monday Night demos, you can still do that by going to the Wheaton Library Website. David sent us his finished painting.



Behind the Scenes at the DuPage Art League

Pat Thorson, Treasurer



I have a background in finance and accounting. My duties at the Art League include preparing a budget, recording sales and expenses, issuing checks, preparing tax returns and reporting to the board monthly.

I have been taking classes at the Art League for several years - drawing, portraits, pastels and watercolor. Although I enjoy them all, my favorite medium is pastels. Other interests include gardening, quilting and reading.

Gallery 1 – January 2021: Winter Wonderland

Margaret Bucholz, VP Exhibits

Entry: January 6-7, 2021; Pick-up: Feb. 3-4, 2021



This first art show of 2021 will be judged by Carmelo Schifano. Please drop off at DuPage Art League on Tuesday and Wednesday, between 9AM and 5PM. If you are able, take a picture

of your piece and email it to Margaret Bucholz at Margbucholz@comcast.net by January 5. They will be put into a virtual slide presentation for posting on the website. Virtual as well as in-house, has brought customers into the gallery to shop and buy art.

Each member artist may exhibit two pieces per month free of charge. A non-member pays \$10. The second piece must be priced at \$125 or less and not exceed 25" inside frame dimensions (11x14). If a piece of artwork is sold, the member donates 25 percent of the sale price back to the league. Sales tax is the responsibility of the artists.

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

Board Notes

December 10, 2020



- Gift Shop sales, which include Yuletide Treasures, were almost \$4,000 during the month of November. It's not as much as we've made in past years but considering the pandemic it's good news.
- We have applied for our annual grant from the Driehaus Foundation and should hear back soon.
- The current open hours for the gallery from 10AM to 6PM seem to be working well. The plan is to switch back to the 9AM to 5PM schedule on January 4 when we reopen from the holiday but, of course, that is always subject to change.
- We are somewhat behind with membership renewals this year so if you haven't renewed please do so. Our membership year changed a few years ago to January through December so now is the time!
- Chuck Showalter reported that the combination fan/vacuum in the large classroom is operating and the Iwaves air purifiers have been installed on the furnaces. The air at the art league is cleaner than it has ever been. Good news when air quality is on everyone's mind.
- Misty Alvis has been busy promoting our activities on Facebook and Instagram. She also registered us for "Light Up Wheaton" which is sponsored by the city of Wheaton. Participants will receive a map directing them to various stores. Our windows are so spectacular this year we are really proud to show them off.
- Training is expected to start in January on the new computer system. We are hoping that before long you will be able to register for classes online. It's been awhile coming but it should make life easier. There are still a few bugs to iron out in terms of reports but otherwise it's getting closer.

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A Little Bit of History...

Art League Plans Open House In New Location An article dated Feb. 10, 1966 from The DuPage Press

Members of the DuPage Art League are preparing to move their quarters on Saturday, Feb. 12, from the old Albright Studio in Warrenville to the Wheaton Park District building at Main and Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, recently vacated by the YMCA. To climax the change and acquaint people with the new location, an open house will be held on the following Saturday, Feb. 19, from 1 to 3 PM. Highlight of the open house will be the winning of a painting contributed by Laura Duncan, a league member and well-known in art circles in the Chicago area. Many advantages were considered in the decision to move was made by a joint agreement of the Art League and Wheaton Park Board. It was felt that its location is more central in the county. In general, the building lends itself to class areas, work space and gallery walls for constant exhibits. It will, however, increase the financial burden of the league and a new committee, ways and means, has been organized, headed by Mrs. Richard Bender, to explore ideas along financial channels.

Happy Holidays!

Misty Alvis, VP Publicity & Promotions

Happy Holidays! Sadly, the holidays will be coming to an end all too soon, and our window displays will have to be taken down. My plan is to start taking them down on Wednesday, December 30. If you have anything in the windows, please make plans to pick the items up that afternoon or in the morning the next day. If that is not possible, we can make other arrangements. I appreciate it! The windows were a big hit!



Misty & Yvonne demo how to pose with the reindeer and sleigh!

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