



# DuPage Art League School & Gallery

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

## We Are Back in Action...Sort Of

Letter from the president, Dan Anderson

The August experiment in resuming classes in art instruction is upon us. The consensus is to take baby steps in August, making sure that we can do this safely while providing the level of expert instruction that our members and others have come to expect. There will be three online classes taught via Zoom and three classes taught at the League, one of which will go off-site to sketch. Class size will be limited to six students in most cases, again to allow us to test how everything is going to work.

Based on this experiment in August, we hope to open the doors much wider with the Fall class schedule beginning in September, while still maintaining a safe environment for both the students and our instructors. Details on the Fall class offerings should be available on our website by the time this newsletter is published. We weren't able to achieve our goal of providing online registration for the August classes but do expect to have that piece in place in time for the Fall offerings. Again, check our website regularly for the latest information: [dupageartleague.org](http://dupageartleague.org)

Our new video, "One Apple Seven Ways," is completed and can be viewed both on our website and on a TV monitor in the east window at the Art League. Unfortunately, on sunny days there is considerable glare (reflection) off our picture windows, making the TV monitor difficult to see. We are exploring ways to reduce this glare, which will work to the benefit of all the art we display in our windows. This video provides the viewer with a quick overview of the different media that one can use in doing art. The finished art for each approach is also on display in the window.

And be sure to check out Chuck Showalter's exhibit in the west windows titled "The Face of Isolation." It's a set of portraits that skillfully depicts the emotions that accompany being quarantined as we are today.

## A New Form of Window Art Comes to the Art League

Art in the windows of the DuPage Art League is nothing new. What is unusual is having art painted on the outside of the windows. We joined other downtown establishments celebrating Pride Week with this beautiful depiction of angel wings, a design proposed by Misty Alvis, our VP for Publicity. Her design was not only eye catching, it inspired many people passing by to have their picture taken in front of the art, as Misty is demonstrating in this photo. It was only up for a couple weeks, but it provided great publicity for the Art League while it lasted.



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# Gallery 1 – July – Places You Have Traveled

Judged by Maureen Gasek

## Best of Show

Robert Koch, "Au Sable Light Station, Upper Peninsula Michigan," Watercolor

*Wonderful composition and technique. Values and design principles are all met. This piece is very engaging with excellent light affects and feel. A very special piece.*

## Best Theme

Dale Olsen, "Bryce Canyon Cathedral," Acrylic

*I thought it was a photo. It really takes me there. I love the texture and just feel like I am there.*

## Special Merit Awards

Nancy Anderson, "Parisian Afternoon," Soft Pastel

*Feel very masterful. I want to walk in that street. It has a wonderful masterful feel. The pastel technique is very rich and executed very well. I like the soft feel and texture.*

Marlene Vitek, "Chicago Rail Yards," Photography

*I have seen a lot of photos of Chicago and this is a fantastic piece. It has a nice warmth, has some wonderful perspective and depth.*

Cathy Raef-Dunnigan, "Halstatt, Austria," Acrylic

*A very nice graphic quality and feel. Has great color balance and the depth is wonderful.*

## Merit Awards

Kerry Leibowitz, "Mystery Valley," Photography

Margaret Bucholz, "European Garden," Watercolor

Natalie Totire Brinley, "Resurrection Garden (Jerusalem)," Acrylic

John Durachta, "Route 42, Door County," Acrylic

Sue Thomas, "Birch Harbor, Maine," Pastel

Jackie Pickell, "In My Dreams," Watercolor

Sue Krzysanowski, "Lucca, Italy," Soft Pastel

Jim Hanna, "Orfila Vineyard," Acrylic

Annette Leiber, "Scenic Arizona Mountains," Acrylic

Valerie Lorimer, "Ellison Bay," Mixed Media

Pam Mitroff, "Slow Boat in China," Watercolor

Barbara Grabowski, "Crown Fountain Chicago, Ink & Wash



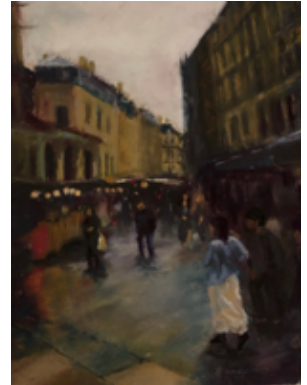
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# Behind the Scenes at the DuPage Art League

## Margaret Bucholz, Vice President, Gallery One Exhibits

Margaret started taking oil and watercolor lessons as a teen in Hawaii where most of the classes were painting on location. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting from the University of Hawaii.



Margaret has won numerous awards for her artwork and many of her watercolor, acrylics and colored pencil drawings hang in private collections. She has given demonstrations to art leagues and has taught art classes in watercolor, acrylics, and colored pencil drawing.

She says she accepted the position of VP Exhibits for Gallery One because she love challenges especially in this changing world climate.

## Free Pastel Painting Demonstration August 3

As we carefully "keep our distance" in this new world, we have discovered the wonderful benefits of Zoom-connecting!

On Monday, August 3 from 6:30-8:30PM, please join the DuPage Art League as they host Master & Eminent Pastelist, Nancie King Mertz, as she creates a pastel painting from start-to-finish.

Two cameras will be used so that viewers can see the painting develop as though standing right by the artist, and questions may be asked throughout the process to clarify techniques.

The live demo is **free** to the League and the public. Simply email Nancie (Nancie@NancieKingMertz.com) to register ("Aug. 3" in subject line), and the invitation to log-on will be emailed to you on August 1. On August 3, click on the Zoom link before 6:30PM and you will be part of the event. Sit back with your favorite beverage and snack and celebrate pastels!



## Board Notes



- The June 25 meeting was held with some people in attendance at the league and a few on Zoom. Coordinating it was difficult, so our July 9 meeting was held as a Zoom meeting only.
- The combination of closing because of the Coronavirus and the fact that we are implementing a new computer system and website meant there was a lot of discussion on both issues. The league will re-open gradually with a four week session of adult classes in August, half of which will be at the league and three of which will be online. The galleries will also be open in August with limited hours from 10AM to 2PM. Masks are required, as is social distancing, and hand sanitizers are available. New protective plexiglass screens are being installed around the front desk. Our buildings and grounds VP Chuck Showalter has worked hard getting those installed, as well as working on improving the HVAC air circulation and purchasing a new safe.
- There was a lot of positive feedback about the wings painted on the front window for the Wheaton pride celebration. Lots of people took advantage of them and had photos taken in front of them. The newest window display includes a TV with a video running called "One Apple Seven Ways" by DPAL teachers along with examples of the teacher's artwork.
- Things are moving along with the computer system and Business Manager Yvonne Thompson is really excited about it. She believes that it will make staffing much easier. A large touch screen monitor has been purchased. The first page lists each area. Balancing at the end of the day will also be easier. She said the system is a great improvement.
- Everyone is looking forward to the time when classes resume and life gets back to semi-normal. It can't come soon enough!

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# Friday Outdoor Sketchers

Fridays, 9:30AM to 12 Noon

## 2020 Schedule

May 1	Danada Equestrian Center, Naperville, IL
May 8	Kline Creek Farm, Winfield, IL
May 15	Glen Ellyn Park District, Churchill Nature Preserve
May 22	Northside Park, SHELTER AREA, Wheaton, IL
May 29	Cosely Zoo*, Wheaton, IL
June 5	Wilder Park Conservatory and Park, Elmhurst, IL
June 12	Red Oak Conservancy/Nature Center, Batavia, IL
June 19	Turner Court Warehouses, West Chicago, IL
June 26	Japanese Garden, Fabyan F.P., Kane County
July 3	Blackwell F.P., NORTH SHELTER, West Chicago, IL
July 10	Kline Creek Farm, Winfield, IL
July 17	Morton Arboretum*, Schulenberg Prairie, Lisle, IL
July 24	Cantigny Park*, Winfield, IL
July 31	Community Park, Lisle, IL
August 7	Peabody Estate, Oak Brook, IL
August 14	Northside Park, POOL AREA, Wheaton, IL
August 21	Graue Mill, Oak Brook, IL
August 29	Adams Park, Wheaton, IL
September 4	Herrick Lake, Herrick Road Entrance, West Chicago, IL
September 11	Kline Creek Farm, Winfield, IL
September 18	Growing Place Nursery, Naperville, IL
September 25	Morton Arboretum*, Visitor Center Area, Lisle, IL
October 2	Churchill Woods, Crescent Road Entrance, Glen Ellyn
October 9	St. James Farm, Warrenville, IL (Closing)

\*Fee required to enter location.

All of this, is of course, completely aspirational. The governor's stay-at-home order remains in place. Also, many of these locations are closed at this time, and it is unknown when and if they will re-open by our scheduled dates. Everything that happens this season will be dictated by the spread of the virus.

This schedule will be available through the front desk at the League in e-mail form.

Everyone, please heed all the health warnings and stay safe! Please share your creative ideas for art in the year of the virus! If the League opens, and continues with its Gallery schedule, we have Gallery II to fill come October.

Remember - Wash your hands frequently!



## Gallery 1 – Call for Art for August 2020

Per Margaret Bucholz

Theme: Latin Fling, in honor of Frida Kahlo

We will reopen Gallery 1 with the August 2020 show, titled Latin Fling, in honor of Frida Kahlo. It will also be available online on our website and Facebook page. The judge will be Nancie King Mertz and she will be judging the show online. To assist in putting together the online portion of the show, please photograph your piece by iPhone or digital camera and email to me, Margaret Bucholz at MargBucholz@comcast.net. If your piece is already framed under glass, you can put on the floor of a room with natural light, and take a photo aiming your camera down on it. This eliminates the glare. The drop off dates are Wednesday and Thursday, July 29 and 30, between 10AM and 2PM, or email Margaret for an appointment time to drop off. Please email me your entries by July 29. Remember to bring a face mask to enter the gallery and ring the door bell if the door is locked during drop off.

## Virtual Monday Night Programs

Yes, we are back after a long, hot summer. Now, you can enjoy our **free** programs from your easy chair at home. The only thing you need to do is download ZOOM which is a free app. Make sure to follow instructions below to watch this "LIVE" program hosted by The Wheaton Library.



## Help Wanted – Alliance of Fine Art Liaison

We need a representative to represent the DuPage Art League at AFA's monthly meeting that is held once a month usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6PM starting in September. This is a great way to network with other artists in other leagues to see what they are doing. Meetings usually run about an hour or so. The representative would call the Best of Show winners from our monthly shows to put together seven winners to represent our league at the Best of the Best Show which was postponed this year (rescheduled to May 2021). The AFA also gives four scholarships to high school students and each league brings two pieces to the student show in March. If interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Margaret Bucholz at MargBucholz@comcast.net.

## Members in the News

Valerie Lorimer received a Merit Award for her piece, *Inner Turmoil*, in the Naperville Art League's June exhibit.

## Food for Thought

*When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.*

– Erma Bombeck

*Perhaps the mission of an artist is to interpret beauty to people – the beauty within themselves.*

– Langston Hughes

*The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.*

– Paul Strand


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