



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back

Letter from the president, Dan Anderson

The August experiment with resuming classes was going well until the big storm of August 10 knocked out power at the Art League for more than three days. Up to that point, our efforts to provide a safe environment for on-site classes were working very well. The constraint of only allowing six students per class did mean that many members could not be accommodated. But it is comforting to know that we can make classes work on some level, and we will build on that with our September schedule – barring any new restrictions imposed by the authorities.

Your cooperation with respect to social distancing and face masks is an important part of this success. We do appreciate how careful our members are being in this respect. It's the key to keeping the galleries open and the classrooms humming. It definitely adds to our confidence about expanding our offerings.

If you are in the vicinity of downtown Wheaton, be sure to check out the window display that Dan Danielson has created with watercolor art from his students. And while you are at it, come on in and admire the art in Galleries one and two. It's almost like we are back to normal!

A Little Bit of History...

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Come and Bring Your Paint Brush

The newly formed art league will be meeting Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the reception room of Dr. J. Shire's Animal Hospital at 266 E. Roosevelt, Wheaton.

This art league is composed of both amateurs and professional artists, and was organized to help stimulate interest in art, to compare drawings and share talent. Any person in the vicinity interested in art work is not only invited to attend the meetings, but given a special invitation by the league president, Mrs. Frederick Miller, to drop in Monday.

Miss Joan Garcia, graduate student at Wheaton College, will be the teacher Monday evening.

Volunteer Opportunity – Alliance of Fine Art Liaison

Are you available to meet once a month for one hour at the People's Resource Center in Westmont to represent the DuPage Art League at AFA's monthly meeting. This meeting is held once a month on the second Tuesday 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.

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). If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Margaret Bucholz at MargBucholz@comcast.net.

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.

Gallery 1 – July – Places You Have Traveled

Judged by Nancie King Mertz

Best of Show

M. L. Sullivan, "At the Atwood," Pastel

This piece is beautifully painted with careful attention paid to composition and perspective.

Best Theme

Kathy Manning, "Refection Reflexion," Watercolor

Such an unusual composition for a portrait! The face is secondary while the environment takes center-stage. The perspective of the arch is very well done and follows the theme so well.

Special Merit Awards

Jane Braley, "Ready," Pastel

The intense stare of the young girl pulls us right into the piece. I love that her face is so developed and that we, as the viewer, complete the balance of the painting through suggestion.

Valerie Lorimer, "Frida Goes Retro," Acrylic

The whimsy in this painting is delightful and yet the artist shows great control in all the doodle marks surrounding the figure. Such fun!

Jesse Lee, "Roserita," Watercolor

Certainly this painting nails the theme of the show and the gesture of the figure is an accurate depiction of the dancer's action.

Merit Awards

M. Kent Goebel, "Mexican Vase with Poppies," Oil

Diane Nawrocki, "Summer Dream," Oil/Mixed

Annette Leiber, "Frida's Favorites," Sculpture

Margaret Bucholz, "Latin Flair Lilies," Watercolor

Sue Thomas, "Glass Ball Study #2," Pastel

Renee Bercher, "Cadiar, Spain," Oil and Wax

Danielle Crilly, "Everything She Does is Magic"

Judith Horsley, "Joy of Celebration"

Robert Koch, "Monet Memory III"

Diana Mitchell, "Midwest Summer Storm"

Kenneth Kloss, "Hannah's Latin Summer"



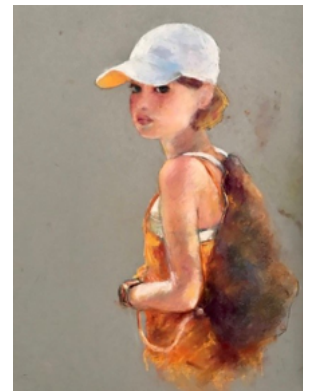
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Themed Award:

Kathy Manning,
"Reflection Reflexion," Watercolor



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Behind the Scenes at the DuPage Art League

Yvonne Thompson, Business Manager, Gift Shop and Yuletide Treasures Chair

I'm a transplant from the UK. I came to the USA in 1992 and joined the League the following year. As Business Manager much of my work involves keeping the computer systems and related equipment running smoothly.



My mediums of choice are acrylics, fused glass and photography, but I also make soap and healthy beauty products when I am not at the League. I am crazy about animals and love to be in the garden. I'm an avid up-cycler, Non-GMO pursuer, Kombucha brewer, essential oil and crystals lover.

Many people know me as "the British woman with the long hair" and while I can hide the length of my hair in a bun, my accent and warped and wicked sense of humor are not so easily hidden! I'm also "the voice" you hear on any Calling Post communication from DPAL!

Gallery 1 – Call for Art for September 2020

Margaret Bucholz
Theme: Seasonal Changes

Seasonal Changes will be the theme of the September 2020 show. Besides being in our gallery, it will also be available online on our website and Facebook page. The judge will be Cynthia Hellyer Heinz. 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 by August 25. 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, August 26 and 27, between 10AM and 2PM, or email Margaret for an appointment time to drop off. Remember to bring a face mask to enter the gallery. Pick-up: September 23-24.

Members in the News

DPAL member **Judith Horsley** is the featured artist for July and August at Gallery 200 (103 W. Washington St., West Chicago, 630.293.9550). "Oh, the places we can go when this pandemic is no more!" is a photographic journey of various national and state parks. It is both a virtual and physical show. Gallery hours are Friday 2-6PM and Saturday 10AM-2PM. Facemasks and social distancing required. Gloves are available for viewing bin work and other items. For viewing online: facebook.com/Gallery200/posts/2562298770539831 or westchicago.org/gallery-200-2/

Board Notes



As I write this the league has no power from the recent storm which I understand actually was a tornado with 90 mph winds in Wheaton. I am assuming by the time you get this things will have been restored. Just as we were trying to reopen nature had a surprise for us. The notes below are from a July 23 board meeting.

- Once again the board met using Zoom since it turned out that trying to meet as a group with some people on Zoom is difficult and not very productive.
- Our financial picture is solid though obviously down since we have had to cut classes. Pat Thorson, our Treasurer continues to keep a close eye on the numbers.
- Sue Thomas, VP of Activities reported that there are still arrangements being made for some of the fall programs. The programs will be online and the Wheaton Library, our normal location for programs, has offered to help. There is also a studio at the league that can be used for filming.
- Kathy Szeszol has worked hard to get the classes up and running in August and has a full slate of classes scheduled for September. We are happy to be welcoming Robert Pennor back as one of our instructors. The Front Street Salon will also be back on site. The plan is to open the registration to members for several days before the classes are posted on the website since class sizes will be limited. It's all new ground for us but a lot of time and effort has been put in on making it safe. In addition to the extra cleaning done by our regular cleaning company students will be asked to participate in keeping desks and areas clean using the products that have been purchased for that purpose.
- Work on the computer system/website continues and both Yvonne and Misty have put in hours getting things working smoothly. The next step will be online registration once the final work is complete.

DPAL Board 2020-2021

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Present

Beauty And The Beast: The Challenges and Joy of Large Format Watercolors

An Online Watercolor Demonstration via ZOOM with Michael Ireland

Monday September 21, 2020 6:30pm-8:30pm



Art Demonstration: Large Format Watercolors

Career artist Michael Ireland demonstrates the beauty and technique in creating watercolors that can span over twenty feet in length. Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League.

This demonstration will focus primarily on the painting process itself but we'll also touch on the preparation, the substrates available and the means to archive your final work as well. An exchange of dialogue and questions will be welcome throughout the presentation.



www.irelandwatercolors.com



Register for the Zoom webinar invitation:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mmeQ6x_HQRO_5DGvUGH0DA

Monday Night Open Programs

Our first Zoom Webinar featuring Nancie King Mertz was a big success. 165 registered but only 100 were able to watch her "live" program. The Wheaton Library Zoom platform is limited to 100 participants, and it is first-come, first-served. So, for future programs, log on early!

The good news is, for people that could not get on Zoom, there are three ways to view Nancie's video. The most direct link is:

[youtube.com/watch?v=k5bi7KKwi6g&list=PLhldFLaz-NI1SEWzMFjBJNDiROmIZGzqCt&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5bi7KKwi6g&list=PLhldFLaz-NI1SEWzMFjBJNDiROmIZGzqCt&index=4)

Or the full list of adult programs:

[youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhldFLazNI1SEWzMFjBJNDiROmIZGzqCt](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhldFLazNI1SEWzMFjBJNDiROmIZGzqCt)

Third option:

[Wheatonlibrary.org](https://www.wheatonlibrary.org) > Virtual Programs > YouTube Channel > For Adults > Playlist

One advantage of the Zoom platform is that you can reach a broader audience. For example, there were 35 out-of-state attendees. I'm sure we all miss meeting the artist in person, (I know I do!). But this is our new reality for a while until things get back to normal. We have formed a good working partnership with Wheaton Library and continue to work hard to bring art into your lives.

Our next Zoom program will feature...

Watercolorist Michael Ireland

Monday, September 21, 6:30-8:30PM

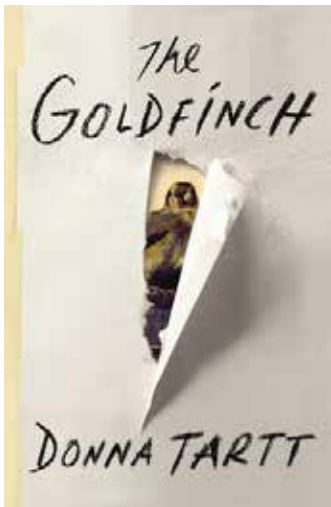
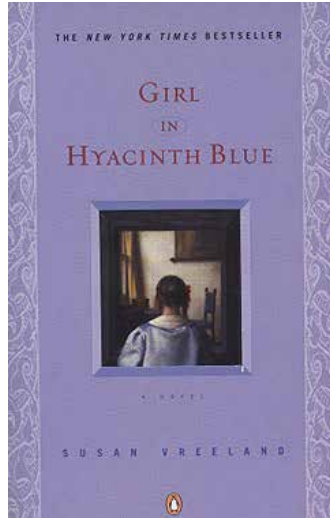
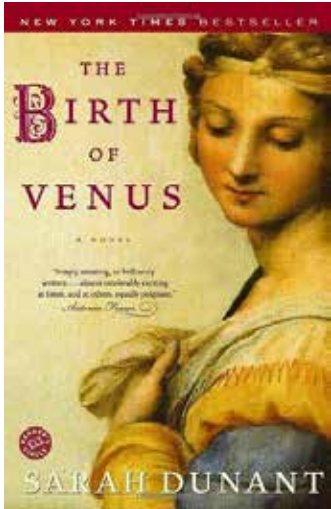
Copy and paste the link from either the DPAL website, the Wheaton Library website or Facebook for Michael's program.

What's On Your Bookshelf?

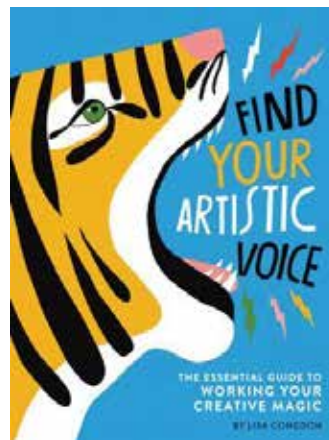
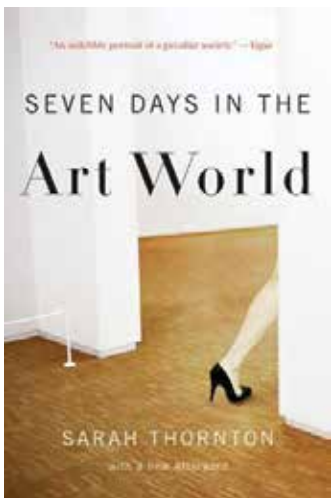
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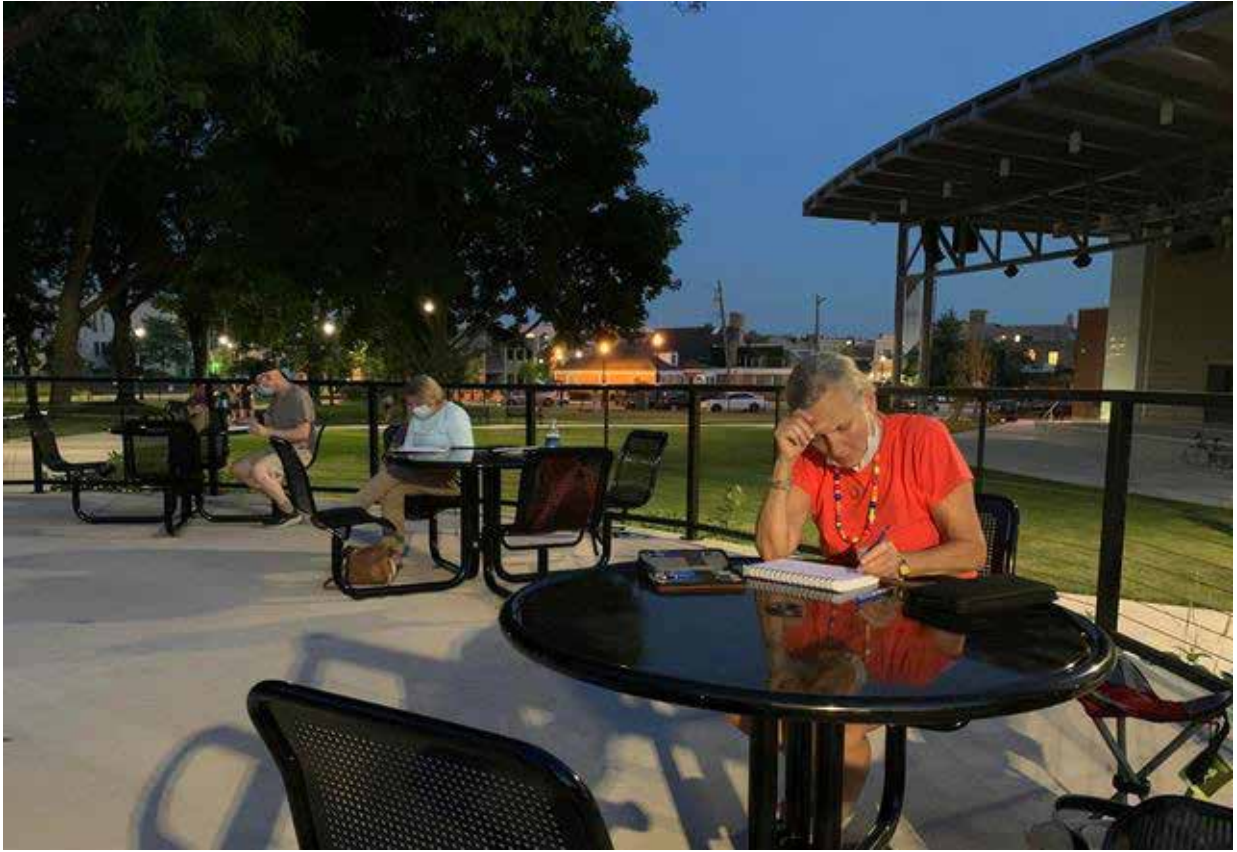
For all of my life, I've been an avid reader. I thought it might be fun to throw out some titles, both fiction and nonfiction, in case you are looking for a good read with an art theme.

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NONFICTION





“No Power....No Problem!”

Students of Wes Douglas’s “Urban Sketching” class in Memorial Park during the Art League’s power outage.

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