



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

June 2021

Presidents' Letter

Dear DuPage Art League Members,

Yes, the apostrophe is in the correct place. Carol Kincaid and I are serving as interim co-presidents to complete Dan Anderson's term. We want to thank Dan for all his energy, foresight and gifts (large and small.) Of course a huge thank you is for his guiding the League through what we hope were the worst months of the pandemic. Thanks to Dan, the DPAL 2019-2020 board, and our loyal teachers; the DPAL still continues to offer art instruction and appreciation to our community.

We wish to thank our members who have filled available spaces in classes and who have patiently waited for class sizes to increase so they may rejoin the classes they love. We applaud our teachers who bravely continued to teach classes throughout much of the pandemic before a vaccine was even on the horizon. Social distancing, cleaning hands, and mask wearing continues to prevent our having to shut our doors.

Of course (here comes the BUT), the League's finances have been profoundly impacted due to class size limitations. Sales from the gift shop and galleries along with membership fees have provided revenue, but class sales remain our most significant source of revenue. When it is safe to increase class sizes, we hope to regain some of our losses. We will, however, be paying for support services to keep operations running smoothly. We need donations from you, our members. Your monetary gifts will enable us to continue with classes, programs, gallery exhibits, and all the activities you have learned to expect and deserve. Remember the DPAL is a non-profit organization which means your donation is tax deductible. We are asking for your help in keeping the DuPage Art League financially sound. You can make the difference. Please give what you can.

We thank you.

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Interim Co-Presidents of DuPage Art League

Gallery 1 – June 2021 Volunteer Show – Latin Fling (Inspired by Frida Kahlo) by Invitation Only Per Margaret Bucholz

Entry: May 26-27 | Pick-up: June 23-24;
Frida art in DPAL windows pick-up July 2

This show is one way we thank all our many volunteers who help throughout the year. Consider becoming a volunteer. There are many small jobs you can volunteer for. This show is not judged and may be shown again in a future show. Like any other show, if your piece does not fit the theme, we will still accept.

July 2021 - Lazy Days of Summer, judged by Chaz Nieponski Entry: June 23-24 | Pick-up: July 28-29

Note: We have increased the price allowance on the second piece of art to \$200 in hopes of getting more members to exhibit their artwork. Each member artist may exhibit two pieces per month free of charge. A non-member pays \$10. The second piece must be priced at \$200 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.

August 2021 - Old Masters
September 2021 - Autumn Gold
October 2021 - Paint DuPage (Community Invitational)

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.

Signing up Online for Classes...Well Almost!

Yvonne Thompson

We are getting closer and closer to being able to sign up online! While we still have the limited class numbers because of COVID, you will still have to sign up through the front desk. Once we are back to our normal class capacity, I see no obstacles to stop you doing online registration, if you wish.

It has always been our plan to offer you a choice for how you sign up, but the online system can't distinguish between members and non-members. While the class capacity is only six in the small classroom and eight in the large one, we want our members to still have the privilege of a few days advanced booking, before the general public, and at the moment that can only be done at the front desk.

Just a few things to note. You do need an email address to do online registration. If you get your newsletter via email you are already registered on the site, you will just have to set your password.

Here's how that is done. Go to our website at dupageartleague.org and in the upper right corner you will see a little shopping cart with "Login" under it. Click on that. The next window you will see under the Login box is "Register" and "Lost your password". Click "Lost your password", NOT register. On the next screen, enter your email address and click "Reset Password". A link to reset it will be sent to your email address, just like when you forget your Amazon password!

If you have trouble with any of this contact myself or one of the front desk staffers.

Board Positions

The following Board positions are still open:
Treasurer | VP of Activities | VP Office Management

We are also still in need of front desk staffers!

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Kay Wahlgren for additional information. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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 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).**

Frida is Coming!

Misty Alvis | VP Publicity & Promotions

Frida is coming to downtown Wheaton! Look for DPAL's windows to be filled with Frida Kahlo inspired art in June. Afterward, we will have a small Frida art display in Gallery I through the end of the summer. Frida artwork is due 5/26 and 5/27.

Member News

Danielle Crilly's Frida Kahlo paintings were selected to be placed around downtown Wheaton during the Frida Celebration this summer. You can also look for Danielle's commissioned Frida painting which will be displayed on the second floor above Suzette's. Frida will be looking down at the celebration. Congrats, Danielle!



Ben Calvert relaxes with his duck in front of the Vegan Café in Lockport. Ben participated with 22 other artists in decorating these fiberglass ducks, each with a very unique design. Pick up a passport at any business with a duck outside and follow the map. Don't forget to get it stamped for special offers. The ducks will

be on display till September 3. Search, lockportducks.com for a sneak peek and more information.

Valerie Lorimer received an Honorable Mention in the Best of the Best Show for her piece, *First Day Jitters*.



A Little Bit of History

A news article from DuPage County Times, June 1970



DuPage Art League Fair

The waiting game is kinda rough, on a sunny afternoon when a fella could be playing baseball...but sunny skies smiled on the DuPage Art League's sidewalk art fair in Wheaton Friday and Saturday, and youths joined adult crowds of art buffs and would-be decorators came to shop. Mrs. Richard W. Mason found what she wanted among the wall plaques made and displayed by Barbara Wolff of Glen Ellyn; her sons, David and John and their friend Stevie Johnson(left), found more interest in passers-by.

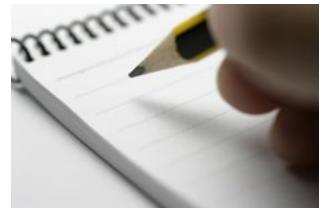
Just for Laughs...

When you refuse to pay \$20 for snacks at the cinema



Board Notes

May 13, 2021



- Carol Kincaid, one of two co-presidents with Diana Mitchell, chaired the meeting and welcomed our new VP of Membership, Lori Tucker.
- Pat Thorson, our outgoing Treasurer reported that considering the unusual year we had because of the pandemic we have done well holding down expenses to balance our loss of income from class revenues. Projecting a budget for next year was extremely difficult. All in all, we still have money in reserve and it looks like things will be opening up sooner rather than later. It is apparent that we are going to have to look for ways to save money, however. We may have to cover the cost of a bookkeeper or accountant and we will have costs for support for our new POS system.
- Much of the board discussion was around opening classes. Things keep changing and we know we will have to be flexible. We are determined to put our students' health above everything so we are going to err on the cautious side. Our Education VP Kathy Szeszol also reported that more teachers will be coming back this summer and there will be more classes for young people.
- There is a lot of excitement about June when the Frida Kahlo exhibit at COD kicks off and the Downtown Wheaton Association and the DuPage Art League are celebrating the exhibit. Friday Nights downtown are going to be very lively. The rumor is there may be strolling Mariachis. The store fronts will be decorated. The Art League will have "Frida" paintings in the windows, paintings on the doors and one of the special "Frida" benches outside. A special "pop-up" class is a possibility for young folks.
- The entire board is looking forward to the time when we will be meeting together instead of on Zoom. As much of a lifesaver as it has been, it is just not the same as sitting together and talking face to face.

DPAL Board 2020-2021

Co-Presidents: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid

Secretary: Sally Hines

Treasurer: Patricia Thorson

VP Activities: Sue Thomas

VP Building & Grounds: Chuck Showalter

VP Education: Kathy Szeszol; Workshops - Jen Schwab

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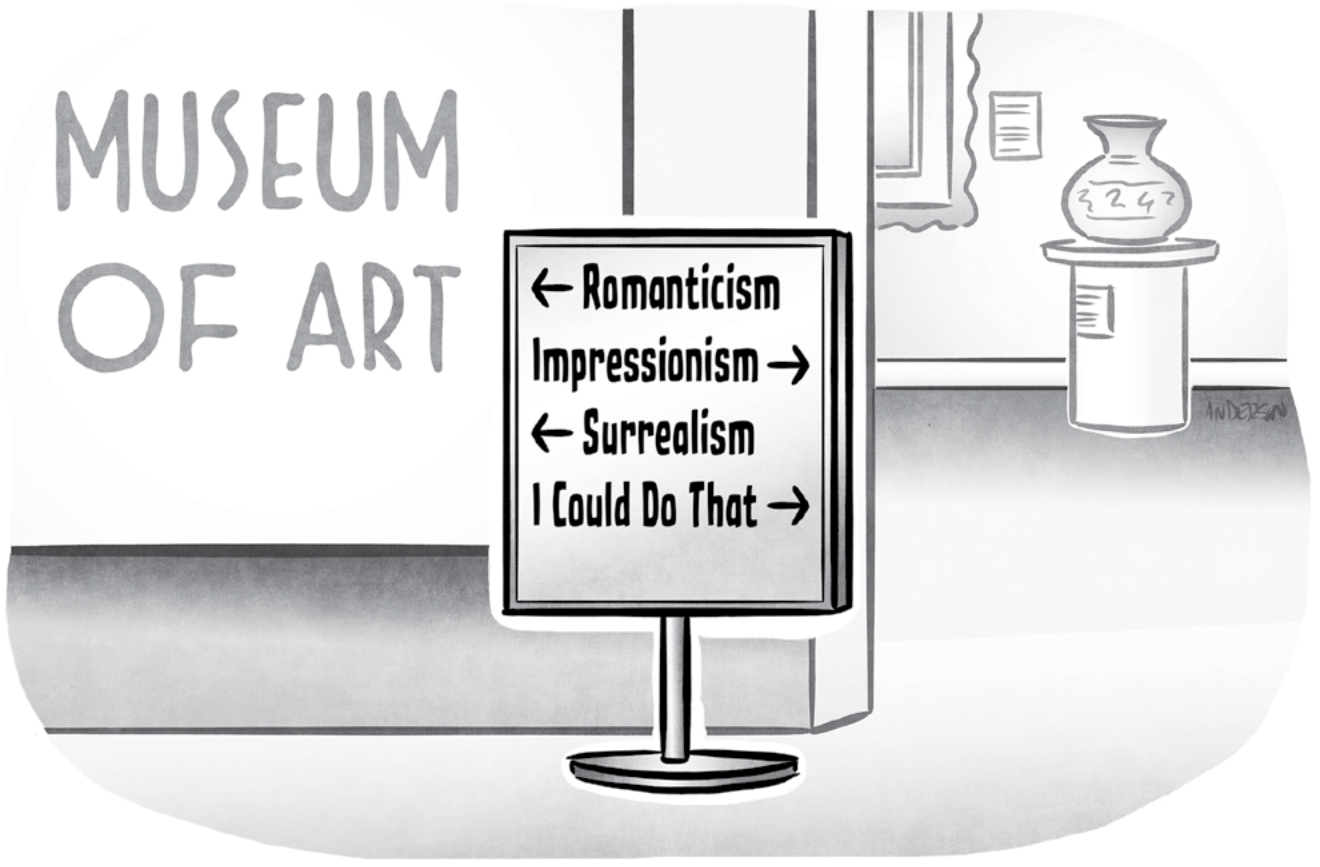
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