



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

September 2021

Presidents' Letter

Dear Fellow DPAL Members,

Jennifer Bayer and Barb McCartney, our financial wizards, have decided they are most comfortable with Jennifer being the DPAL Treasurer and Barb being our bookkeeper. We appreciate that they are willing to take on these time consuming tasks. Also, we are indebted to our former treasurer Pat Thorson for doing an outstanding job as DPAL Treasurer and for ensuring a smooth transition for the new team.

Each year the League must hold an annual meeting for all members. Our fiscal year concludes the end of April, and normally the meeting is held in June along with the Volunteer Show reception. Mainly because of Covid, we were not prepared to have the meeting in June. The board plans having the meeting in October, and we are looking for volunteers to join a Hospitality/Social Committee to help with the meeting. Co-President Carol Kincaid will chair the committee to get it started. If you can volunteer, please call or email Carol: phone 630.682.0107 or email jeffkin2@comcast.net

Finally, here is what we badly need: **Donations**. We lost a **lot** of money while closed for Covid and then by limiting class sizes for social distancing. Please try to contribute what you can. Your donations are tax deductible.

We also need two vice-presidents: VP Office Management and VP Activities. If you are willing to listen to the job descriptions, please call Diana Mitchell at 630.807.0775 or text that phone number.

This is your art league. Please be a volunteer.

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Co-Interim Presidents

Yuletide Treasures

By Yvonne Thompson, Yuletide Treasures Chair

If you are reading this at the end of August, do you know you only have **8 weeks** before we'll be accepting your work for Yuletide Treasures? Yeah I know! Where did the year go?

Just like last year we will be issuing appointments to bring your work in. Barcodes need to be ordered by October 9. Drop-off will start Wednesday, October 27.

I will be sending out the criteria package via email in the next few weeks. If you have not given us your email, you will be able to pick up a printed version from the front desk during September.

I'm going to need a lot of help this year. Between several injuries I had and the new computer system which takes a lot of my time, I will not just be asking for help, but **begging** for it! Even if you are not aiming to put work in Yuletide but haven't fulfilled your "exhibiting" fulfillment of four hours work, please consider helping me and the team. One easy job is being an inventory checker. Most of the work is done sitting down!

If you have never exhibited, but would like to this time, please give me a call.

Downtown Wheaton News

Ditka's Grill is coming across the street from DPAL (in the old bank building). Opening this fall!

August 2021 Gallery I – Old Masters

Judged by Carolyn Finzer

Best of Show

Barbara Holmes, *Ear Today, Gone Tomorrow*, Acrylics
Very impressive application of paint and brush strokes (bold). You captured Vincent's frenzied slashing movements!

Theme Award

Barbara McCartney, *COVID Café at Night*, Oil
Outdoor seating available during COVID! Whimsical.

Special Merit Awards

Sue Thomas, *Andrew Wyeth's "Helga"*, Goauche
Skin tones and hair beautifully rendered.

David Reichert, *La Comida*, Goauche
Colors and juxtaposition of hardline angles is a contemporary Juxtaposition of a café scene.

Linn Eldred, *White Iris (Georgia O'Keefe)*, Acrylic
An insect's eye view of the bearded iris.

Merit Awards

Sue Krzyzanowski, *Van Gogh "Irises"*, Oil Pastel
Judy McLeod, *Detroit Sunflowers*, Mixed Media
Margaret Bucholz, *Frida Kahlo's Time Flies*, Acrylic
Annette Perone Leiber, *Walking on the Grand Jatte*, Acrylic
Marlene Vitek, *Artist at Work (Klimt)*, Colored Pencil
Kenneth Kloss, *Honoring Van Gogh*, Acrylic
Mooneen Mourad, *Stained Glass Windows*, Glass
Judith Horsley, *Negative/Positive (Warhol)*, Digital Photography
Sue Rohl, *Tiny Dancer Chaos (Degas)*, Colored Pencil
Janet Kloss, *Sails in "Turner" Harbour*, Acrylic
Cynthia Meyer, *Haystacks*, Oil
Kathy Manning, *Watercolor*, Watercolor



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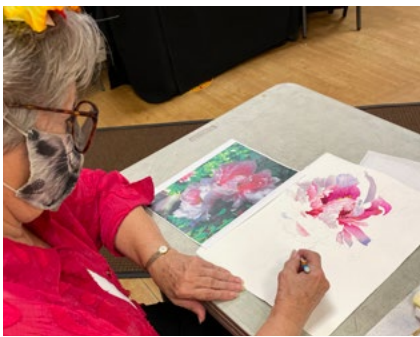
Art News Around Town

By Misty Alvis, VP Publicity & Promotions

Our Peabody Mayslake Exhibit, **Capturing Nature: One Piece at a Time**, is up! We have 44 artists displaying 68 paintings! Come by and see all of the artwork now through September 25. Open 12-3PM during the week and 9AM-1PM on Saturday. There's a mansion tour at 12:30PM (M-F) that's available too.



At our last **Frida Friday** about 70 people came in, and we sold several Frida headbands. Margaret Bucholz and Kay Wahlgren demo-painted with Kay also manning the register. I am thankful to them!



Our **Frida windows** will come down at the same time as Gallery I on 8/25-8/26. You can pick up your artwork either day.

Call for Artists: DuPage Community Art Fair is an Inaugural event to be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on 9/25-9/26. This new fair will have music, dancing, juried art events, etc. We were contacted to see if artists would like to have a booth (\$200), & if some of our plein air artists would be interested in painting at the event. There are info sheets in our classrooms. The booth deadline date may have passed but contact them anyway if interested. For digital forms or interest in plein air painting, contact: misty.alvis@gmail.com or 817.692 8070.

In The Gift Shop

Georgiann Foley's recent book of poems, "Clinging to Purple Heaven," illustrated with her block prints, can be purchased at the DPAL gift shop. Block prints were created in Ben Calvert's print class at DPAL.



Gallery 1 – September 2021 – “Autumn Gold”

By Margaret Bucholz, VP Exhibits

Let's reflect on the magic of this golden season: Fall harvest, hayrides, corn mazes, etc. Have fun with the theme, but remember that your artwork does not need to reflect the theme. The exhibit is open to all artwork.

Entry: August 25-26 | Pick-up: September 22-23

We are trying to get back to normal in Gallery 1, so you no longer need to send in your digital image. Just encourage all your friends, family and coworkers to visit the DuPage Art League so they can see wonderful art by local artists. Only winning pieces will be posted on the website.

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.

This show will be judged by Charles Heinrich, and ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded.

October 2021 – Paint DuPage (Community Invitational)

All members enter for free, but community of artists outside of our membership can enter for a fee of \$10.

Entry: September 22-23, Pick-up: October 20-21

DPAL Board 2021-2022

Co-Presidents: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid

Secretary: Maeva Cook

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VP Activities: Open

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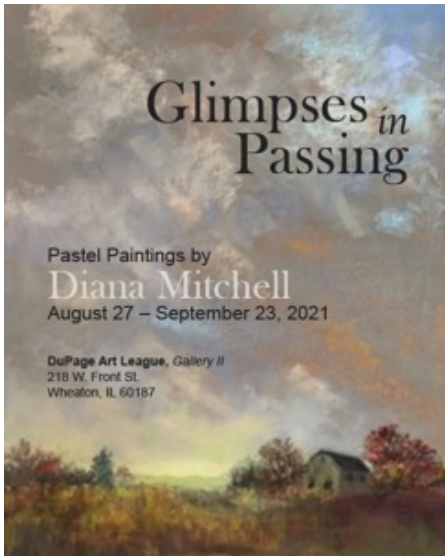
Yuletide Treasures: Sherry Theilgaard, Liesl Mann,

Yvonne Thompson

Newsletter: Valerie Lorimer | vlorimer@yahoo.com

Gallery II Exhibitor, Diana Mitchell, Talks About Her Art

By Mary Lynn Sullivan/VP Gallery II Exhibits



A graduate of the University of Illinois with a Bachelors in the Teaching of English and a Masters degree in Secondary Guidance and Counseling, I taught English and counseled students in the Glenbard District 87 system for 34 years. After retiring, I was able to pursue my lifelong interest in art.

As a resident of Wheaton since 1976, I was familiar with the DuPage Art League and began taking art classes there in 2002. After studying drawing and experimenting with various mediums, I found I best express myself using soft pastels. I have been fortunate to study with several outstanding local pastel teachers at the league. Additionally, I have attended numerous pastel workshops with internationally known pastelists. In June of 2017, as a member of the Chicago Pastel Painters, I attended the International Association of Pastel Societies Convention in Albuquerque, NM. I have won many awards for my pastels which have been shown at the DuPage Art League, the Naperville Art Walk, the Discovery Museum of Lake County, Gallery Seven in Lockport, the Alliance of Fine Arts 'Best of the Best' Show, and the Chicago Pastel Painters Members' Show.

My subjects vary but are primarily landscapes, often from rural areas. Barns, which are fast disappearing from the Midwest, become the focal point of many of my paintings. Other landscape themes result from plein air painting or from my travels. I seek to convey a mood, a glimpse of rural America, or an immersion in nature.

If you are interested in seeing more of my paintings, buying a painting, or commissioning me to do a painting, you may contact me at: diamitc4@aol.com

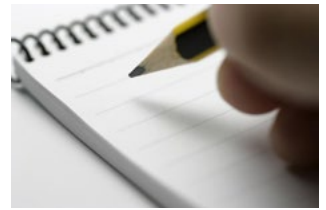
You can see additional paintings on Facebook: "Diana Mitchell Pastel Paintings"

Member News

Valerie Lorimer currently has pieces exhibited at Lucky Penny Diner and Tasting deVine in Naperville.

Board Notes

August 12, 2021



- Jennifer Bayer and Barbara McCartney are switching titles. The Board voted to approve Jennifer Bayer as our Treasurer and Barbara McCartney will act as our bookkeeper. They decided this is a better way to split the duties for this role which is crucial for the art league's operations. We are so grateful to them for stepping forward.
- Operating a school and a retail operation during the pandemic continue to be challenging. The board passed a resolution that we will follow the DuPage County Health Department's recommendations which currently means that students and teachers will wear masks in class, and it is strongly recommended that people who enter the gallery wear masks. As things change, we will look to the Health Department for guidance.
- Jennifer passed out an extensive Treasurer's report that gave a lot of detail on where we stand and how it compares to where we were before the pandemic. While cash on hand is lower and we have lost money during the pandemic it could have been worse. In addition, some expenses are up. We are concerned about what will happen in the future with our grant which is in question since the death of Richard Driehaus.
- Sue Thomas reported that we will be starting our monthly programs in September which will continue to be on-line. September's artist is Don Yang and our own Danielle Crilly will be his model. Marge Hall will be featured in October.
- Margaret Bucholz said that since the gallery is now open, we will only be posting the photos of the winners on-line beginning in September.
- Misty Alvis reported that DPAL has 68 paintings displayed at Mayslake in Oak Brook. There will be a reception on September 25 from 10 to 12PM.
- Carol Kincaid raised the issue of our annual meeting, and the board has agreed we should hold it in October. Stay tuned for more information.

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 lori@inil.com 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).**



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Art Demonstration: Oils Start to Finish (Virtual)

Monday, Oct. 18th, 2021 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Develop your knowledge and love for oil painting with **Marge Hall**, award-winning floral portrait artist. Marge will provide useful tips for beginners to advanced artists. Questions welcome!




Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i6TBICPhRWCfZY5v7Vgo5w



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