

DuPage Art League School & Gallery

January 2022

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Visit the DPAL [website](#) or stop in the gallery today! Don't miss the next month's newsletter because you forgot to renew. Already renewed? Great! You can pick up your 2022 Activity Guide at the DPAL Front Desk.

Presidents' Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

Happy New Year! Should you be making resolutions, we have suggestions:

- 1. Renew your membership.** Yearly membership is \$50 for an adult. Add a family member and pay \$60. Give \$100 and be a sustaining member (your family member is included and all the members benefit from your extra donation). Remember, your donations are tax deductible.
- 2. Encourage a friend to join the league.** We have classes for all levels, and your friend does not need an art degree or any other formal training. All I know I learned at the DuPage Art League from some of the finest teachers anywhere.
- 3. Choose to volunteer.** Serve on a committee, join the hospitality committee, join the mailing committee or volunteer to help at next year's Yuletide Treasures. Ask any board member if you can assist with her duties. We are looking for a committee member for education. We need a recruiter, someone who is on the lookout for promising new teachers. Become a staffer. Run for a position on the board.

Speaking of volunteers, many of you know Carol Kincaid underwent major surgery in November and is still recuperating. Please let her know you are thinking of her. Carol has held almost every office on the board. She also makes weekly bank deposits

and gives tours plus art lessons to boy and girl scout troops. She selects art donations for other not-for-profits. In addition Carol administers our scholarship program for students who need financial aid. Carol is one of the best examples of a DPAL volunteer. None of us is Carol, but we can thank her, wish her well, and do our part.

Wishing you the best in 2022,

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Co Interim Presidents

DuPage Art League Members!

In January we'll be collecting paper towels and toilet paper for our supplies. There will be a collection box near the front door. We appreciate your donations!

A Modest Fundraiser

Do you have art books on your shelves that you could donate to DPAL? To support DPAL activities, I'd like to organize an ongoing used art book sale for our members and gallery visitors. Please bring art books that you'd like to recycle to the gallery and pick up a tax receipt at the desk. If our DPAL library does not need your donation, the books will be priced and displayed for sale. Consider bringing exhibition catalogs, individual artist's work, how-to books, gallery guides, lives of artists and the like. Since I hope this can be an ongoing venture, please limit yourself to bringing ten books at a time. If you have a large one-time donation, please contact me (baconew@lewisu.edu) to make separate arrangements.

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.

Become Involved!

More than 350 current members of the DuPage Art League understand the many benefits of membership. Not only do members get a \$10 discount on class enrollment, but they also have the opportunity to sign up for classes one week before non-members. Members also receive a monthly newsletter full of interesting art league information, a free entry into the monthly Gallery I exhibit, and an opportunity to sell items in the gift shop and Yuletide Treasures. What could be better than that?

Well, what's better than that is a chance to give back! Here are some simple ways that you contribute the four volunteer hours asked of you each year.

Do you...

- Like meeting people? Become a front desk staffer one morning or afternoon per week.
- Like to plan parties? Start a hospitality committee or bake items for gallery show receptions.
- Like to shop? Buy stamps, take inventory and replenish supplies periodically.
- Like office work? Photocopy cash envelopes, forms and schedules and keep them stocked.
- Like seeing new artwork? Help set up and take down monthly exhibits. Write about a recent visit to an art museum for the newsletter.
- Like to exercise? Take out the garbage on Wednesday mornings. Be responsible for snow removal.
- Like to read? Start a book club where you can read and discuss books about art and artists.
- Like to write? Help with newspaper publicity articles. Write articles for the monthly newsletter.
- Like social media? Help with Facebook or Instagram postings.
- Like to learn? Join the board and find out how a non-profit works to benefit its members and the community at large. Members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

You will discover that your participation is a fun and rewarding way to give back to your art league, as well as a chance to make life-long friends. The old adage that, "many hands make light work" is true! Just mention your interest at the front desk, or see the new 2022 Activity Guide, to find contact information.



2022 Exhibit Schedule - Gallery I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
January	Happy New Year!	Jan. 5-6	Feb. 2-3
February	Love Letters and Memories	Feb. 2-3	Mar. 2-3
March	Nature Scenes – DPAL Fundraiser	Mar. 2-3	Mar. 30-31
Artists' Reception: March 4, 6-8PM			
April	All Animals Large and Small	Mar. 30-31	Apr. 27-28
May	How Does Your Garden Grow?	Apr. 27-28	June 1-2
June	Golden Opportunity – Volunteer Show (by invitation)	June 1-2	June 29-30
July	Places Travelled, Vacations	June 29-30	July 28-29
August	Masters and Fabulous Fakes	July 28-29	Aug. 30-Sep. 1
September	Fall Festival	Aug. 30-Sep. 1	Sep. 28-29
October	Food, Fabulous Food	Sep. 28-29	Oct. 26-27
November/ December	Yuletide Treasures		

DPAL Board 2021-2022

Co-Presidents: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid

Secretary: Maeva Cook

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer

VP Activities: Open

VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren

VP Education: Kathy Szeszol

VP Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz (Gallery I);

Mary Lynn Sullivan (Gallery II)

VP Finance: Sally Hines

VP Membership: Lori Tucker

VP Office Management: Open

VP Publicity & Promotions: Misty Alvis

President Emeritus: Dan Anderson

Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson, Wilda Kemp, Sherry Theilgaard

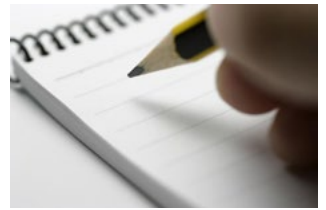
Newsletter: Valerie Lorimer | vlorimer@yahoo.com



Board Notes

December 9 Meeting

- Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer reported that summer classes came in 11% over budget. A money market account was opened at Wheaton Bank and money was transferred into it from the operating account. The league has received several grants, including a significant grant in November, from an entity that wishes to remain anonymous and a \$5,000 Illinois Back2Business grant. Processing gift certificates has been a challenge with the new software, but Yvonne has developed a "work around" that will enable certificates to be purchased at the front desk.
- Publicity: Misty Alvis reported that four paintings from the teacher's window have sold. Misty led a discussion about the Wheaton Women in Business Art Walk that we participated in last year. It took a lot of work last year. Several ideas were talked about. The jury is still out but a decision will be made soon. For Yuletide, Misty recommended we stay open till 7PM one evening before Christmas.
- Membership: Membership sales are going well and we have four new lifetime members. The new Activity Book is printed and members can pick up a copy at the desk. The board thanked Lori for the great job she did in updating all the information.
- Activities: Sue Thomas reported that the Donna Castalano Demo had 101 people registered and it was the first time a demo included volunteer participants in person. The January program will feature James Swanson.
- Buildings and Grounds: We are in need of a person to shovel the front walk after a snowfall, before we open. If you are interested, please call the League.
- Education: The schedule for the Winter Session A is out and classes will start January 3.
- Exhibits: the January exhibit theme is Happy New Year! Drop off is January 5 & 6 and pick up will be February 2 & 3.



Yuletide Treasures

By Yvonne Thompson, Yuletide Treasures Chair

As I write this we still have 10 days to go before Christmas, but I am overjoyed to report we already have exceeded last year's figures by \$1,500!

Thank you to everyone who played a part in this success! Your help was **huge** this year.

Further help...if you are planning to help us with the break down on the show, we are meeting at noon on Tuesday, December 28 at the league. See you there!

I will be receiving and changing the Gift Shop stock starting Monday, January 10. Please don't bring items in before then.

Help Needed on Exhibits, Gallery 1 Committee

We need someone to call judges for the monthly Gallery 1 shows. There is a list of judges who have judged shows in previous years. Monthly program artists are also possibilities for new judges. If you have a desire to help, please contact Margaret Bucholz, VP of Exhibits, at 630.665.6769 or email her at Margbucholz@comcast.net.

Member News

Valerie Lorimer is one of the exhibiting artists at Sweetwaters in downtown Naperville. She's delighted to report she sold two pieces the first week of the show. The exhibit will be up through mid-March.

Next month the board will tackle updating the by-laws and reviewing job descriptions.

Artists Wanted

The Elmhurst Art Museum and RGL Marketing for the Arts have joined forces to present the 2022 Art in Wilder Park event. Not only does the Museum's 25th anniversary fall during 2022, but it also happens to be the 25th year of Art in Wilder Park. If you are interested in exhibiting, the artist application can be found [here](#).



In Partnership with:

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Art Demo: Catching the Light

Monday, Jan. 17 • 7 pm • virtual

Develop your ability to identify the focus in your paintings and keep it prominent.

Acclaimed artist **James Swanson** is a member of Oil Painters of America, the National Oil & Acrylic Society, and a Signature Member of the American Impressionists Society. Jim will demonstrate how to create interesting color mixes, distinguish warm and cool colors, and nail the focus of the painting.



Register for Zoom webinar invitation:

<https://wheaton.librarycalendar.com/events/art-demo-catching-light>

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