



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

November 2021

Presidents' Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

On October 17, 2021, we held the Annual Membership Meeting for fiscal year 2020-2021. We had a good turn out considering we were competing against the Bears vs. Packers game. Approximately 40 members attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The afternoon began with live music while several board members roamed the crowd selling raffle tickets. The raffle items included Jim Swanson's oil painting, two framed watercolors by Kay Wahlgren, and a Soltek field easel donated by member James Gamboa. As the music ended, most members drifted to the large classroom which had been transformed to a veritable vision of autumn. Mums, pumpkins, colorful table coverings, and an array of appetizers and desserts tempted us all. Misty Alvis chaired the decorating committee, and they did an amazing job.

Even the short business meeting at 3PM didn't dampen enthusiasm. Following the president's report and financial report, Jennifer Bayer drew the raffle tickets. Marilyn Karim won the easel, Misty Alvis won a Kay Wahlgren painting, Maeva Cook won the second Kay Wahlgren painting, and Danielle Crilly won Jim Swanson's oil painting. As consolation for those who hadn't won one of the "big ticket items," Lori Tucker donated 10 cute Halloween masks and we drew tickets for those. Finally, the mums decorating the tables were given away as door prizes.

In addition to the raffle which brought in \$410, a number of unframed original watercolors by the late Chris Easey were offered for sale at \$50 a piece. Four paintings sold which brought the total proceeds of the day to \$610.

Board members really pulled together to make this Annual Membership Meeting one of the very best ever. Thank you to everyone.

Co-Interim Presidents
Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid

Board Notes

October 14 Meeting

- Treasurer Jennifer Bayer is looking into electronic document storage and cyber insurance for the art league. We are also talking about additional fundraising options. We have applied for a business to business grant from the state but there is a lot of competition for the funding.
- Misty Alvis, VP of Publicity and Promotion, reported that we had a successful Nature exhibit at Mayslake in August & September and six paintings were sold.
- The Art League will participate in Old Glory on Display event coordinated by the American Legion Post #589. Misty Alvis and her husband are donating a flag for us to fly to support the event.
- Lori Tucker report that we currently have 350 members. The 2022 Activity Schedule has been finalized and Lori is in the process of getting estimates for printing.
- Kay Wahlgren, our Buildings & Grounds VP and past president, is looking for someone to shovel the art league's walk this winter. It needs to be done early in the morning before we open. If you know anyone who is interested, you can give their name to the front desk to pass on to Kay or contact her directly.
- We have set the date for a fundraiser in March and there will be more information as we get closer to that date.



October 2021 Gallery I —

Paint DuPage

Judged by CONNIE DEVENDORF

Best of Show

Diana Mitchell, *Wheaton Prairie Path*, Pastel
*Loved the sky! And the contrast of the clean white snow.
Reminded me of those freezing days of winter when the snow sparkles!*

Theme Award

Carole Kohout, *Mystery in Wheaton*, Collage
Like no other art piece in the exhibit this piece screamed DuPage County!

Special Merit Awards

Sue Rohl, *Best Buddies*, Colored Pencil
Use of lights and darks, full range. Great composition. Mysteriously done and loved the subject.

Joan Kalmanek, *Cantigny Hummingbird*, Photography
Beautiful like watercolor!

Vicki Liszewski, *Magnolia*, Watercolor
Well executed. Felt like spring.

Merit Awards

Donald Purney, *Nani and Kyle at Klein Creek*, Pastel
Cynthia Meyer, *Morton Arboretum*, Oil
Barb Plichta, *Carriage House 1876*, Naperville, Watercolor
Misty Alvis, *Calm*, Pastel
Sue Krzyzanowski, *Duck Weather*, Pastel
M. Kent Goebel, *Klein Creek Farm*, Watercolor and Ink
Linn Eldred, *Beeeee*, Oil Pastel
Stephanie Dalton, *Herrick Lake*, Pastel
Sue Thomas, *Ben and Chase*, Pastel
Judith Horsley, *Trail Bridge, West Chicago*, Photography
Sharon O'Connor Sleezer, *Young Man at Crossroads*, Oil

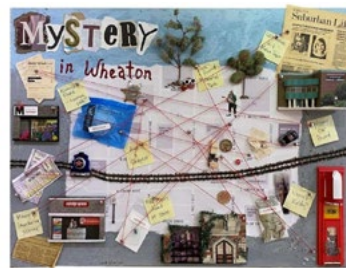
DPAL Board 2021-2022

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VP Education: Kathy Szeszol
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From the Library

By Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Let's hold off on any book donations until after the holidays. With Yuletide Treasures about to take up every square inch of available League space, there will not be room to store or work on them. In the meantime, you may enjoy the following titles which were recently cataloged for the Library:

Baird. *Painting Light with Colored Pencil*. Colored Pencil
 Eagle. *Pastel Painting Atelier*. Pastels
 Emerson. *Pastel Innovation; 60+ Creative Techniques*. Pastels
 Giddings. *Oil Painting for Dummies*. Oil Painting
 Harrison. *Painting Water in Watercolor*. Watercolor
 Hobbs. *Sketch Your World; Essential Techniques for Drawing on Location*. Drawing
 Kennedy. *Modern Display Alphabets*. Lettering
 Parks. *Drawing Secrets Revealed Basics*. Drawing
 Shirley. *Oil Painting from the Landscape; a guide for Beginners*. Oil Painting
 Strother. *The Colored Pencil Artist's Drawing Bible*. Colored Pencil!

Enjoy!

PS. Leftover from summer donations is a new, extremely scholarly, boxed seven volume set in French entitled *Dictionnaire des Ventes D'Art*. It is an encyclopedia of sales of artwork in France and abroad of the 18th and 19th centuries! It's on display in the Library; make an offer!

Yuletide Treasures...Update

By Yvonne Thompson, Yuletide Treasures Chair

If you missed getting an appointment, or just couldn't get your items finished for the October 27-30 first drop-off, then know that there is a second drop-off on Friday, November 26 from Noon-4PM. Once again, it will be by appointment only and barcodes need to be ordered from Yvonne at least by November 19.

If you have work in Yuletide Treasures and it is selling fast, Yvonne will call you to bring in more items. Other than that, the two drop-off dates are the **only** times you can bring items in.

The gift shop will not be receiving stock until 2022 now.

Member News

Maureen McKee was the featured artist this month in [Art Beat of Fox Valley and Beyond](#).

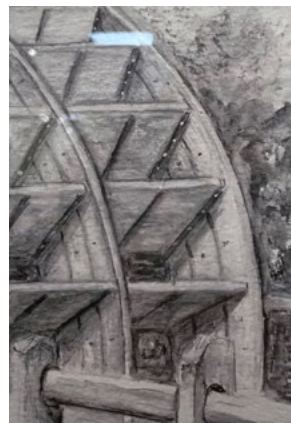
Plein Air Painters Complete Another Season

By Mary Lynn Sullivan/VP Gallery II Exhibits

Our Plein Air painters have put together another inspiring exhibit in Gallery II this month. Check out what they have created in various mediums while enjoying the beautiful (but sometimes quite hot) weather this summer. Each Friday morning, from May through October, they gather at different venues around the area to capture their impressions of nature, practice their skills and enjoy the camaraderie of other artists.

On a fun note, for the past two seasons, they have added a sub-category to their paintings—deliberately painting something not typically considered beautiful such as compost piles, watering hoses and porta-potties. You are invited to vote for your favorite painting within this small group of unexpected subjects when you visit Gallery II.

Intrigued by the sound of this fun painting experience? Think you might enjoy participating next year? Leave your name and contact information at the front desk, and we will add your information to the mailing list for next year's Plein Air schedule. All skill levels and all mediums are invited and welcome.



Thank You!

A **big** thank you goes out to Danielle Crilly for volunteering to be our model for the September portrait demo with artist Don Yang. Don't forget, these demos are free, and you can watch from your easy chair at home. All you need is to register and download the ZOOM app.



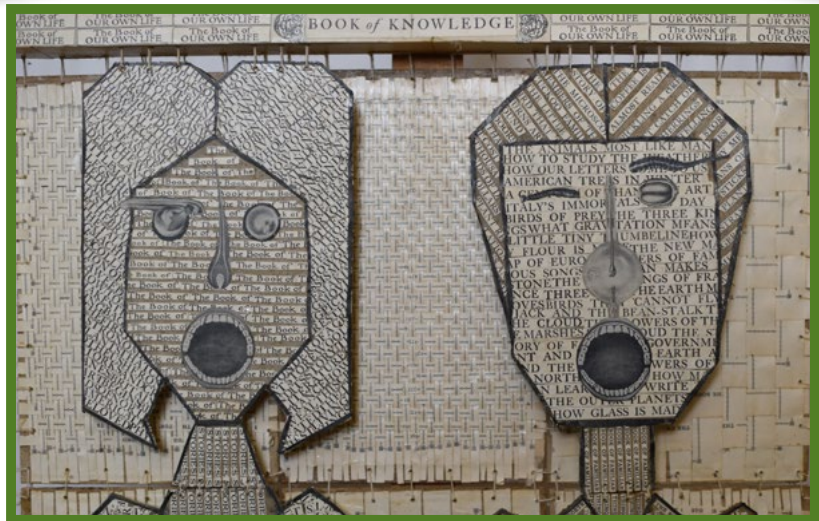


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Donna Castellanos

Mixed media artist

Join Donna, a rescuer of once loved things, for an artist talk and demonstration of collage, assemblage and natural ink making. (virtual)

Monday, November 15 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Donna will discuss her process that begins with the beauty and inspiration in discarded everyday items from the past. She will also talk about her new found love of creating inks and dyes from the gift of nature.

Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League.

Registration: <https://wheaton.librarycalendar.com/events/art-demonstration-collage-assemblage>

Photos from the Mayslake Exhibit



Thank you Misty Alvis for the photographs!

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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