



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

October 2021

Presidents' Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

Seems hard to believe we are doing the October newsletter. With fall and October comes October Fest, Halloween, and the DPAL Annual Member Meeting. To maintain our 501c(3) non-profit status an annual member meeting is required. We try to make the get together FUN and the business meeting short but to the point. The **DPAL Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 17, from 2-4PM at the art league. We are planning raffles and other fun activities and food. Think pumpkin pies, apple cider and other scrumptious appetizers, desserts, and beverages!

On another topic, which is also an important one, our previous treasurer Pat Thorson projected a loss of revenue for this fiscal year of over \$11,000. For the last 10 or so years we received an annual \$15,000 grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation. We are so sorry to report, if you had not heard, Mr. Driehaus passed away earlier this year, and since we have no idea how his estate will be settled, we cannot count on receiving this money going forward. We are forever grateful for his generosity, and that of his sister Dorothy Mellen, who believes in our mission and was instrumental in channeling the grant to us. We have been taking steps to improve our financial situation by applying for several grants.

Dan Anderson applied for "Reinvest DuPage Grant Program" funded by DuPage county and administered by the Choose DuPage Economic Development Alliance. On September 14 we were notified we will receive a \$7,500 grant! Thank you so much, Dan. Treasurer Jennifer Bayer and Sally Hines have applied for the "Back to Business Grants" through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. We are waiting to hear if we qualify for any of these grants. Thank you, Jennifer and Sally.

In addition, Misty Alvis has contacted Google. It seems another art league in the area has received a grant of \$10,000 a month in advertising. Wouldn't that be nice?! Thank you to Kathy Szeszol who made the board aware of this grant and to Misty Alvis for following up.

Member donations are very helpful. Remember these donations are tax deductible. Thank you to those who have already donated, and we hope will see you at the annual meeting on October 17.

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Co-Interim Presidents

Mayslake Exhibit and Reception

Our Nature Exhibit at the Mayslake Peabody Estate is coming to a close. Sixty-eight pieces of art will be on display until Saturday, September 25. A reception on the same day from 10AM-Noon and art can be picked up from Noon-4PM. Come by and see the beautiful art and venue! Hours: 12-3PM weekdays and 9-1PM Saturdays.

Paid Painting Opportunity

The Downtown Wheaton Association will have store windows painted again for the holidays. They would love some of the DPAL's artists to participate! They will pay \$250 a window. If you are interested, please contact Misty Alvis at 817.692.8070 for more info or questions.

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.

September 2021 Gallery I —

Autumn Gold

Judged by Charles Heinrich

Best of Show

Donald Purney, *Firescald Creek*, Pastel
Great technique and compositional balance. The movement of the water is particularly wonderful to follow. I love an artwork that lets you travel through it. Very painterly use of pastel. You feel every stroke!

Theme Award

Sue Rohl, *Out on a Limb*, Colored Pencil
Masterful use of colored pencil. Good composition, but what is really exciting is the layers you travel through on the picture plane. The representation of squirrel and leaves are quite exquisite!

Special Merit Awards

Sue Thomas, *King of the Forest*, Pastel
Great use of pastel. Strong composition. The light falling on the tree is especially fun to look at. It's another piece that makes your eye travel thru it.

David Reichert, *Autumn Sunrise*, Watercolor
A watercolor by someone who knows how to use them. Bold, economical, giving exactly what you need to see. This is a painting you can feel.

Sharon O'Connor Sleezer, *An Unexpected Storm*, Oil
What a visually exciting painting. You can't neglect this painting. Spending time with this painting you can make every stroke along with the artist. I would so like to see more paintings from this artist.

Merit Awards

Misty Alvis, *Carolina Gold*, Pastel
Barbara Grabowski, *Abstract Autumn*, Pastel
Barb Plichta, *Summer's End*, Watercolor
M. Kent Goebel, *Road to Kline Farm*, Oil
Marybeth Devine, *Wisconsin River, Upper Dells*, Oil
Cynthia Meyer, *Pumpkin Truck*, Oil
Mary Ann Asan, *Forest Floor*, Acrylic
Lori Tucker, *Golden Bee*, Photo
Linn Eldred, *Sunflower*, Acrylic
Jeff Zawada, *Marsh Marigold*, Pen & Ink
Aoife Fulton, *Untitled*, Pencil
Kathy Manning, *Golden Box*, Watercolor



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Firescald Creek, Pastel



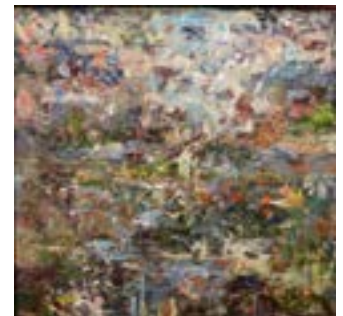
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An Unexpected Storm, Oil



October 2021: Gallery 1

By Margaret Bucholz

Paint DuPage is the theme for October, a Community Invitational Art Show at DuPage Art League.

DuPage County has so much to offer and its story can be reflected and told through visual arts. And you can create the story of DuPage County not only in paint, but in graphite, colored pencil, pottery, fused glass, fiber art, cut paper...you get the idea.

Call for art is open to any artist in the Chicagoland area as well as our regular members. Members can submit two works of art free of charge and non-members would pay \$10 to enter.

Just a few rules: Each artist can exhibit two pieces of work. First work may not exceed 100", one length plus one width, inside frame dimensions (for example, 40x60=100 and would qualify. 45x60= 105 and would not). When art sells, 100% will be paid to the artist and then the artist makes a donation equal to 25% to the DuPage Art League.

The second piece must be priced at \$200 or less and not exceed 25" inside frame dimensions (11x14).

Connie Devendorf will judge the show and cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded: one Best of Show (\$50); one Theme Award (\$25); three Special Merit Awards (\$20 each); and twelve Merit Awards.

Entry: September 22-23 between 9AM and 5PM.

Pick-up: October 20-21 between 9AM and 5PM.

If you cannot personally drop off or pick up during those hours, you can send a representative to do so.

DPAL Board 2021-2022

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Yuletide Treasures: Sherry Theilgaard, Liesl Mann, Yvonne Thompson

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Saturday Help Needed

By Yvonne Thompson

We are still in need of a person who can regularly work two Saturdays a month at the front desk. This is a great opportunity for a "people person". The hours are from 9AM till 2PM, and you will be trained to use the Point of Sale. If you want more information, please contact the front desk and I or someone else will contact you. Email: dpalfrontdesk@gmail.com

Yuletide Treasures

By Yvonne Thompson, Yuletide Treasures Chair

The information and criteria packets are now at the front desk for Yuletide Treasures, for those of you without email. (Those with email should have received a Constant Contact email from me). Barcodes etc., need to be ordered by October 9 or you won't be able to enter until the second drop off in November. As last year, drop off will be by appointment only. Once your barcode order is received, we will contact you to set up your appointment time.

If you already have barcodes for Yuletide (they start 300_), and don't need, more please contact me for an appointment.

Member News

Diana Mitchell has a painting accepted to the Eighth Biennial National Open Juried Exhibition, Pastels Chicago 2021. The painting is "Maine Surf" and will be displayed at the McCord Gallery and Cultural Center in Palos Park from October 4 to November 11.



From the Library

By Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

The Library volunteers have had a chance to catalog some of the donations that have come in over the last months. The following titles, all biographies this time, are now available for you to sign out:

- Butlin. *Turner at the Tate*. (Biography)
- Corn. *The Art of Andrew Wyeth*. (Biography)
- Druick. *Renoir*. (Biography)
- Feist. *Pierre-August Renoir*. (Biography)
- Felbinger. *Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec*. (Biography)
- Jackson, ed., *The Illustrations of Frederic Remington*. (Biography)
- Mailer. *Portrait of Picasso as a Young Man*. (Biography)
- Schwartz. *Rembrandt*. (Biography)
- Steiglitz and his Artists; *Matisse to O'Keefe*. (Biography)
- Walthers. *Pablo Picasso: 1881-1973 Genius of the Century*. (Biography)
- Wyeth. *Wyeth at Kuerners*. (Biography)

Enjoy!

Please remember to return any books that you have had for a while to the blue bin in the Library or to the Front Desk.

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](mailto:copylori@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).**

Board Notes



- Diana Mitchell reported that we will have our Annual Meeting the afternoon of October 17, 2-4PM PM, here at the art league. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All members are invited to attend.
- Dan Anderson reported that we have received a grant from Reinvest DuPage Grant Program. Membership reported that we have a total of 326 members at this time. If you haven't become a member you may want to consider joining.
- Mary Lynn Sullivan reported that a reception for Diana Mitchell's Gallery II exhibit was delightful. The event was planned to keep everyone safe. All guests were asked to mask up, and the food tables were well spaced to avoid too close of contact. These two simple steps created a safe but perfectly lovely reception.
- Sue Thomas reported she has completed the list of programs for 2022. The demos will be recorded at the art league.
- Margaret Bucholz reported the Sunday Herald ran an article on the Paint DuPage exhibit in October. Members may submit 2 pieces of art at no charge. Nonmembers are charged \$10 a piece for up to 2 entries. Drop off is September 22-23, pick up on October 26-27.
- Carol Kincaid reported that the DuPage Art League will have a panel to judge the District 200 Reflections Contest.

When you go to a fancy party but you want to steal their new 4k 50 inch tv





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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!



to register online go to:

<https://wheaton.librarycalendar.com/events/art-demonstration-oils-start-finish>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and reminders containing information about joining the Zoom webinar



Inspiration Photo

DuPage County Forest Preserve. Image courtesy of RediscoverAmerica.com

If you'd like to submit an inspiration photo, submit a high-res JPG to vlorimer@yahoo.com.

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