

DuPage Art League School & Gallery

March 2022

Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

On February 11, 2022, you received a Constant Contact message from the League announcing the slate of nominees for board of directors (2022-2023.) Officers are elected in April of each year and assume duties at the May board meeting. Part of the board is elected in even years and two-year term and may succeed him/herself one time in the same position. The slate of candidates for this year is as follows:

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
VP Education: Kathy Szezsol
VP Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz
VP Finance: Sally Hines
VP Office Management: Barb Finn

The slate sent to you in Constant Contact asked for any additional nominations. None were received by the February 14 deadline. Your official ballot and instructions for voting will be sent to you mid-March using Constant Contact. Voting deadline will be April 8. Ballots will be counted on Monday April 11, 2022.

May March be a good month for one and all.

Sincerely,

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Co Interim Presidents

2022 Alliance of Fine Art Student Scholarship Competition

Mary Ann Asan | Alliance of Fine Art Delegate

The [Naperville Art League](#) (508 W. Center St., Naperville) will host this year's student exhibit from March 9-12. Stop by and see these talented artists' work. A [video announcement](#) of the scholarship winners will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 6PM.

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Gallery I — Love Letters & Memories

Judged by Danielle Wennmaker & Christina Angelos

Best of Show

Cathy Raef-Dunnigan, *Chamonix Guides*, Colored Pencil

The values in the statues and the technical execution of this piece is very well done. The details in the building are so precise. The composition and placement of each element in this piece work well together. The focal point (the two statues in the foreground) really work well because of the size perception compared to the mountains.

Theme Award

Joan Kalmanek, *I Left My Heart in Radovljica*, Photo

The composition of this piece is very interesting. The sizing of the charm in comparison to the village below plays a trick on the eyes. The detail in the gingerbread house and characters is very intricate. Overall, the photo is well thought out.

Special Merit Awards

Robert Koch, *Memories of a Wonderful Dinner*, Oil

The title of this piece brings any viewer to a common memory, a wonderful dinner. The expressive brush strokes give the composition lots of interest. The muted background against the colorful fruit really makes the subjects in the painting pop.

Deb Vensel, *Father & Son*, Charcoal

All of the white space really helps capture the subjects in the piece. The father and son are drawn in a way that they look physically connected to each other, really emphasizing their bond and love. The expressions on their faces were well captured through charcoal.

Chris Hughes, *Flowers Reflection*, Acrylic

The mouse is the main character in this piece, and the viewer is surprised to see the tiny reflection of the mouse in the vase. The yellow flowers in the bouquet are competing with the little mouse making the painting interesting to look at.

Merit Awards

Annette Perone-Leiber, *Hidden Beauty*, Mixed Media

Kenneth Kloss, *Lovers Finally Meet*, Acrylic

Valerie Lorimer, *We Danced All Night*, Acrylic

Margaret Bucholz, *Valentine Rose*, Colored Pencil

Maureen McKee, *The Love Shack*, Oil Pastel

Sue Krzyzanowski, *Special Memories Tied Up in Bows*, Soft Pastel

Tania Blanco, *Love Bouquet*, Acrylic

Theresa Lyon, *Love Letters = Y/X (DNA)*, Pastel

Lori Tucker, *Love Potion #2, Disaronna on the Rocks*, Oil

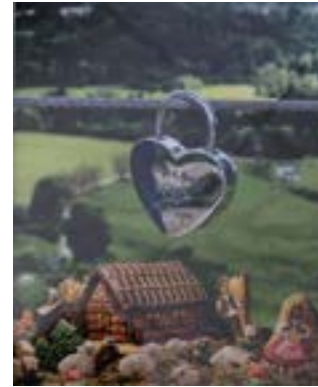
Susan R. Wilson, *Lilac Lovely*, Oil

Kristina Stevens, *A Little Love Amongst the Chaos*, Acrylic

Jan Kloss, *My Grandmother 1903*, Acrylic



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NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: **vlorimer@yahoo.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).**



Gallery II Exhibit: "Passage Thru Time" with Annette Perone Leiber

Mary Lynn Sullivan | VP Gallery II Exhibits

March's Gallery II artist, Annette Perone Leiber, finds all dimensions of artistic expression fascinating and has happily experimented with many mediums and artistic styles over the years. She draws her inspiration from the ever-changing world we see. In her own words, she shares with us some of that inspiration.

"Another world opened when I began research using an electron microscope. Looking deeply into the mysterious microscopic world created a desire to discover the intricate in all objects, especially those of the hidden world that holds the secrets of our very lives. As I incorporate the "trapped air" imagery in my art I strive to have others view these mysteries as I do.

Today, I embrace contemporary techniques while combining concepts, materials and images from many sources. My senses fill me with wonder, compelling me to create art that will communicate my thoughts and feelings. Possessing voice, vision and creative energy, I understand myself as imagination leads me through the stages of a developing artist. I hope to educate others to use imagination and perception in interpreting my art. Art has many meanings. Each individual understands and appreciates art from an intensely personal point of view. My goal is to present my view of beauty and meaning.

My future goal is to continue weaving diverse images through continued research with the "trapped air" samples, as well as those seen above and below the surface of water and earth, translating, tempering, and transposing what I find to develop an art form that will unveil the beauty of the invisible world."

2022 Exhibit Schedule - Gallery I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
March	Nature Scenes	Mar. 2-3	Mar. 30-31
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 27-28
August	Masters and Fabulous Fakes	July 27-28	Aug. 31-Sep. 1
September	Fall Festival	Aug. 31-Sep. 1	Sep. 28-29
October	Food, Fabulous Food	Sep. 28-29	Oct. 26-27
November/ December	Yuletide Treasures		

Mary Ann Trzyna will judge the March 2022 show, Nature Scenes. Her paintings are about form, colors and light and her inspiration is the sights and colors of her everyday world. She works in pastels and oils. You can see her artwork at Union Street Gallery, 1527 Otto Blvd, Studio I, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Portfolio: matrzyna.com

Board Notes

February Meeting

- Treasurer report: Jennifer Bayer reports that the League has received very generous donations, and our class enrollment and membership fees have increased.
- Publicity: Misty Alvis said the Wheaton Women's Art Exhibit is coming along nicely.
- Buildings and Grounds: Kay Wahlgren has been working on our storage areas to keep the area clean and organized.
- Membership: Lori Tucker said the membership continues to grow and we now have 273 members and counting.
- Activities: Sue Thomas reported that James Swanson's January demo had more than 90 people viewing. The February demo will feature a watercolorist, Spencer Meagher on February 21.
- Education: Kathy Szeszol is happy to report that we have two new teachers – a digital arts teacher and an oil/acrylic painter.
- Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz reports we have 36 entries for the February Gallery Exhibit. The theme for the March Exhibit is Nature Scenes.
- Mary Lynn Sullivan said that Gallery II has a very nice exhibit of Don Purney's art. Annette Leiber is excited to have her exhibit in Gallery II for the month of March.



A Modest Fundraiser

Ewa Bacon

You will by now have noticed the bookshelf by the front door. It features the art books you have recently donated for sale to gallery visitors and DPAL members. Please consider adding books which are languishing on your shelves to this ongoing book sale. You can leave your books in the "donation" box on the floor of the library. The front desk has tax forms if you require one. Someone out there will love or need that book which needs to be recycled to a new reader.

Contact [Ewa Bacon](#) if you need more information.

Membership

Lori Tucker

By now, most of you full-year-members have joined or renewed your membership. Thank you. Your membership is greatly appreciated. Want to make the most out of your membership? Volunteer.

The office and gallery staffing is done on a voluntary basis by members. All members who exhibit in the gallery are required to help in some capacity for a minimum of four hours per year. If you exhibit in the Yuletide Treasures, you're asked for an additional four hours.

In addition to the front desk volunteering, let us know your interests. Email [Dupage Art League](#). We will get you in contact with the VP coordinating that function.

Enjoy your membership! Take a class, shop the gallery, view special exhibits, meet other artists and enrich yourself with more art in your life. Also, don't forget to pick up your copy of the 2022 Activity Guide at the front Desk in the Gallery.

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

In Remembrance

Yvonne Thompson

It is with a deep sadness in my heart that I write that the Gift Shop has lost our fabulous silver jewelry artist Bev Docherty. Bev's visits had lessened when she had to go on oxygen, but her visits were always full of giggles and stories of her beloved Corvettes that she raced! She was a member of both Windy City Corvettes and the National Council of Corvette Clubs and was #4 in the ladies standings in 2008 and continued to compete till 2019. I imagine she is now winging her way up to heaven in a pearly white Corvette, breaking all the speed limits!

RIP Bev. Miss you, Speedracer!



Art Demo: **Passionate Pastels**

Monday, Mar. 21 • 6:30 pm • virtual

Working from a photo reference, pastel artist **Mike Kolasinski** will discuss and demonstrate his 13 fundamental elements to produce images with visual excitement and passion. Finding inspiration in nature's light and shadow in the beauty of everyday, undisturbed scenes, he creates boldly expressive compositions. Mike begins with soft pastels and builds up the intensity with layers of bright, pure colors. In seeking to understand the philosophy of nature as a whole and integral part of ourselves, he is a visual activist for the natural world. Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League.



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