

DuPage Art League School & Gallery

July 2022

President's Letter

Dear Members,

How do you like to spend your summer months? July and August are ahead of us but June is nearly past. Are you able to travel? Indulge in a favorite hobby? Here at the League we're thinking that this summer is a good time for us to take a fresh look at where we are and where we want to go.

Did you know the DuPage Art League was founded in 1957 and that meetings and classes were held in the reception room of an animal hospital? We've certainly evolved since then, thanks to the many artists and donors who have kept the Art League up and running for all these 65 years. But everything needs a periodic check up, even our beloved Art League.

What's been working well at the Art League? What could be managed better or differently? Who are our members and what are they looking for from us—classes for some, gallery shows for others, but what else might be well received?

In July we will begin the work that is sometimes called Strategic Planning. The Art League tries to do this on a periodic basis to keep our organization healthy and strong. Our first step will be to get some inspiration and guidance from others who have experience in strategic planning.

It's the intention of the Board that this will be its focus for these next months even while we handle all our normal League responsibilities. Our end goal is to better serve our members' artistic endeavors and our community's enrichment through the arts. Stay tuned.

Mary Lynn Sullivan, President
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Gallery II

Maryann Staroscik | Gallery II

The DPAL is proud to present, in Gallery II, the artwork of our teachers for the entire month of July.

Come enjoy the exceptional show of those who lend their talents to sharpen our skills, and encourage us to tap into our creative side!



NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: **dpalmembershipt@gmail.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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VOLUNTEER'S SHOW — JUNE 2022

Theme: Golden Opportunity

Volunteers were invited to take part in this month's show because they make the DuPage Art League run so well. We couldn't function without them. There were 36 participants and 62 entries.



Judy MacLeod, "Detroit Lollipops",
Mixed Media
Helped with Window Displays



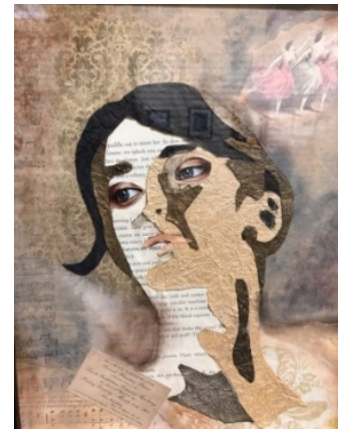
MaryAnn Asan, "Birches on the
Shore", Acrylics
Alliance of Fine Arts Liaison



Valerie Lorimer, "First Date", Acrylics
Newsletter Editor



Susan McLean, "Mischievous", Acrylics
Front Desk Staff



Maryann Staroscik, "The
Dancer", Collage
Gallery 2



Mary Lynn Sullivan, "Soup", Marker
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Barbara McCartney, "Game Night",
Oil
Bookkeeper



Jeff Zawada, "Grey Ghost",
Pen, charcoal, watercolor
Front Desk Scheduler



Yvonne Thompson, "Vortex",
Fused Glass
Yuletide Treasures

About our July Judge — Ted Fuka, PSA, CPP-M, IAPS/MC

Vibrant color plus a sense of authenticity is what the representational paintings of Ted Fuka convey utilizing the pure pigment of soft pastels. He first discovered pastels in figure drawing classes while attending the American Academy of Art in Chicago and applied the spontaneous medium in creating color studies for illustrations in his graphic art business.

Subsequently he turned his focus toward fine art finding inspiration in local bucolic landscapes. The veritable beauty of nature and its enduring serenity is the impression Ted seeks to communicate to the observer while always striving to capture light and form.

Fuka is a Signature member of the Pastel Society of America, a Master member of the Chicago Pastel Painters and an International Association of Pastel Societies Master Circle honoree. His work has been juried into several prestigious regional, national and international exhibitions and has received numerous distinctive awards.

Member News

Sue Krzyzanowski is tickled pink to be able to share this with you. My artwork, Duck Weather, has been selected to be displayed as a banner in downtown West Chicago. When you click on this [link](#), it is featured in the black and white photo that first comes up when the link is clicked. It is in the short movie as well. Sue would love to ask all to visit and view the artwork, and of course, vote in the People's Choice Award.

Board Notes

June 9 Meeting

- Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer said that June is the first month of the fiscal year. The property taxes have been paid as well as the POS/Website provider. We continue to have 13 months in reserves.
- Membership Report: Lori Tucker reports that we have 351 members as of the meeting. She expects we will have a few more member at the half year membership mark.
- Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz reported that the June "Volunteer" exhibit had 36 volunteers participate with 62 entries. July's theme for Gallery I is "Places and Vacations". The drop off for the exhibit is June 29 and 30, pick up will be July 27 & 28. Gallery II will feature the DuPage Art League teachers.
- Publicity: Misty Alvis said the Annual Meeting on June 26 will feature live music and a selfie booth.



Art and Accounting Go Hand-in-Hand

By Barbara McCartney

While many artists operate on the visual and intuitive right side of the brain, we are fortunate to have in our midst a board member who is also comfortable with left brain activity. Jennifer Bayer, the current Treasurer for the DuPage Art League and former accountant, is familiar with the analytical and methodical. "Accounting is a combination of art (creative judgment, application and innovation) and science (skills)," says Jennifer.

Jennifer comes to the league with more than thirty years of accounting and finance experience gained at a Big Four accounting firm in Chicago, an international telecommunications company and other non-profit organizations. She teams up with Bookkeeper, Barbara McCartney, and Business Manager, Yvonne Thompson, to keep the art league's finances in good working order. She prepares monthly and annual reports, maintains banking relationships and recommends financial policies to keep the league on sound financial footing.

Interestingly, Jennifer was also treasurer for the art league back in 2004 when there was a slow and cumbersome process to compile accounting transactions and before the league accepted credit card transactions. Her goals include streamlining manual processes, creating efficiencies with technology, managing risk, and protecting and growing the league's resources. She continues the work of former Treasurer, Pat Thorson, to document and develop what is involved in the role so that the groundwork is in place to attract the next Treasurer.

Jennifer notes that one of the challenges of a small non-profit is that it is run by volunteers. Maintaining consistency and knowledge of operations is paramount. She is very appreciative of the gift that volunteers provide and their genuine passion for the mission of the league. "I am in awe of the artists and teachers and the wonderful creations from our members and Board," she said. "Life is tough and art makes it better and rewarding and fulfilling."

DPAL Board 2022-2023

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

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Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer

VP Activities: Sandra Winter

VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren

VP Education: Kathy Szeszol

VP Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz (Gallery I);

Mary Ann Staroscik (Gallery II)

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Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson, Wilda Kemp, Sherry Theilgaard

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DPAL Annual Meeting

By Misty Alvis

A few pics from our Annual Membership meeting/party! Live music by Linda Coman 'Linda Therese', great food, fun prizes, beautiful volunteer art, and lots of socializing. Members also heard a recap of DPAL's financial health and accomplishments this past year. Thanks to all who joined us!



A big thank you to Misty Alvis for coordinating this successful event.

2022 Exhibit Schedule - Gallery I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES			
July	Places Travelled, Vacations	June 29-30	July 27-28	September	Fall Festival	Aug. 31-Sep. 1 Sep. 28-29
August	Masters and Fabulous Fakes	July 27-28	Aug. 31-Sep. 1	October	Food, Fabulous Food	Sep. 28-29 Oct. 26-27
				November/December	Yuletide Treasures	