



September 2022

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Does autumn and the whole "Back to School" frenzy thrill you like it does me?

For me, "Back to School" meant a new plaid dress from our local Sears store, new school supplies and choosing which Con-Tact® paper design we would use to cover our books. I calculate my five children gave me 80 additional "Back to School" thrills over the years and I loved every one of them—even the year when each child was in a different school—one grade school, two high schools and two colleges!

"Back to School" is a fun option at any age so check out the art league's fall class schedule. Would you like to sample a new art medium? Give it a whirl! We offer many different art mediums and wonderful teachers for each of them. Already have a favorite teacher and medium? Sign up and enjoy the pleasure of improving your skills and catching up with fellow artists.

Class registration opens August 27 at 3 pm for members only. Take advantage of this perk and sign up for the class of your choice. Registration for non-members begins on September 3rd.

Strategic Planning Work

The Board spent this past month thinking about and discussing the opportunities and threats that may lie ahead for the league in the next few years. Where might our league meet competition for its members and services, and how might changing demographics help or hinder our art league?

This next month our focus will turn to the current strengths and weakness of our art league and our community responsibilities as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn
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Dry City Brew DPAL Exhibit

120B N Main St, Wheaton
Come see Wheaton/
DuPage Themed Art!
20+ pieces * the whole
month of September!



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Don't forget your
volunteer hours!
The Dupage Art
League depends on
people like you.

Board Notes - August

- **The DuPage Art League**, under the direction of the new president is embarking on a strategic planning process in order to establish some goals and objectives for the future. The board members submitted written answers to questions about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and discussed the results. The overall process will take several months.
- **Education:** Kathy Szeszol reported that summer session C had 93 students enrolled in 8 classes. Fall Session A class schedule is ready and fall B Session is being planned. She will hold a teacher's meeting in September.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Kay Wahlgren has been working with the fire alarm company to determine the cause of the problems we've been having with the alarm. Originally we were told we just needed a new board and there was a supply chain problem that caused us to have to wait for it. Not wanting to wait any longer for a fix, Kay asked them to send someone to look over the system to see if there was another way to fix it. The review determined that much of it needs to be replaced and they gave us a substantial estimate. Kay is going to reach out to other companies for estimates to ensure we're getting what we need at the best price.
- **Office Management:** Barb Finn said we have a group of staffers who have been trained and that the dates for the coming months have all been filled. She did a survey of the front desk staffers and new volunteers and that the front desk schedule is full.
- **Publicity:** Mary Kate Venturini has been increasing the DuPage Art League's presence on social media.

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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Acceptable formats include Word documents or PDF files for text and 300dpi .JPG form images. Please proof and verify your copy before submitting. Send photos, flyers and other images as **attachments** to

Member News

Margaret Bucholz will be holding a Teen Scene Acrylics Painting session to paint an abstract lion at Wheaton Public Library on Wed., Sept. 14, from 5-6:30 pm. Call the library at 630-688-1374 to register.

Diana Mitchell's pastel painting "**Galena Root Cellar**" received an award in the Chicago Pastel Painters

bi-annual member show held at the Palette and Chisel in Chicago. Diana also displayed 14 paintings at Windsor Park retirement community in Carol Stream. Representing the DPAL, she gave a presentation there on Monday evening August 15.



DPAL Board 2022-2023

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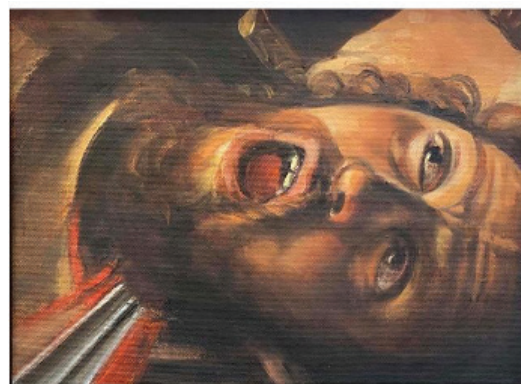
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Gallery I August 2022 Show – Masters & Fabulous Fakes

Judged by: Sylvia Aruffo, IWS



Best of Show: Mary Kate Venturini
Ode to Cezanne, Colored Pencil



Best Theme: Theresa Lyon
Judith Minus Holofernes, Oil



Special Merit: Jan Kloss
3 Boys Instead of 4, Watercolor



Special Merit: Janet
Pearson



Long, Live, Life, Oil
Special Merit: Beth Berry

El Camino De Las Flores, Gouache
MERIT AWARDS:

1. David Reichert, Arizona Sunset, Mixed
2. Renee Bercher, "Haystack," Monet, Oil Pastel
3. Sue Thomas, Maxfield Parrish, "Garden of Allah",
Pastel
4. Marge Hall, Red Poppy, Oil
5. Eve Stofferan, Shades of Monet, Pastel
6. Mary Karr, Van Doorn? Watercolor
7. Sue Krzyzanowski, Monet, Woman with a
Parasol, Pastel
8. Diana Nawrocki, Life Style, Mixed
9. Greg Stall, Winter Window, Colored Pencil
10. Lynette Hoy, River Avon, Bristol, Oil

September's DPAL Exhibit, Fall Festival will be judged by: Clayton Beck

A graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Beck studied at the Palette and Cisel Academy of Fine Arts.

His numerous awards include those from the Midwest Pastel Society, Portrait Society of America, Salon International Annual Exhibits, Municipal Art League and more.

Artist's Statement: "My love for painting has always been enhanced by my love to teach. Any artist who thinks they understand painting should try teaching. They will soon realize how little they know. ..."

Gallery II September

“Art for the Joy of It”

Artist: Linn Eldred

Linn grew up in Lemont, Illinois raising her family in Lockport, currently residing in Bolingbrook.

Art and Natural Science were foremost in her activities and she spent time either drawing pictures or leading neighborhood kids on a hike in a neighboring wood.

The Morton Arboretum always held a special place in her heart, making it difficult to decide which season she liked best; spring daffodils, vibrant, green summers, the colored leaves of fall, or the winter snow. Nature art objects are what she enjoys most when creating, for to her, there is no equal for variety of shapes and colors.

With talent in many mediums, her favorites are acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink and colored pencil. Drawing and painting are meditative to Linn, and “time seems to stand still” when she works on a piece.

Schooling began at the Art Institute of Chicago as a teen. A BS in Ed in Physical Science and Fine Art were obtained from Northern Illinois University. A MS in Ed degree in Strategic Human Resource Development from the University of Illinois followed. Later, she also obtained a Bachelor’s and Master’s certificate in Art from the Morton Arboretum.

A career highlight was to have been chosen as the 2013 featured artist in Spring’s Nature Artist Guild Show. She has exhibited at many libraries, hospitals, private art shows and studios. She is a published artist in “Seeding the Snow”, “Wordeater”, and the “Nature Artists Quarterly” periodicals. Several of her pieces are in private collections and she continues to earn well deserved awards for her art.

The DPAL is honored to showcase this fine artist in the month of September.

Maryann Staroscik
Gallery II



Swan Gourd



Three Tulips

2022 Exhibit Schedule - Gallery I

September Fall Festival
Entry Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Pick Up Sept. 28-29

October Food, Fabulous Food
Entry Sept 28-29 Pick Up Oct. 26-27

November/December Yuletide Treasures

Gearing Up for the Holidays

With September upon us, we lament the end of summer but also look forward to fall festivities. Here at the DuPage Art League, we begin preparations for the biggest show of the year, called Yuletide Treasures. It is known as the ideal place to buy holiday, hostess or thank you gifts. Over fifty artists sell their original artwork each year, which in the past has included fine art, ornaments, jewelry, pottery and cards. The show spans both Gallery I and Gallery II, as well as the Gift Shop.

Yuletide coordinator and business manager, Yvonne Thompson, has been running the show for over 25 years, along with her merry team of elves. She said that Yuletide brings in many new customers each year. "I constantly hear, 'I walk past here all the time, but have never been in', so Yuletide is often the first time a person has visited us," she said. "Not only do people then return every year to buy unique items, but it is then that they learn we have classes. We have gained many new students through Yuletide."

Members can enter Yuletide for free, non-members for \$25. The art league takes a 25% commission on all sales. Outside crafters must send photos to Yvonne and an explanation of their work before paying the fee. Everyone has to follow the guidelines, which are normally available a month before the show starts in November. It lists everything you'll need to know to enter the show and when to order barcodes. Work is received by time set appointments in October. Most importantly, everyone exhibiting in Yuletide must volunteer for a minimum of four hours, which is in addition to the four-hour member requirement. Fortunately, there are lots of jobs to go around, including:

- A team of at least 14 people to check the inventory as it comes in
- 2 or 4 people who can lift and place all the tables and display shelves, prepping the gallery
- 1 or 2 people who can do photocopying
- 6 people to pack up the show
- 1 or 2 people to help with cleaning
- 4 people to help with the second drop off about a month into the show
- People to assist the front desk staffers with wrapping and bagging sales

Yvonne will be sending the show's criteria and necessary forms out to the whole membership in September Via Constant Contact and, if possible, hosting a Yuletide Zoom meeting where you will be able to ask any questions. Those interested in more information can email Yvonne at giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com. Now that September is upon us, get ready to sell or buy some incredible and unique artwork at one of the best shops in town! According to Yvonne, "Yuletide Treasures is a lot of work, but it is so much fun!"

PLEASE HELP

We need your unwanted paintings. As part of our long going outreach program, we give framed paintings that have been made by our members to other not-for-profit groups and agencies* that request them for their fundraisers such as silent and live auctions and raffles. This has been a very successful program that has brought recognition and exposure to the league as well as providing us an opportunity to find a new home for our unwanted paintings. As with many of us, I have a zillion (maybe not quite a zillion) unloved paintings resting under beds and in the backs of closets just waiting for a new home! The only requirement is that they be done by you or another league member and be framed.

We really need your help so I'm hoping you will find some paintings you can part with and will bring them to the league. Just leave them by the desk with my name (Carol Kincaid) on them and I will take care of the rest.

Thank you for your help.

Carol Kincaid

* Just a sampling of some of the agencies we have helped in the past: NAMI, DuPage Care Center, Western DuPage Special Recreation, Longfellow School and Evangelical Child and Family Agency.



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The 2022-2023 season is upon us!

Join us for ART DEMO: EXPRESSION THROUGH WATERCOLOR Monday, Sept. 19 • 6:30 pm



Watercolor's transparency and luminosity allow for subtle nuances of color and value. Watch as Fatima Figueiredo develops a fall scene, creating tension between soft and crisp edges by taking advantage of various levels of moisture during the process.

REGISTER For In Person or Virtual HERE:

<https://wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-expression-through-watercolor-person>

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If you've missed any Wheaton Public Library Art Demonstrations, or want to rewatch, click here: **WPL VIDEOS**