



October 2022

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

It's my sincere hope, that you have joined one of our wonderful classes for this Fall session, and that you are enjoying practicing your art skills in whatever medium you prefer. If you are having a great experience in your class, for whatever reason, I would love for you to drop me a short note and share what it is that has excited you. My email address is at the bottom of this letter.

Strategic Planning Work

What can I tell you about our strategic planning work? Well, we have thoughtfully looked at and discussed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we see for the league. There were many good observations and our next task will be to sift through them and decide which ideas we want to concentrate our efforts.

For myself, I want to see all of them addressed, but our facilitator rightly keeps us on track evaluating each objective against an Impact/Effort grid. It's an enlightening process to consider how much effort a given objective will require vs. how much impact it will make toward the improvement of the league. Luckily, our board members represent experienced volunteers, previous board members and fresh new board members, all of whom bring unique talents, skills and visions.

At our next Board Meeting in October, we will continue working through the proposed goals and objectives, filtering them into categories like "Quick Wins," "Major Projects," "Worth Considering," and "Don't Bother." Unlike a corporation with a budget for such planning, our primary currency is the enthusiasm of our board and volunteers. Luckily for us, we are rich in these and look forward to making the league the best it can be for you, our members.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn
dpalpresident.mls@gmail.com

Exhibit Open thru Sept. 30 HURRY!!!

Come by and see DPAL's Wheaton/DuPage and More exhibit at Dry City Brew at 120 N. Main Street, Wheaton through the end of September. (Closed Monday & Tuesday)

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

Board Notes - October

Education: Kathy Szeszol said that the teachers' meeting went well and thanked the board members who attended the meeting and shared information on Scholarships and the front desk operations.

Activities: Sandy Winter said the September Demo will be held at the Wheaton Public Library on September 19 th for a live audience and will also be on zoom.

Buildings and Grounds: Kay Wahlgren reported that we have a solution to the fire alarm issue. We have a company that will replace the circuit board and install a new annunciator.

Publicity: Mary Kate Venturini said that the DuPage Art League Exhibition at Dry City Brew Works is up has had a positive reaction. The Downtown Wheaton Association is doing a clothing drive and we will have a donation box in the Gallery. We will also participate in the I-Spy activity they are conducting, and the Halloween Trick or Treating.

The Publicity committee is looking for volunteers!

Would you like to complete your DPAL volunteer hours on your own flexible schedule while working from home? We are looking for help researching and organizing information about all things ART that we can post on our Social Media accounts.

You can pick your interest area (Art History? Current events in the art world? Local art exhibits? Planning a posting schedule?) or dive into our list of topics.

Email Mary Kate Venturini if interested:

mk.f.venturini@gmail.com

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com

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

YULETIDE TREASURES

giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com

By now you all should have received the e-blast about our Yuletide show. If you have misplaced the forms and info pack, it is now available on the website, under Announcements.

Remember barcodes need to be ordered by midnight **Friday, October 7**. For this and other questions you may have, please use the email above.

The dates for the Zoom meetings for Yuletide:

Monday October 3, 2-3 pm

Tuesday October 4, 3-4 pm

Watch your email for details

DPAL Board 2022-2023

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

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VP Education: Kathy Szeszol

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VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Kate Venturini

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Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson,

Wilda Kemp, Sherry Theilgaard

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Gallery | September 2022 Show – Fall Festival



Best of Show: Janet Pearson-Strack
Casey, Oil



Best Theme: Emily Doyle
My Favorite Tree, Photography, Digital



Special Merit: Diana Mitchell
Gone & Forgotten, Pastel



Special Merit: Joan Kalmanek
Halloween in Time of Covid,
Photo



Special Merit: Valerie Lorimer
The Clearing, Mixed

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Yvonne Thompson, Huffindoor, Needlefelt and Collage
2. Sue Krzyzanowski, Angie's Favorite Flower, Pastel
3. Cynthia Massey, Autumn Reflections, Fiber
4. Margaret Bucholz, Night Fall, Color Pencils; Gel Pens
5. Gloria Abrahaman, Fall Fiesta, Pastel
6. Barb Plichta, Fall Pasture, Watercolor
7. Greg Stall, Autumnal Treasure, Color Pencil
8. Diana Nawrocki, Prairie Path, Photo
9. Chris Hughes, Fall Birches, Acrylic
10. Theresa Lyon, Fall Harvest at Kline Creek, Pastel
11. Christena Nicholson, Tomatoes on Stool, Watercolor
12. Nancy Anderson, Pumpkin Patch, Soft Pastel

October's DPAL Exhibit, Food, Fabulous Food will be judged by: Fatima Figueiredo

Fatima, born in Brazil, graduated with a degree in Industrial Design from Universidade Federal do Rio De Janeiro. She worked in Industrial Design for over 20 years. In 1999 Fatima moved to the US, specifically, Geneva, IL.

Fatima began to paint watercolors and studied with several Chicago-area artists. Very involved in the community, she is a member of the Wayne Art league, Transparent Watercolor Society of America and Signature member of the Illinois Watercolor Society. She has received numerous awards in watercolor including Best of Watercolor at the Art in the Barn, Barrington, 2012.

Gallery II October - Plein Air Group

The DuPage Art League, Gallery II, will showcase our Plein Air Painters, the group of artists promoting the tradition of painting the landscape directly from life. Using observation to gather information, the artists create visually and emotionally stunning pieces.

Each Friday morning from May through October, they gather at different venues around the area to capture their own impressions of the landscape. Not only do they enhance their skills, but they do so enjoying the time spent with other artists.

If you think you might be interested in participating in this fun painting experience, leave your name and contact information with one of our wonderful front desk volunteers. Your information will be added to next year's mailing list for the Plein Air schedule. All levels and mediums are invited and welcomed. The only criteria is to have fun! Come see this unique show which runs the month of October.

Artists reception: October 9th 2:00 - 4:00.

Maryann Staroscik
Gallery II



2022 Exhibit Schedule - Gallery I

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

November/December Yuletide Treasures

Gearing Up for the Holidays

DEADLINE, OCTOBER 7th

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 sent 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 OCTOBER 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!"

Cover Art Wanted!

The Activity Guide for 2023 is already in the works. We need a catchy, creative, fun, and rockin' cover. Consider this a contest:

Details: Send a .jpg (in attachment) of a drawing, painting or even 3D object. Note that the cover prints black ink only. The background or cover color will be determined by the winning cover art. We'll take care of the text, title, phone number etc. We want to spotlight an image by a current member. The theme is "art by a member". So that's pretty much anything G-rated. We'll credit the artist. Second and third place winners may be used in other pages for filler.

Submit your design or art to: Lori Tucker: dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com

By submitting your art you agree to allow the DPAL to use as cover art for the 2023 cover only.

Include: Artist's name, title of art, medium, email and phone number

Deadline: October 30, 2022

Remember: Prints Black ink only on cover paper TBD

Activity Guide
2023

**Your
Art
Here**

Monday Night Demonstration

Expressive & Efficient Oils
Monday, Oct. 17 • 6:30 pm • hybrid

Maggie Capettini demonstrates her techniques to work efficiently and with focus whether painting outdoors or in. She combines oil washes, paint applied thickly with knives, as well as pigment sticks to capture dynamic and impressionistic scenes. Please watch your email for more information regarding registration.



Fall Class Spotlight

Portraits Made with Type

Saturday Mornings, 11:30am – 2:00pm
Instructor: Wes Douglas, instructor

Have you ever wanted to create a really special gift portrait for someone you love? Then these “Portraits Made with Type” might be perfect for you! “Portraits Made with type” incorporate drawing, hand-written text, and colors to create a one-of-a-kind portrait that you make yourself. Every detail of hair, shadow and clothing are lovingly made from your hand. In class, we will develop a long list of words and phrases that are particular to your subject and build a very special portrait. All you need is a good 8x10 headshot photo of your person. B.I.A Starts October 31.
See the DPAL Website to register.



If you've missed any Wheaton Public Library Art Demonstrations, or want to rewatch, click here: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/programs/arts-culture-center>

WPL VIDEOS