



November 2022

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,
In these past few months, our board members have given serious thought to how we might improve our beloved art league. Much like the Halloween characters that will be arriving on doorsteps at the end of October begging for treats, these ideas have arrived at our boardroom table begging to be seen and rewarded.

By the time this newsletter hits your inbox, our Board will have completed reviewing 60+ recommendations for their potential impact and effort required. A small group of seasoned board members will then dig in and review these Impact/Effort grids, running them through a few filters to identify items as do/plan/hold, etc.

For example, proposals that are high impact and low effort could be quickly assigned and implemented. Other recommendations might already be underway. More complex initiatives will require additional research to determine if they are even feasible. Then there are the goals that are critical to the long-term health of the art league but not necessarily glamorous.

As we refine our ideas we hope to see emerge, three or four significant goals that we can focus on over the next few years—goals that will inspire and motivate, goals that reflect our Vision and Mission in the culture and society of 2023 and beyond.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn
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We had a great showing at this year's **Danada Nature Art and Photo Show!** 8+ DuPage Art League members participated, and teacher Dan Danielson was a judge. DPAL teacher Ellen Rottsolik received a First Place award, member Misty Alvis was recognized with an Honorable Mention for her work "Calm," and member Vicki Liszewski received an Honorable Mention for her piece titled "Slate Colored Junco." Congrats to all!

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

Board Notes - October Meeting

Membership: Lori Tucker reported we have 425 memberships. She is working on the Activity Guide for next year and is asking for cover art submissions.

Activities: Sandy Winter said that 35 people attended the live demo of Fatima Figueiredo's watercolor demonstration and that 96 people watched virtually. **Maggie Capettini** will do an oil painting demo October 17th .

Buildings and Grounds: Kay Wahlgren reported that the circuit board has been installed and we are connected to DuCom. The company is working on the annunciator for the fire alarm system near the front desk.

Office Management: Barb Finn reported she is planning an eye-catching window to remind people of the collection of winter hats, mittens and scarves for the People's Resource Center. The front desk is getting ready for the I Spy Scavenger Hunt and Halloween Trick or Treaters. Children's Class Schedules will be available during both events. They are also preparing for Yuletide Treasures with the volunteer schedule.

Business Manager: Yvonne Thompson said that the Session B class registration was the busiest ever! The classes are filling up quickly. She also warned of email hackers. If you get an email from the DPAL that looks weird, please report it to Yvonne.

It Is With Great Sadness

We have learned of the passing of Chris Chlapecka. Chris was a past Board member and a great supporter of the League. Chris was a retired teacher. She enjoyed seeing how much the kids enjoyed our scout programs, so much so that she contributed financially to it.



She had a heart of gold, a wicked sense of humor and a "jump in and do it" attitude. When we ran into problems one year when we found out we needed someone with "a license to pour" to serve the wine for the Annual Meeting Chris said, "leave it to me". Not only did she supply the wine, but she also the wine waiter to pour it!

Chris asked me once about glass fusing. It didn't take her long to share my passion for it and she created some magnificent pieces that were in last year's Yuletide Treasures.

I'll miss the giggles, the trips to Suzette's and your friendship Chris. Rest In Peace my friend.

Yvonne,

Gift Shop and Yuletide Treasures

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:
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To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershipt@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.

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Gallery | October 2022 Show – Food, Fabulous Food



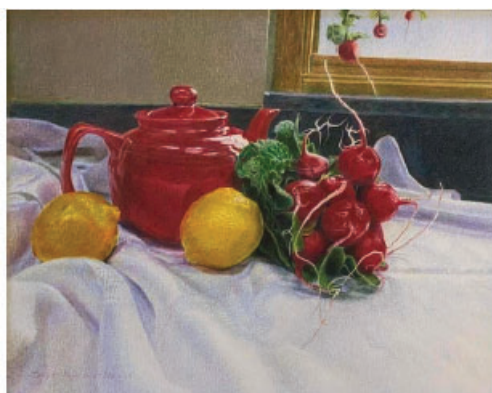
Best of Show: Margaret Bucholz
Golden Corn Worm, Colored Pencil

Judge's Comments: The first thing to catch my eye was the composition with all the movement of the corn's "hair" – very subtle and delicate use of colors



Theme Award: Sharon Peters
Have a Slice of Rye, Oil

Judge's Comments: Beautiful still life. Makes me want to sit on that table and enjoy that food. Unusual horizontal composition that drives the eye right-left easily.



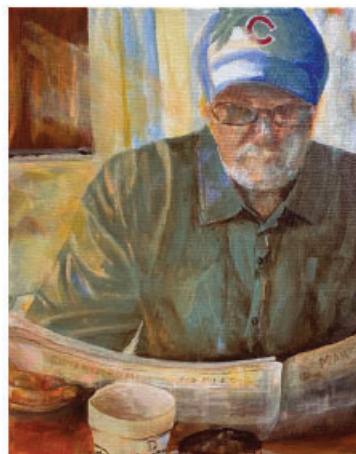
Special Merit: Janet Pearson-Strack
Radishing, Colored Pencil

Comments: Beautiful division of the space in the picture. The vibrant red color caught my eye to come close and see the details.



Special Merit: Dawn Halter
Pre-Pumpkin Pie, Charcoal

Comments: Very beautiful black and white artwork. Very well rendered in value changes. Loved the title.



Special Merit: Janet Kloss
Ken & Breakfast at Remkin, Oil

Comments: This painting makes me feel like I want to sit with Ken and have breakfast also. Nice composition and crop of some elements.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Robert Pennor, Herrick Lake, Oil
2. Debbie Morris, Happy Hydrangeas, Pastel
3. Barb Plichta, Dining Out, Watercolor
4. Diana Nawrocki, End of Summer, Watercolor
5. Greg Stall, Red Bowl, Colored Pencil
6. Tom Finn, Happy Hour, Watercolor
7. Joan Kalmanek, The Fruit Vendors, Photo
8. Theresa Lyon, Still Life with Oranges, Watercolor
9. Bunny Holmes, "Where is the Beef?" Watercolor
10. Nancy Anderson, Chocolate Sauce, Pastel
11. Myriam Villalta, Pumpkin, Oil and Wax
12. Pam Mitroff, "Are You Following Me?" Colored Pencil

Monday Night Demonstration

Optimal Giclee Prints

Monday, Nov. 21 • 6:30 pm • virtual

Mark Sarazen will describe the history of giclée, its role in digital print making, and how they are produced. The process includes image capture and scanning, file preparation, and choosing printer options to achieve the optimal result.



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Nov. 25th - Dec. 23rd

Mon.-Sat. 9:00-5:00pm (Dec. 24th 9:00 - 1:00)

Free parking on Front Street or in the parking garage across the street.

