



December 2022

newsletter

President's Letter

As 2022 begins to wrap up in these next few weeks, we recognize, once again, that our world and our country have endured much suffering, discord and violence. This is the reality of our times, and indeed, the human condition.

But I hope we can all take a moment to be thankful for our art!

I love working on my art. Like many of you, I have loved art since childhood. I like color. I like line. I like looking at art. I like creating art. What do you love about art in general, and your own art in particular?

In art we have the opportunity to enjoy beauty. We paint and draw landscapes and sunsets, precious children and complicated angles. We marvel at what we can do with oils and pastels, pencils and charcoal, water and pigment and collage. The list goes on and on.

At the art league I particularly love that I have a space to go to once a week to make my art among friends and to observe the creations of my fellow students. For many of us, those hours in class doing our art are a respite from a busy calendar, or perhaps some of the concerns that we carry in our lives. Immersion in creativity is good for the soul, good for our aging brains and good for our social lives.

Thank you, DuPage Art League, for being here for us all these years! May your work continue to bring joy and beauty far into the future.

And speaking of the future, our board has agreed upon some of the efforts that we will take up in 2023 to keep our art league healthy and able to serve the people of our community—those who may be beginners in creating art, those who continue to develop their skills with our wonderful teachers and classes, and those who enjoy our art by viewing our gallery shows and purchasing a piece of art from our gift shop.

Happy holidays to each of you.

Mary Lynn

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It's Membership



RENEWAL TIME!



**Don't you
flake out
and forget
to renew!**

**With your renewal, you
will get discounted
classes that go on sale**

December 4th

Board Notes - November Meeting

Membership: Lori Tucker reported we have 431 memberships. She is working on the Activity Guide for next year. Members will be notified of Activity Guides to pick up soon.

Activities: Sandy Winter reported that 29 people attended the demo by Maggie Capettini and 48 watched the virtual presentation. At this time there are 29 people registered for the November 21st giclee demo by Mark Sarazen.

Buildings and Grounds: Kay Wahlgren reported that the alarm company is still looking for a chip for the annunciator by the front desk. Kay has also arranged a shelf in the back room by the copier for the many of the items needed by staff. This will free up space in the storage area. Kay will talk with Bremer about a blower motor for the furnace.

Office Management: Barb Finn said she will keep a clipboard at the front desk that people can use to request supplies. The cold weather accessories drive went well. Barb commented that the Yuletide Treasures display is top notch. We will expand our Saturday hours right after Thanksgiving. They are also preparing for Yuletide Treasures with the volunteer schedule.

Business Manager: Yvonne Thompson B session class turn-out was good with 239 classes sold. Yuletide Treasures is up and running in both galleries.



Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals dpalmembershipt@gmail.com

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

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

DuPage Art League Members, it's time to replenish! In January we will be collecting paper towels and toilet paper again for our supplies. There will be a collection box near the front door. We appreciate your donations!

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

DPAL Board 2022-2023

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Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and
Wilda Kemp

Newsletter: Lori Tucker

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Yuletide Treasures...I couldn't have done it without you!

Yvonne Thompson-Yuletide Treasures Chair

First a big thank you to all who helped me to get this wonderful show off the launch pad! To the team who were inventory checkers, Sue Jurkus who helped me get all the racks etc., into the small classroom ready to receive all your wonderful items and to my moving team Ellen Rottsolk, Richard Rottsolk, Robert Pennor, Jeff Munie and Sue Rohl, who shlepped all the display equipment that I have squirreled away in corners of the art league, into the galleries. Also thanks to Susan Mclean who ironed the tablecloths while on the tables!



The biggest Thank You goes to Wilda Kemp, (who will be my co chair next year) and her sister Teddy. They did all the morning inventory overseeing. Wilda has been my "sidekick" in the gift shop for a while now and she was the main reason I made it through to the end of setting up without total exhaustion! One of her chores other than to make the revolving window stands, was to pull me out of the window when I got stuck behind the sleigh and couldn't get up..... yeah I bet you are all sorry you missed that one!

A lot of the people who helped don't have anything in the show, but find it a very enjoyable way to give their required 4 hours for exhibiting throughout the year. I'm humbled that you choose to do those hours with me!



The second receiving will be Friday, December 2, 12- 4:00pm. Please email me if you have items to bring in at giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com as once again it will be done by appointment only. I will also let you know if you can bring in more items. This depends on gallery space and how well your items are selling. Remember to email me ASAP if you will need more barcodes.

Please tell and share the info about the show with your friends and family. We have a dedicated Facebook page this year for Yuletide, done by one of our exhibitors, Laura Donovan. Please check it out.

<https://www.facebook.com/YuletideTreasuresDPAL>

Wilda also did these flyers for the show. Thanks again EVERYONE, as the title says, I couldn't have done it without you!

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Wall Art • Painted Candles • Holiday Decorations • and more

Nov. 2nd - Nov. 23rd

Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:00pm Sat. 9:00-2:00pm

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.



Sign up now for your
2023 DuPage Art League
membership and you'll be
ready to get your discount
when you purchase your
Winter/Spring classes.

They will be released
for online purchase on
**Sunday December 4 at
Noon**

Image: Vicki Liszewski, "Slate Colored Junco", soft pastel,
Honorable Mention in the Danada Nature Art & Photo Show