



January 2023

# newsletter

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

I'm so pleased, in the name of the DuPage Art League, to wish you a Happy New Year! Even while the Christmas season is still winding down, I have my eye on the clean slate that every New Year offers us—oh, the opportunities ahead!

What are your dreams for the New Year? I'm sure they are as unique as each of you. Certainly, we all carry parts of the old year with us—the challenges, burdens and joys don't just disappear when the calendar year turns over. But our lived reality also includes that which is yet to come.

Every day is a new and spacious creation. Our days are our true works of art. What will we choose to honor and cherish this day? What will we put our imagination and effort into? How will we fill this once-in-a-lifetime day? I hope that the Art League will have a place in your artistic dreams and plans and that we can help you achieve them. Our teachers, students and members are all here for you and we hope that you join us in classes, gallery exhibits, social activities and more.

The Art League, too, is imagining its New Year. Our past months' strategic planning will want to be implemented in 2023 and there will be opportunities for you to help us accomplish this. The Board and I are most looking forward to seeing our members get more involved with the activity and work of the League, thus furthering its mission *"To provide a lively, vibrant gathering place where people of all ages come to develop their artistic skills and share the joy of creating and viewing art."*

Please consider using part of your amazing New Year to get involved with some of the volunteer activities that will arise over the next few months. You will come to cherish our League even more, make new friends and add your unique spark to continuing our Mission and Vision.

Till next month,  
Mary Lynn  
dpalpresident.mls@gmail.com

*It's  
Membership*



**RENEWAL  
TIME!**



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

*With your renewal, you will get  
discounted classes, the new  
2023 Activity Guide, exciting  
exhibiting opportunities and so  
much more!*

## Board Notes - December Meeting

**Education:** Kathy Szeszol reports a new oil painting teacher, will join us for the Winter/Spring Session B. Maria Ananieva also works in acrylics.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Kay Wahlgren reported that the fire alarm system sensors have all passed inspection. She also said the repair of the furnace damper will be completed as soon as the part arrives.

**Business Manager:** Yvonne Thompson, reported that Yuletide Treasures sales are ahead of last year's. She said that enrollment for Winter Session A went well. There were 139 class registrations, and 12 memberships were sold.

**Office Management:** Barb Finn said the staffers have been doing a great job of keeping up with the Yuletide Treasures shoppers.

**Membership:** Lori Tucker reported that 112 members and 8 family members have renewed for 2023.

**Bring it in! 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!**

### Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com

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 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**



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

## DPAL Board 2022-2023

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

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Newsletter: Lori Tucker

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## Member- Volunteer Spotlight - Maryann Staroscik

*--She was spotted with all the Koalafications!*

by Lori Tucker, Membership VP

As artists we tend to get inspiration from other artists. The Dupage Art League membership pool offers many vast backgrounds and creative people. To kick off the new year, bear in mind our member volunteer, the very influencing and motivating Maryann Staroscik. She inspires us as an artist but also as a zoo community volunteer.



Maryann Staroscik has been volunteering with the Brookfield Zoo and its outreach programs for over 20 years. Maryann works three roles at the zoo as a Docent Educator, Safari Circle Tour Guide (for Donors) and a Zoo Community Outreach volunteer. The first two roles are on site, the outreach program takes place in inner city communities. Working to develop relationships with families in areas like Englewood, Longwood and Fuller Park, after school enrichment programs are dedicated to learning about Conservation. Families have assisted in community gardens on former empty lots throughout the city and help by removing invasive, nonnative plant species from forest preserves keeping natural areas beautiful for all to enjoy. The families who attend these programs regularly are then welcomed to the zoo a few days a year at no cost to them, for special activities to enjoy such as dolphin shows and a look at behind the scenes animal care. Maryann is happy that some of those students from the original program, over 20 years ago, have gone on to work in various zoos across the US.

Luckily for the Dupage Art League, she started taking classes at the DPAL and now volunteers for the art league with Gallery II. She got involved with DPAL years ago with classes, she says that were of course interesting, but mainly fun. She became more serious about them and became a member because each of the classes are "headed by amazing, talented individuals."

Maryann is a long-time pastel student, but her interests vary. She can't fit in all the classes offered! Maryann said the DPAL is filled with enthusiastic students that one enjoys being around, and of course, hardworking and dedicated volunteers whose personal efforts make the art league a great place to be! She enjoys working with Gallery II exhibitors because she gets to meet many artists and admire and enjoy their work.

Her art interests include art quilts, pastels, mixed media collage and assemblage. She claims the DPAL has great teachers and many successful, award-winning classmates to learn from. With all her volunteering, all she needs now is time!



*Garden at the Bishop Shepard Little Church in Englewood. A Chicago graffiti artist painted the church leader, the late Mother Fladger.*

*Maryann on duty*



## 2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
January	FACES, PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE	Jan 4-5	Feb 1-2
February	DIVERSITY FOR A BETTER WORLD	Feb 1-2	Mar 1-2
March	SPRING INTO ACTION	Mar 1-2	Mar 29-30
April	CREATURES, PETS	Mar 29-30	Apr 26-27
May	GREEN THUMB	April 26-27	May 31-Jun 1
June	VOLUNTEERS SHOW – POP ART (INSPIRED BY ANDY WARHOL)	May 31-Jun 1	Jun 28-29
July	EXOTIC PLACES	Jun 28-29	Jul 26-27
August	MASTERS, FABULOUS FAKES	Jul 26-27	Aug 30
September	GOLDEN HARVEST	Aug 30-31	Sept 27-28
October	FEAST FOR THE EYES	Sept 27-28	Oct. 25-26
November/December	YULETIDE TREASURES	TBA	

### From the Library:

Welcome new and returning members of DPAL!

I would like you to know that in addition to the wonderful classes you will be taking, you also have the support of a substantial library of art-related books at your disposal. The DPAL Library is located on the first floor near the kitchen. There are books on Drawing, Painting, Reference, Pastels, Colored Pencils, Acrylics, Watercolor, Cartooning, Biography, Botanic Art and more. Books may be checked out for a month. You only need to sign the card in the book and leave it in the little wooden box. When finished, you may return library books to the blue bin in the library. So easy! There are also some DVDs available for checkout.



Some of you long time members may not know that there are some magazine titles that you may also check out. Among the magazines are Artists Magazine; Pastel Journal; Apollo, the International Art Magazine; Nature Photography; American Art Review; Plein Air; Watercolor Artist; and National Wildlife. If you have any art related magazines that you would like to donate to the library, we would be glad to have them. Stipulation! They must be more recent than five years, and we can only keep what there is space for. Surplus magazines will be offered for sale.

Speaking of sales, the library's sales of books totaled \$764 for the year ending April 30, 2022. Most of that came from the ongoing book donation/sale organized and facilitated by Ewa Bacon. Yea Ewa!! From May 1- October 31, 2022, book sales generated \$467. Most titles again were from the ongoing book sale and withdrawals from the library. Your donation of art books to the library is always welcome. Because of space limitations books will be evaluated on probable use, timeliness and condition. Duplicates and other withdrawals will be offered for sale along with those of the ongoing book donation/sale. Enjoy your library and all it has to offer you!

Barbara Grabowski,  
Library Volunteer



## Upcoming Events

### Teen Scene at Wheaton Public Library

**When:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 5 – 6:30 p.m.

**What:** Teens can “Paint the Northern Lights” with acrylics on an 8”x10” canvas, led by DuPage Art League instructor, Margaret Bucholz. This is a free event and all supplies are provided. Just register online with the Wheaton Public Library.

### HEY, ALL YOU ACRYLIC PAINTERS, LET’S START 2023 WITH A BANG!

Relieve the January blahs with a heavenly gift to yourself. The incredibly talented and knowledgeable painter and teacher, Dale Olsen, has agreed to give a workshop on “Glazing with Acrylics: Layering Colors to achieve a vibrant look” on the weekend of January 7-8, 2023! This long-anticipated occasion is not for beginners, but for painters with some experience with acrylics who are looking to up their game and bring new techniques and vitality to their work. As artists are turning to solvent-free paint materials, acrylic paints provide a great opportunity to create luminosity and complex colors. This workshop will explore the use of underpainting combined with overpainting using paint mixed with varying amounts of acrylic glazing medium to modify the tube strength acrylic paints.

Participants will complete several small paintings, from photographs supplied by the instructor, to learn to create hard edges, soft edges, and luminous color. The quick drying time of acrylic paints will allow us to move quickly from the first underpainting to the overpainting, in layers, to achieve the desired effect.

Dale is a life-long Chicago area resident and has drawn and painted from a young age. Trained and licensed as an architect, he worked for decades in the US and the Middle East, eventually becoming head of design for a Chicago architectural firm.

After volunteering to paint a series of murals, he left his architectural work and formed a mural and faux finishing business. His murals have been featured in national paint decorating magazines and are in homes in several states.

Dale paints in oil, acrylics, and watercolor. His landscapes have been in the inaugural Oil Painters of America exhibition and been awarded Honorable Mention by Artist’s Magazine. He is co-author of “Great Spaces, Learning Places” a book on creating effective teaching environments.

Dale has been represented by Orchard Galleries in Door County, WI, for the last 8 years. In the past few years he has begun sharing his wealth of knowledge through workshops at various art leagues in the area. This is an exceptional opportunity for our local art community’s acrylics painters. Don’t miss this chance to study with one of the best--and bring cheer to your new year!

Tuition is \$175.



### Thank You, from Misty Alvis

Thanks to those who helped decorate our downtown Christmas tree. DPAL artists painted ornaments, and we framed our favorite art quotes as ornaments too. There was also a special tree topper. Thanks for all of the help! Misty.



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## Attention Visual Artists: Discover [artsdupage.org](https://artsdupage.org) and Get Noticed!

[artsdupage.org](https://artsdupage.org) is a free online arts resource and Go Guide for DuPage County artists, arts organizations, and community members. Through this platform, you can post your personal or business profile and arts-related activities so residents can easily discover the world of art available to them in their own communities.

- Do you offer classes?
- Do you accept commission work?
- Do you exhibit in galleries?
- Do you judge exhibits?
- Do you participate in art fairs?
- Do you sell your work online?



## Post it on [artsdupage.org](https://artsdupage.org)!

The site is user-friendly, easy to navigate,  
and best of all, it's FREE!

Click [here](#) to watch the easy, step-by-step video instructions  
and start your [artsdupage.org](https://artsdupage.org) promotional campaign now!

Questions? Please contact Debbie Venezia, director of Arts DuPage  
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**A few of the Dupage Art League member artists in [artsdupage.org](https://artsdupage.org):**

