



February, 2023

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

In my January letter, I mentioned that our past months' strategic planning would be fleshed out and implemented in this coming year.

The Board approved the recommended Strategic Plan Goals at last year's November meeting and we are confident they will support the art league's mission and vision for years to come. Let me tell you a bit more.

For the years 2023-2026, we have identified five strategic goals. They are:

- 1. Grow Membership**
- 2. Increase Revenue**
- 3. Improve Efficiency**
- 4. Increase Member Involvement**
- 5. Community Outreach**

Each of these Goals is supported by a carefully written objective that describes the results we want to achieve. It names the specifics, how we will know if we have succeeded and when we hope to reach the goal.

These objectives are further broken down into strategies for accomplishing the goal and the approaches we will take. Some goals may have one primary strategy, and others may have multiple paths to the goal.

The strategies get clarified as tactics and timelines get spelled out.

Would you like to get involved with some of these projects? We can use your energy and your talents. Over the next months you will see requests for help both in our newsletter and on Constant Contact. Some of the work will be short term; some may stretch over several months. If you prefer to work from your home, we'll find work for you. If you like coming into the league and mixing with other members, let us know. We hope all our members will take this opportunity to join our fun and winning teams.

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

*Don't make this
your last newsletter
-- renew your
membership today!*



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Love the DPAL?
Ask a friend to
join too!

Board Notes - January Meeting

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the December 31, 2022 financial statements (the fiscal year ends April 30, 2022.) The league is in good financial condition.

Activities: Sandy Winter said that Kay Wahlgren did the January Demo at the Wheaton Public Library, which is available online through the library. Clayton Beck, a portrait artist will present the February Demo.

Membership: Lori Tucker said membership renewals for 2023 are coming in at a steady rate. We currently have 261 members.

Office Management: Barb Finn reported that we need a few more volunteers for the front desk. Shifts are from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Members in the News

Margaret Bucholz will be the featured artist for February at Gallery 200, 103 Washington St, West Chicago, titled "Portraiture." Opening reception on Friday, Feb. 3, 6-8pm.

Sue Krzyanowski, City Banner Project winner, whose work "Duck Weather" was selected as People's Choice Award will also be featured at Gallery 200 and her opening reception will also be on Friday, February 3, 6-8pm.

Art & Verse 2023, Art Inspires Poetry, reception and poetry reading by Illinois Poetry Society will be on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 1-4pm at Addison Center for the Arts Gallery, 213 N. Lombard Rd, Addison. Seventeen artists have worked with poetry written by poets from IPSI. Some of the DPAL members are: **Tania Blanco, Margaret Bucholz, Benjamin Calvert III, Sharon Peters, and Nancy Staszak.**

ART LEAGUE BOARD ELECTIONS

The nominating committee (Carol Kincaid, Diana Mitchell, Nancy Anderson, Maryann Staroscik, and Ellen Rottsolk) have approved the following slate of candidates for election in April:

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| Secretary | Maeva Cook |
| Treasurer | Jennifer Bayer |
| VP Activities | Sandra Winter |
| VP Bldg & Grnds | Kay Wahlgren |
| VP Membership | Amy Tran |
| VP Publicity | Mary Kate Venturini |

If another DPAL member wishes to run for any of the above offices, he/she should contact Carol Kincaid or Diana Mitchell by February 15, 2023.

A final ballot with instructions will be published in the March newsletter.

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.

Happy
Valentine's
Day!

DPAL Board 2022-2023

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities: Sandra Winter
VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren
VP Education: Kathy Szeszol
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Margaret Bucholz
Gallery II: Mary Ann Staroscik
VP Finance: Sally Hines
VP Membership: Lori Tucker
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn
VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Kate Venturini
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and
Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and
Wilda Kemp
Newsletter: Lori Tucker
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GALLERY | January 2023 Exhibit - Faces Past, Present, Future



Best of Show: Dan Danielson
And Now the News, Watercolor

Judges Comments: I felt the artist captured the theme of the show. Painting was very well executed and struck an emotional response. It stood out.

Judges Comments: Amazing execution of an emotional response which drew the viewer in. Well done.



Best Theme: Tom Finn
Don't Tell, Watercolor



Special Merit: Mary Lynn Sullivan

Patrick, Pastel
Comments: So well done. Stood out in the pastel category. Vibrancy of color made this a special piece as well.



Special Merit: Ashley Stevens

Wednesday, Pencil
Comments: The artist captured an emotional response and the execution of the drawing was so skillful. Wonderful drawing.



Special Merit: Barb Plichta
Age of Wisdom, Watercolor

Comments: This painting gave an insight to the model's perspective and has wonderful feeling. Painting and drawing well done.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Courtney Romano, Four Generations, Photo
2. Maryann Staroscik, Old Man and the Sea, Pastel
3. Tania Blanco, Painful Memories, Collage
4. Amy Tran, Girl and Her Dog, Soft Pastel
5. Sue Thomas, Yo Y Mi Abuelo, Charcoal
6. R. Yurgaitis, Construction Worker, Oil
7. Barbara Hald, Porsche and Mom, Watercolor
8. Sally Sharp, GPA & Baby Boy, Oil/Cold Wax
9. Theresa Lyon, Sephora's Vision, Pastel
10. Fran Puglise, Let the Good Times Roll, Soft Pastel
11. Barbara Finn, Being John, Pastel
12. Margaret Bucholz, David at Kiddieland, Colored Pencil

Congratulations
to all the winners
and Exhibitors!
next up...
Diversity

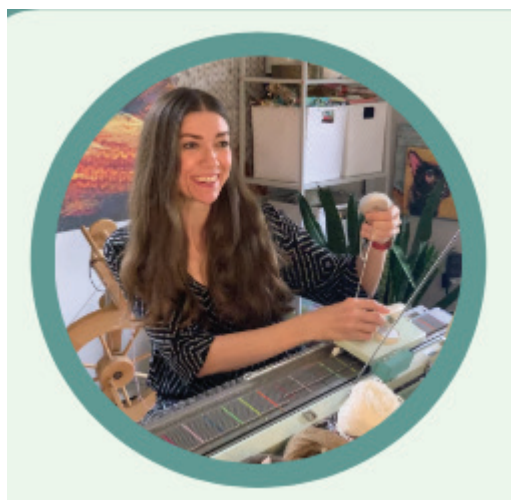
Gallery II - February Children's Art Show

Children are born creators. The DPAL is excited to begin its 2023 Gallery II season by nurturing this natural act by showcasing young, artistic talent.

Bring your children to see the exhibit and perhaps they too, will want to sign up for a class with the art league's exceptional, professional teachers who enjoy helping to inspire these students on their journey into the world of art.

This exhibit of young talent can be viewed the entire month of February.

Maryann Staroscik
Gallery II



Gallery I, February Members' Show, Diversity for a Better World, to be Judged by Faith Hill

Faith Humphrey Hill (she/her) received a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a Masters in Arts Management from Columbia College. For 20 years, she helped others discover and make art daily through leadership positions in galleries, museums, and community arts organizations. While she continued a studio practice during this time, she felt a pull to further discover and make art herself.

In 2015, she gave art-making her full attention through her website www.dartily.com, [dartily=art+daily]. This became a platform for discovering artists, artwork, and art theory as well as experiment with art mediums. In this process she began creating the artwork she is best known for: portrait artwork that combines drawing and knitting with digital tools.

Faith's art has been collected, exhibited, and published internationally.

2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY

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| February DIVERSITY FOR A BETTER WORLD Diversity in culture, food, music, art, places travelled, etc. | Drop off: Feb 1-2 | July EXOTIC PLACES There are so many different places that you may have travelled or seen. | Drop off Jun 28-29 |
| March SPRING INTO ACTION Weather is warming, plants are sprouting, so is your art. | Mar 1-2 | August MASTERS, FABULOUS FAKES Learn skills by imitating master artists of the past. | Jul 26-27 |
| April CREATURES, PETS So many animals inhabit this wonderful world and keep us company. | Mar 29-30 | September GOLDEN HARVEST Wonderful vegetables, fruits, the earth is so plentiful. | Aug 30-31 |
| May GREEN THUMB Plants, gardens, flowers, you can make it bloom in your art. | April 26-27 | October FEAST FOR THE EYES May it be food, flowers, beautiful sunsets or sunrises. | Sept 27-28 |
| June VOLUNTEERS SHOW – POP ART (INSPIRED BY ANDY WARHOL). Try your hand in creating pop art. See what Andy Warhol has done and make it your own. | May 31-Jun 1 | November/December YULETIDE TREASURES | |

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Art of the Couple - Membership Spotlight on Janet and Ken Kloss

by Lori Tucker

If you have taken any classes at the Dupage Art League, viewed the window displays or monthly exhibits, then you're familiar with the name Kloss. Whether you see a painting by Janet or Ken, it's a nice painting and very often a 'winner'!

Janet and Ken sit and paint together in class, sitting side by side. Typically, Dan Danielson will even reserve a table for the couple. *Side note, I came into a Danielson class and took the first open seat. When I realized that I was next to Janet, I immediately knew, 'oops, I was about to separate the pair.'* I moved to a different seat. Ken was parking the car. They are fun to sit by! Ken says that Janet is always done before him and she will win more merit awards. He's proud of her artistic abilities.

So how did art couple get started with DPAL? A little history first...A while back, Ken's brother suggested that Ken enroll in architecture school since Ken liked to draw. He enrolled at the University of Illinois at Navy Pier* in 1954. There he spent a lot of time drawing.

Ken also attended the American Academy of Art in 1957. Ken recalls a professor proclaiming that he could teach all there is know about art in 20 minutes. The professor then said that the problem was that he would not believe that and would not remember what was explained. Ken went on to work at Perkins & Will as a draftsman. He worked on the US Gypsum Building on Wacker and Monroe. The building has since been replaced.

Years later, Janet and Ken's daughter formed a business named Art of the Home. Her interior designs emphasized art. Ken worked on the exteriors, in around Glen Ellyn. Ken says that "like artwork, place of significant construction components is important." One of the homes purchased for renovations was an old Victorian.

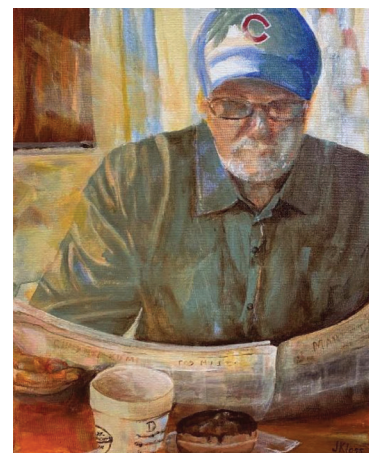
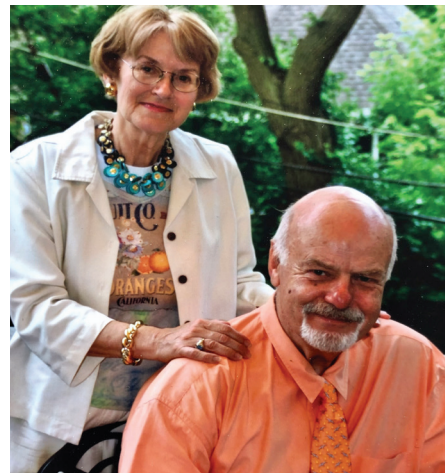
Before renovation of one homes in Glen Ellyn, Ken and Janet's granddaughter told her mother, "You just bought the ugliest house in Glen Ellyn." Ken and his daughter proceeded to make the house beautiful inside and out. Another project memorable to Art of the Home, is the home of their Pastor and wife's home. They feel this was one of their best projects. A real estate professional even claimed that the name of the business, Art of the Home, was appropriately named.

After all this work, Ken retired in 2010 at 73 ½ years young. Their daughter purchased Ken a DPAL gift certificate for his retirement. Janet said, "I want to take art classes too!" So, it began!

Their first classes were with Ann Fines. She taught them how to paint "masterpieces". Ann retired and moved to Canada in 2014. The artful couple then took Dan Danielson's watercolor classes. They missed Dan's first year teaching but then have attended every class in the last nine years. They have also taken classes with George Bruce and others. Ken won Best of Show for his *Buckingham Fountain* painting. The judge said she could actually experience the spray of water from the fountain. Janet won a merit award for her painting of *Ken at a Dunkin Donuts*. The judge commented that she wished she could join Ken at breakfast. Ken said "Comments from the judges like these are very meaningful to us as artists."

In addition to displays at the DPAL, their art has been displayed at the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Glen Ellyn three times.

*In 1946, The University of Illinois opened a temporary branch on Chicago Navy Pier to accommodate the many GI Bill students returning from war.



Janet Kloss, *Ken at Remkins*, acrylic



Janet Kloss, *Spring at Sandybluff Creek*, Acrylic

Help Wanted New Year, New Needs

Bookkeeper - Volunteer Opportunity

Many of us may wonder how we can use our talents to give back to the DuPage Art League, which offers so much in the way of friendship, artistic growth and camaraderie. For those of you who would prefer to do your volunteer hours from home, please consider becoming the next bookkeeper. Our current bookkeeper, Barbara McCartney, will be ending her two-year term in May 2023 and is willing to start training the new volunteer now.

As bookkeeper, you will have the chance to discover more about how non-profit organizations work, hone your computer skills and work closely with Treasurer Jennifer Bayer and Business Manager Yvonne Thompson.

The position involves comfort with computer applications, working in Microsoft Excel, downloading data from the DPAL website, entering financial data into Quickbooks, preparing checks and supporting board members with data requests. An accounting background, attention to detail and willingness to learn new computer technology are a plus.

If you love to learn, want to use your talents to support the league and can spare 8-12 hours per month, please contact Jennifer at 630.991.0309 or leave a message at the front desk.



FROM THE FRONT DESK:

Hello fellow members,
Have you ever wondered how you might volunteer some time at DPAL but don't know where to begin? We are now offering the perfect solution!

You may have noticed that we have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who occupy the front desk six days a week. They greet visitors, register them for classes, answer phones, do their best to answer questions and solve problems...but most importantly, they are on the front line when someone walks into the DuPage Art League.

We are now looking for a few more friendly faces to add to our ranks. I have personally learned so much since I started "working the desk" and especially love being able to meet so many more artists and teachers that I never would have known otherwise. It has made my experience as a member so much richer. You will be well trained, and there is always someone available to answer questions. Any amount of time you can spare is most welcome!

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in joining our ranks and I will try to answer any questions you might have. No experience necessary – just a desire to help out and interact with others who might need a helping hand.

Thank you!
Barb Finn
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FYI...booking classes online

It has come to our notice that our refund policy on classes was not being seen when a class was purchased online. Now there is one more step to do before you make your purchase. The refund policy is now listed on the purchase page. You have to check the box, that you have read and agree to our refund policy, before you can proceed to purchase a class. Starting with Session B of the Winter Spring schedule, the handling fee for processing a refund will be \$20.



DuPage Art League Members, we have just a few more days to collect paper towels, toilet paper and tissue for our supplies. There is a collection box right by the front desk. We appreciate your donations!

Art Studio Downsizing Sale
Open Studio, 1 - 4 pm
February 11

2 drawer file cabinet
portfolios,
table drawing boards
heavy duty painting
stretchers
drawing pads
frames
art supplies
paintings
monotypes
and prints

Maureen McKee
9s200 Stearman
Drive Naperville
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HAVE YOU STARTED CREATING WARHOL-INSPIRED ART?

Our June 2023 Gallery I exhibit theme is "Pop Art Inspired by Andy Warhol. Try your hand at creating pop art." This show is a chance to celebrate and recognize our Art League volunteers - entry by invitation only.

There will also be some opportunities to show your Warhol inspired art in businesses in downtown Wheaton! You won't want to miss this!

SAVE THE DATE!

In the afternoon on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, April 23 we will have members-only Warhol community gatherings at the Art League.

Join us to learn more about Andy Warhol's life, work and artistic processes.

Discover ideas to help you create work inspired by Warhol and connect with your fellow Art League members!

Yuletide Treasures... finished for another year!

Yvonne Thompson-Yuletide Treasures Chair

We totaled \$13,539.25 in Yuletide sales this year, just \$36.75 less than last year! Not bad as we had to close because of the weather one day. Six Hundred and one items sold in 51 days. And 44 artists received checks for work sold in Yuletide and the Gift Shop during that time. Congratulations and thank you all.

The top ten artists are listed below in alphabetical order and the items they produced, as I am often asked "What sells?"

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| Sue Dix - Pottery | Billie McKee - Outside crafter who is now a member! |
| Margie Fazio - Pottery and fused glass | Woven textiles |
| Barbara Hollow - Outside crafter...Ornaments and home decor | Anne Nieman - Outside crafter....Knitted items |
| Wilda Kemp - Jewelry, cards, ornaments | Ken Stagg - Outside crafter.....wood turning |
| Liesl Mann - Mittens, ornaments and home decor | Yvonne Thompson - Ornaments, Jewelry, Yardigans and cards |
| | Deborah Young - Outside crafter...Girlfriend dolls |

My right hand woman, Wilda Kemp, has graciously accepted the role of co-chair for next year's show and together we are planning ways to streamline the show, receiving and removing stock. One thing some of you will be pleased to hear is thanks to Jan Weiland we will now will be able to offer an online fillable inventory sheet! You will still have to print it out to bring in with your Yuletide items, but this should help some of you. Don't worry the printed versions will still be available for those of you who prefer to enter your items hand written.

I was truly blessed with a LOT of help this year. THANK YOU all who helped in some way. It is sad, but still a few exhibitors couldn't fit helping into their schedule. Next year there will be new requirements as EVERYONE has to do a minimum of 4 hours to help if you want to be in this show.

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Gallery, School & Gift Shop



In Partnership with:

MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM – February 20, 2023

Painting the Portrait in Oil

Monday, Feb. 20 • 6:30 pm • hybrid



Clayton Beck will show how to work from life in oil paints. It's not that complicated and he will demonstrate the ease of oil painting from life during this hybrid Monday Night Program.

Register for this free program by using either of the links below

In Person: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-oil-portraits-person>

Or virtual: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-oil-portraits-virtual>

OR

**Point your phone
camera at the QR code**

