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# newsletter

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

### Are you a social media fan?

Do you know that the DuPage Art League regularly posts on Facebook and Instagram? We do this for several reasons.

- It's part of our commitment to promote the visual arts through education, exhibits and outreach.
- It increases the League's visibility in the community with timely, relevant updates about the Art League and other local art news.
- It promotes our members and artists with regular postings of our Gallery I & II exhibits, receptions and monthly award winners.
- It alerts our community to upcoming classes, workshops, art demonstrations and membership advantages.
- It promotes our unique Gift Shop and the sales that help to sustain the Art League's continued presence in the community.
- It also highlights bits of art history for our awareness and enjoyment.

If you aren't already a fan of our DPAL media presence, check us out. "Like Us" and "Follow Us" as we work to build our presence in DuPage County with this easy and enjoyable communication tool.

### Like to build your own presence on social media?

We would love to see and celebrate *your* artwork on Instagram. If you tag us with @dupageartleague or #dupageartleague when you post photos of your art, we can find and "like" your posts. And if you mention you are a DPAL member or describe a DPAL class you took in the text of the post, we can share and applaud your work in our Instagram stories!

### Not yet on social media?

Go to Instagram.com or Facebook.com and create an account. Or, download one of the apps from your smartphone or tablet App Store. Once you get started, all you need is a valid email address, plus some basic information like your name. You can add profile photos and more information later if you choose.

Break the winter doldrums and "test drive" what's on our DPAL social media sites. One of these sites may be the perfect way for you to enjoy our publicity team's efforts to keep us all informed.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn

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We are so lucky  
to be a part of  
the Dupage Art  
League



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### Lucky in Art



The DuPage Art League does not discriminate nor tolerates harassment on the basis of race color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, genetic information or any other characteristic.

## Board Notes - February Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Bayer reported that we are right on budget for income. We are a little over on expenses for the period, due to cost of classes which is more than budgeted. This will be adjusted in the budget for Y24. The DPAL has 16 months of reserves.

**Education:** Kathy Szeszol reported registration for Winter Session B went well. As of the board meeting there were 126 adult classes sold and the children's classes were selling slower. She is looking to add a mixed media artist for future classes.

**Membership:** Lori Tucker reported we have a total of 330 members at this time. That is an increase of 21% over this time last year.

**Activities:** Sandy Winter reported that January's Monday Night Program featured Kay Wahlgren Watercolor painting. There were 32 people in attendance at the library and 124 people who attended virtually. Sandy said the feedback was extremely positive!

The February Monday Night demo will feature Clayton Beck, "Painting the Portrait in Oil". It is a hybrid program.

**Publicity:** Mary Kate Venturini along with Misty Alvis have been working on the March "We Are Women" Art Exhibit in partnership with the Downtown Wheaton Association.



### In Memoriam

Mary Avery (Midge) Anderson, beloved wife of DuPage Art League Past President Daniel Anderson passed away peacefully on January 27, 2023. Midge was a long time member of the art league and took both water color and pastel classes. Members may recognize Midge, if not by name, by her picture. A celebration of her well lived life will be held in the spring. Those of us who knew Midge will miss her.



### 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.

## Members in the News

**Valerie Lorimer** received a Best of Theme award for her piece, Colors of the World, in the Naperville Art League's February exhibit.

## • YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

### ART LEAGUE BOARD ELECTIONS

DuPage Art League Board Officers are elected in April of each year and assume duties at the May board meeting. The slate of officers was announced in the February newsletter. Part of the board is elected in even years and the rest in odd numbered years. A member is elected for a 2 year term and may succeed him/herself one time in the same position. The slate of candidates for this year is as follows:

Secretary	Maeva Cook
Treasurer	Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities	Sandra Winter
VP Membership	Amy Tran
VP Publicity	Mary Kate Venturini

The slate sent to you in the newsletter asked for any additional nominations. None were received by deadline of February 15, 2023.

Your official ballot and instructions for voting will be sent to you mid-March using Constant Contact. Voting deadline will be **April 14, 2023**

Ballots will be counted on **Monday April 17, 2023.**

Ballots will also be available at the front desk. You must be a member to vote.

Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid, Presidents Emeritae

### 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  
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# GALLERY | February 2023 Exhibit - Diversity for a Better World



**Best of Show:**  
**Janet Pearson-Strack**  
 Gavin, Oil

Judges Comments: Great use of color and composition. The sitter truly feels in the space and his expression is relaxed and in his pose. I feel I know a little something about Gavin by looking at this piece. emotional response.



**Best Theme: Fran Puglise**  
 Carpe Diem, Pastel

Judges Comments: This piece is so expressive and seeing their joy takes me to a "better world." I love the loose medium. It brings energy to this piece as does the color choices. Nice medium/subject balance.



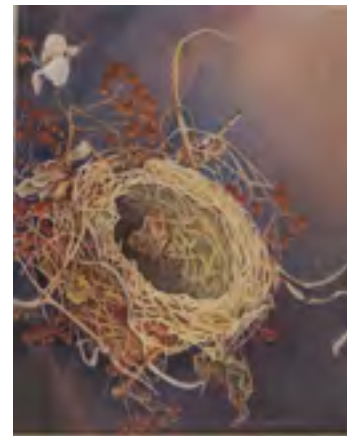
**Special Merit: Joan Kalmanek**  
 In the Produce Section, Photo

Comments: The photos are beautiful, clear, and colorful. Lovely use of medium. The composition really captured me.



**Special Merit: Jennifer Hauser**  
 Cats in Church, Ink & Colored Pencil

Comments: The line work and detail are so full of character. The design of the tree/ church makes me so curious to go inside and hear what they are talking about. Also there are some very fine details that reward me close and suck me into the story.



**Special Merit: Judith Shepelak**  
 Such a Beautiful Home, Colored Pencil  
 Comments: Gorgeous expert application of medium. Lively color and detail truly is a beautiful home.

## MERIT AWARDS:

1. Pat Armbruster, Caroline in London, Oil
2. Sue Thomas, Cracked, Charcoal
3. Theresa Lyon, Grandmother's Fruit Bowl, Watercolor
4. Malina Kumari, Ancient Tattoo Art, Painting
5. Amy Tran, My Wedding Shoes, Pastel
6. Barbara Finn, The Water Carrier, Pastel
7. Susan R. Wilson, Mucky Waters, Oil
8. Tania Blanco, Outstretched Hands, Collage
9. Tom Finn, Tribal Dignity, Scratchboard
10. Julie Keating, Standing Guard, Watercolor
11. C. R. Showalter, Ride 'em, Pastel



*Picture taken February 22, 2023, no joke!*



# March Member Exhibit to be Judged by Christine Rabenold



Christine Rabenold, MFA, is a Chicago-based artist and an associate professor of Art at North Central College, where she served as the Coordinator of the Art Department from 2013-2017 and as the Chair of Art and Design from 2017-2022. Additionally, she served as the Student Gallery Director from 2009 until 2019. She teaches a variety of courses in ceramics, sculpture, three-dimensional design and advanced studies, and co-led a December Abroad Seminar Course, Art and Memory in Italy with Classics professor Micheal de Brauw from 2014-2018. Christine received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Tyler School of Art/Temple University and a Master of Fine Arts degree at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She was born in Lehigh, Pennsylvania. To see her works: <https://www.christinerabenold.com>

## 2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

		Drop off:			Drop off
<b>March</b>	<b>SPRING INTO ACTION</b>	Mar 1-2	<b>July</b>	<b>EXOTIC PLACES</b>	Jun 28-29
Weather is warming, plants are sprouting, so is your art.			There are so many different places that you may have travelled or seen.		
<b>April</b>	<b>CREATURES, PETS</b>	Mar 29-30	<b>August</b>	<b>MASTERS, FABULOUS FAKES</b>	Jul 26-27
So many animals inhabit this wonderful world and keep us company.			Learn skills by imitating master artists of the past.		
<b>May</b>	<b>GREEN THUMB</b>	April 26-27	<b>September</b>	<b>GOLDEN HARVEST</b>	Aug 30-31
Plants, gardens, flowers, you can make it bloom in your art.			Wonderful vegetables, fruits, the earth is so plentiful.		
<b>June</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS SHOW – POP ART</b>	May 31-Jun 1	<b>October</b>	<b>FEAST FOR THE EYES</b>	Sept 27-28
(INSPIRED BY ANDY WARHOL). Try your hand in creating pop art. See what Andy Warhol has done and make it your own.			May it be food, flowers, beautiful sunsets or sunrises.		
<i>See page 7.</i>			<b>November/December YULETIDE TREASURES</b>		

### Transparent Watercolor Society of America 2023 Watercolor Workshops



**Michael Holter, TWSA**

June 7-9 Loose and Free:  
Figures and Portraits  
June 12-14 Landscape/  
Cityscape: Painting  
Outside the Lines

**Laurie Goldstein-Warren, TWSA**

June 7-9 Cityscapes  
that Sparkle  
June 12-14 Textures,  
Temperatures and  
Figures



### COMING SOON -

#### *Wheaton Women's Art Exhibit*

In March, look for the 3rd annual **We are Women Art Exhibit** in business around Wheaton!

This exhibit celebrates Women's History Month (March). Artwork from 12 of our members and teachers will be featured in women owned businesses around Downtown Wheaton. Maps will be available at the front desk in early March.

Space is still available for workshops hosted by TWSA at the Kenosha Public Museum in June. For more information go to [www.watercolors.org](http://www.watercolors.org) or contact Carlotta at [workshops@watercolors.org](mailto:workshops@watercolors.org) or 262-945-3744.

# Gallery II - March

By Maryann Staroscik

The DPAL is excited to present the art of **Cathy Raef-Dunnigan** for the month of March.

Cathy grew up in a neighborhood of Chicago with her interest in art beginning as a child, watching her grandfather sketching at the kitchen table and being in awe of the paintings he created. She has sketched, drawn and painted ever since.

Cathy studied drawing at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. When she retired from a successful marketing career six years ago, she joined the DuPage Art League where she took classes in color theory, acrylic and oil painting. She also attended palette knife painting workshops. In addition, she studied color pencil with Beechtree Studio in Geneva, IL. She was an active participant in the Plein Aire and



*Ring of Beara, Acrylic*

Front Street Salon groups and helped to curate Gallery I exhibits at the DuPage Art League.



*Chamoix Guides, Colored Pencil*

She moved to Minnesota last summer and wasted no time in becoming an active member of her town's Art Lab, sharing her expertise by teaching color pencil workshops.

She and her husband are avid travelers and photographers. The photos serve as references for much of her work. Cathy is accomplished in four media; acrylic, oil, color pencil and graphite. Her choice is based on the subject matter along with, when and where she will be working.

Outside of art fairs, Cathy's work has been displayed at the Kavanagh Gallery in St. Charles, the Hopkins Art Center in Minnesota and in the DuPage Art League, where she has earned numerous awards for her stunning art. Cathy's color pencil window series was recently featured in Color Pencil Magazine. Her art is owned by lucky collectors in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, California and New Mexico.

Cathy says nothing compares to the connections she makes with those who recognize and want to own a scene she has drawn or painted. You will find her talking art and travel at Art Fairs in Illinois and Minnesota each summer.

Keep up with Cathy at [facebook.com/ArtbyCARD](https://www.facebook.com/ArtbyCARD) or at [instagram.com/Art\\_by\\_CARD](https://www.instagram.com/Art_by_CARD)

This beautiful collection of her work will run the month of March in Gallery II.

**The reception for Cathy Dunnigan is March 5th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, at Gallery II**

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

In case you didn't know...

**Gallery II** is the special side room off the main gallery at the DPAL. This space is for DPAL members who have received qualifying awards in the regular monthly shows and for other special shows.

*You need 15-20 points in awards from regular shows and must be a continuous member without interruption of the DPAL. See page 13 of the Activity Guide for more information.*

# Help Wanted and Other Mini Ads

**Drafting Tables - Free to a good home. Must have transportation abilities. Pick them up with a pick up! The tables are in Winfield.**

**Table dimensions: Top: 60" x 38"  
Table: length: 55", width: 29 1/2", height: 35 1/2" (with top height: 37")**

**Contact David Tyznik: 630-465-7513**



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## 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.

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## 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  
DPAL Office Manager  
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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!

Did you know that Warhol had 25 cats, all named Sam? We will be showcasing this fun fact with a window display of cat portraits in June. Sign-up will be open to the first 25 respondents. Sign-Up/Details coming soon.

### SAVE THE DATE!

In the afternoon on **Sunday, March 19** and **Sunday, April 23** we will have member 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! Our first session will be a **FREE** art lecture on Andy Warhol. The talk will be given by Julia Walker, the assistant Curator at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art. It will be open to all so bring a friend, especially one who may be interested in the Art League!



### “Why am I having trouble getting into the website when I try to sign up online?”

A few of you have complained that you can't purchase classes when we "go live". First, remember to sign in to your account and check you have the correct password before you try to purchase your class. It is worth doing this before the 3pm deadline, even the day before.

Once you are logged in to your account, remember to go to "SHOP", and then CLASSES. You cannot access the classes from the .pdf of all the classes listed.

So you have the class in your cart and you are trying to check out, but nothing is happening. I think the sketch from Wes Douglas (thanks Wes!) sums it up. The system can only process one credit card at a time, even though it only take seconds, with so many of you trying to sign up it can slow down the system. It's like everyone trying to get into a party.....80 of you are outside trying to get in, but only one person can get through the door at a time! Be patient and keep trying.

Also if you make a mistake on entering your credit card number a few times it may cause the system to lock you out. This is for your protection, just in case your card has been stolen. If this happened you will have to call Yvonne, or Jennifer our Treasurer to release the block on your card.

I do watch the sales as they come in for the first hour and if I see your card has failed a couple of times I will try to call you. Also remember you will get an email if the charge went through, so please do check your email address when you sign on.

It will be a few more weeks before you can try this again, for Session C, but I hope this helps.

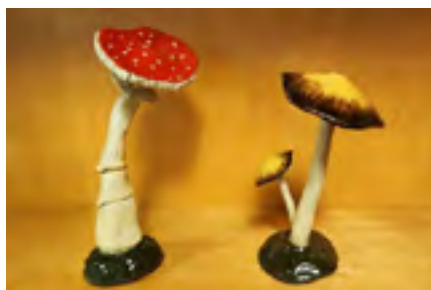
Yvonne  
Business Manager

3.01 pm Saturday when new classes are released!



# Whimsical Creativity through Pottery

Monday, Mar. 20 • 6:30 pm • hybrid



Our next **MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM** will feature potter **Karen Smith**. Karen will explain the differences between pottery and ceramics, along with various techniques that should be used to create a lasting piece of art. Techniques that include throwing on a wheel, slab building, coil building, and basic sculpting will be discussed. She will be demonstrating some of these techniques using air dry clay to create a whimsical wind chime that you can try at home. This is a hybrid program. You are invited to join us in person as we host her at the Wheaton Public Library or watch from the comfort of your couch.

To register for this free program, please click the link below

Registration: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-whimsical-creativity-through-pottery>

## Restocking the GIFT SHOP.

The **gift shop** is ready for your new items. Please contact Yvonne ([giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com](mailto:giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com)) if you have work you would like to enter -- especially if you'll need barcodes.