



April, 2023

newsletter

President's Letter

Let's talk about succession planning.

Perhaps you're familiar with this topic from your current or past career or maybe you've never heard the term before. It's a very important concern among corporate level executives because it's about who will lead the company when current management leaves or retires.

But it's not just for corporations or big business. It applies similarly to any sized company or organization that wants to ensure a smooth transition into the future. It applies to nonprofits and it applies to the DuPage Art League!

Our humble art league has been in existence for 66 years. Intelligent, caring, insightful and generous members have guided it throughout. We have current members who could well see our 100 th anniversary in 44 more years. Maybe you fall into that category. As a board, we want to do what we can to ensure that future.

During our strategic planning process last Fall, we recognized that succession planning needs to be part of our strategy. While we don't have employees to promote within our organization, we have our members. For the future of the DPAL we need to train and prepare members to fill crucial rolls within the league.

Each person on the board needs a successor after their two or four year term. How do we prepare them for these leadership roles? We can leave some notes for them, but how much richer to grow into those roles by some years of active and fun involvement with the league.

You will be seeing postings on Constant Contact and in our newsletter for volunteers to help with some of the many tasks that keep the art league vibrant and moving forward. We also are recognizing gaps in some of our skills that need filling. We'll be looking for some people who have backgrounds in these areas.

Help us to build a strong talent pipeline. Keep your eye on our volunteer postings and join the fun of being a part of our DPAL team.

Till next month,
Mary Lynn Sullivan
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*Spring C Session
class schedule
available now!
Members sign up online
on April 1, at 3 pm*

**For even MORE
fun at the DPAL,
ask a friend to
join!**

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Board Notes - March Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer Bayer Reports that we are in good financial shape, we have 16 months of reserves. She is planning the Budget for 2024.

Past President's Report:

Diana Mitchell has sent out the ballots for the DuPage Art League 2023 Board. Voting Deadline is April 14th.

Education:

Kathy Szeszol will have finalized the class schedule for Winter Session C. Registration for members will be on April 1, 2023

Office Management:

Barb Finn reported there was a good response to the appeal for volunteers. There are 3 volunteers training this week for the front desk. It would be good to get a few more volunteers.

Publicity:

Mary Kate Venturini gave us a list of activities planned for DuPage Art League's celebration of Andy Warhol.



REGARDING DPAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Ballots were sent to all members via Constant Contact email on March 15, 2023.

If you wish to vote but did not download the ballot, you may pick up a copy at the art league front desk. Staffers will check your membership but will not look at your ballot. Those of you who downloaded the ballot may mail it to the league. **Mark your envelope "Ballot Enclosed."** Ballots must be returned by 5 P.M. on April 4, 2023.

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

D. Mitchell/CKincaid, Presidents Emeritae



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

April 19, 2023 (Wednesday) from 5-6:30 p.m. Teen Acrylic Painting – Wheaton Public Library. **Margaret Bucholz** will lead up to 12 teens in painting Waterfalls on 8x10 canvas.

Arts DuPage's Rare Glimpse Exhibit at Oesterle Library, 320 School Street, Naperville, from March 27 through May 5.

Margaret Bucholz had her entry, "Dancing with Paint," accepted for inclusion.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Sunday, March 19 (or "last Sunday" depending on when this goes out) for our free art lecture: "Andy Warhol - The American Dream."

We saw great turn out from members and non-members alike, and we all got to sample Misty Alvis' delicious charcuterie spread!

Diana Martinez, Executive Director of Warhol: Portfolios in Pop, and Director of the McAninch Arts Center, shared the background of Andy Warhol and his journey as a first-generation immigrant from Carpatho-Rusyn roots, to living in industrial tenements in the outskirts of Pittsburgh, to an Iconic Superstar in NYC. She included fascinating information on his influences and artistic processes, especially blotted line and silkscreen. If you'd like to learn more, you can check out this youtube video about his unique silkscreen process: [https://youtu.be/O8HB2cQm_Agqr-code\(2\).png](https://youtu.be/O8HB2cQm_Agqr-code(2).png)



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 I March 2023 Exhibit - Spring Into Action



Best of Show: Danielle Crilly
Easter Aunties, Pastel

Judges Comments: (L) Well done. Captures the theme of show, but also extends beyond the theme to stand on its own. The technique and concept pair well and captivates the viewer to keep looking, but also creates a sense of warmth and welcoming.

Judges Comments: (R) Well done! Speaks to the theme. The attention to detail is outstanding and the perspective of composition work well and creates a sense of space in the image and brings the viewer into the landscape.



Best Theme: Judith Shepelak
Fantasy Garden II, Colored Pencil



Special Merit: Mary Kate Venturini
The Beast, Colored Pencil

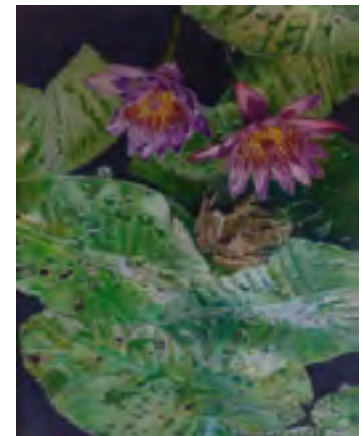
Comments: Nice handling of the colored pencil and shifting the scale to be larger than real life captures the viewer's attention and makes them take the time to look at the details which echoes prior actions. Also fits the theme in a unique manner.



Special Merit: Sally Sharp
Spring Explosion, Oil/Cold Wax

Comments: The scale, color, and overall handling of the oil/wax captures the viewer's attention and creates a sense of warmth.

*The March exhibit was Judged by:
Christine Rabenold*



Special Merit:
Janet Pearson Strack
Among the Petals, Oil

Comments: Nice handling of oil and capturing the details in the lily pads. You were able to show the dew/water droplets effectively and details of the frog.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Roseanna Gomer, Garden of Geneva, Pastel
2. Julie Keating, Springing, Watercolor
3. Mary McHugh, Spring on the Lake, Mixed Media
4. Chris Hughes, Spring Dance, Acrylic
5. Joan Kalmanek, Spring Joy, Photo
6. Susan Wilson, Summer Yellows, Oil
7. Margaret Bucholz, Spring into Action with Art, Acrylic
8. Ralph Furmanski, Irises, Watercolor
9. Gary Chipman, Snow Drops, Gouache
10. Carol Kincaid, The Ledge #2, Oil Pastel
11. Maryann Staroscik, Song Bird in My Garden, Mixed Media
12. Tom Finn, Sun Kissed, Watercolor

NEXT on Exhibit:
Creatures, Pets
Drop Off March 29-30

Get your paws on those paints!

April Exhibit, Creatures, Pets, to be Judged by Vicki Liszewski

Vicki grew up in Monona Wisconsin and lives in Lombard Illinois. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison as an art major with an area of emphasis in drawing and completed a B.S.E. in art at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

Beginning in high school she spent most of her working life as a graphic designer, typographer, web designer and corporate Art Director with brief stints as a K-12 art teacher and a not-for-profit office manager.

After retirement she was able to renew her interest in fine art. She has taken classes at area art leagues and many workshops with nationally known watercolor artists. Vicki is a member of the DuPage Art League, the Nature Artists Guild of the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Pastel Painters. Her work has won awards at the Danada Nature Art Show, the DuPage Art League and been featured in the "Nature Artists Quarterly" of the Nature Artists Guild.



2021 DPAL Theme Award:
Vicki Liszewski
Cock of the Walk, Watercolor



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

*3rd Annual
We are Women
Art Exhibit*

Artwork from 12 of our members and eachers are featured in women owned businesses around Downtown Wheaton to celebrate Women's History Month.

Maps are available at the front desk. Go for a walk to check it out before it endss on March 31!

THANK YOU to **Misty Alvis** for getting this show ready, especially for scouting out all the business and delivering the artwork!

2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

Drop off:

April **CREATURES, PETS** Mar 29-30
So many animals inhabit this wonderful world and keep us company.

May **GREEN THUMB** April 26-27
Plants, gardens, flowers, you can make it bloom in your art.

June **VOLUNTEERS SHOW – POP ART** May 31-Jun 1
(INSPIRED BY ANDY WARHOL). Try your hand in creating pop art. See what Andy Warhol has done and make it your own.

July **EXOTIC PLACES** Jun 28-29
There are so many different places that you may have travelled or seen.

August **MASTERS, FABULOUS FAKES** Jul 26-27
Learn skills by imitating master artists of the past.

September **GOLDEN HARVEST** Aug 30-31
Wonderful vegetables, fruits, the earth is so plentiful.

October **FEAST FOR THE EYES** Sept 27-28
May it be food, flowers, beautiful sunsets or sunrises.

November/December **YULETIDE TREASURES**

Gallery II - April

Pamela Hamilton

By Maryann Staroscik

The DuPage Art League is happy to highlight the vibrant art of **Pamela Hamilton** for the month of April!

Says Pamela: "For me, art is like breathing. It has always been in me, it just had to get out. As a toddler, I would stick my hands in my mom's plants and use the dirt to paint the walls." From this earthly beginning, she has blossomed into an award-winning pastel artist and teacher.



She attended Chicago's School of the Art Institute, then later studied graphic design. She began her career in print and publishing, eventually becoming Art Director of **Country Sampler Magazine**.

The twists and turns of her life and career shaped her perspective and technique, and in 2012 she made the leap-of-faith decision to pursue art full-time. Pamela's words: "I'm inspired by the beauty all around me and from there it's all about color and seeking the light." She enjoys painting with oils and acrylics, but finds soft pastels more conducive for her lifestyle; "Soft pastels are immediate and versatile. They are portable, tactile and rich in saturation. I love their buttery, paint-like quality."

Pamela is represented by Edgewood Orchard Galleries in Fish Creek, WI. She is a Signature member of both the Pastel Society of America and the Chicago Pastel Painters and an associate member of the American Impressionist Society, American Women Artists and DuPage Art League.



Participating in more than 100 exhibits, including top-ranking fine art fairs, juried international competitions and solo exhibits, she has earned four awards for Best of Show and dozens of awards in other categories.

Some of her noteworthy accomplishments:

2021 - Feature article in the August/September 2021 issue of International Artist Magazine

2021 - Faculty Member of the 1st Annual Pastel Live-A Global Virtual Art Conference

2018 - Richeson Soft Pastels custom curated an instructor set of Pastels, "Pamela Hamilton Basics and Brights", available JudsonsArt.com

2017 - Hamilton's painting "Haytime" was featured on Ampersand Pastelbord's Spring Retail Promotion

Plan to take some time to view the beautiful art of **Pamela Hamilton** in **Gallery II**. You won't be disappointed! Her work will be on display the entire month of April.

*Pam Hamilton's reception
at the Gallery
will be held
Sunday, April 2nd, 2-4 pm*

at

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.



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25 CATS NAMED SAM - WINDOW EXHIBIT

DPAL Members' Art to celebrate Andy Warhol and Support a Local Animal Shelter

Did you know that Warhol had 25 cats, all named Sam? We will be showcasing this fun fact with a window display of 25, 8"x 8" cat portraits in June. The 25 pieces will create ONE cohesive piece of art. Each piece must be for sale, and all proceeds will be donated to a local animal shelter!

Sign-up for entry will be open to the first 25 respondents.

Paint your cat on an 8"x8" piece of paper or canvas board. Digital art is accepted too. Photography not accepted. Artwork is due May 19. We will feature each cat and artist on our social media page (if you'd like)!

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Date! **Warhol** Member Gathering

Our second Warhol Member Gathering will be Sunday, April 23 at 2pm.

Join us to share your ideas or in-progress work with your fellow Art League members! We will come together to share inspiration, ideas, and encouragement in a supportive environment.

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!



More on the Andy Warhol event:

<https://www.theccma.org/warhol>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8HB2cQm_Ag

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



We need you!

The DuPage Art League Publicity/Communications team needs help with Marketing, Graphic Design, PR, Social Media, Website Updates, Email Communication, and more! Much of the work can be done from home on your own schedule. If you are interested to learn more about joining this team, contact Mary Kate Venturini: mk.f.venturini@gmail.com.



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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Enjoy your membership even MORE by volunteering! You meet more people! The Dupage Art League depends on people like you.

Final Monday Night Program of the Season!

We will be wrapping up our 2022-2023 Monday Night Program this April 17, 2023, with a virtual presentation by Fiber/Portrait artist, Faith Humphrey Hill. Ms. Hill will share how she utilizes hacked knitting machines from the 1950's-1980's to transfer original drawings into knit animations and tapestries that are 5'x 7' tall. This program is a virtual program and can be viewed from the comfort of your couch! Please register by clicking on this link:

<https://wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-knitting-machine-portraits>



Monday Night Programs will return in the fall.

Watch your email, Instagram (@dupageartleague), Facebook, and classroom bulletin boards for more information!