



May, 2023

# newsletter

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

### Learning to love our KPI's.

This past month, the Board discussed how we begin to measure the success of our various strategic plan objectives over the next three years.

If you are not familiar with the term KPI's, it stands for **Key Performance Indicators**. These are targets we track to understand progress toward a goal.

In your daily life, you may use KPI's to track the number of steps you take each day, or the growth of your 401k. Schools use KPI's to determine if their students are reaching expected standards for their age and grade level. These results are frequently conveyed by graphs of one sort or another. KPI's help us assess progress.

All kinds of data can be tracked, but what makes sense in our situation? We have five Strategic Goals, so we'll want to watch our growth in these areas—Growing Membership, Increasing Revenue, Improving Efficiency, Increasing Member Involvement and Outreach.

More specifically, we may decide to measure the breakout of students by art medium—how many students take drawing classes and how many take watercolor classes. Knowing this information might then inform us on whether we need to increase the number of instructors in one medium or another.

We certainly will want to track the number of attendees at the various free public programs that we offer throughout the year. This is an important part of our Mission and Vision and we take pride in this outreach to the community.

As the months go on, we'll be gathering data and creating the bar graphs and circle graphs that will show us how we are doing. Assembling these and reviewing them will be both interesting and informative. When we get this process up and running, I'm sure we will find ways to share these with you. We make these efforts to ensure the strength and vitality of our organization and to make sure that our members enjoy and thrive through our programs, classes and friendships.

Till next month,  
Mary Lynn Sullivan  
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**WE ARE  
GETTING  
SO CLOSE  
TO WARHOL  
TIME!**

**Save the Date:  
Pop Art Reception  
June 9th  
7-9 pm  
See page 2  
and 6**

**DPAL's Member POP  
Art entry due:  
May 31- June 1**

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# Board Notes - April Meeting

## Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer Bayer reported that we continue to do well with the budget. We have 15 months of reserves. Jennifer is finalizing the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

## Education:

Kathy Szeszol applied for and received a grant from the DuPage Community Foundation for "Try Me Art" program for the community.

**Activities:** Sandy Winter said the March Monday Night Program by Karen Smith was well attended at the Wheaton Public Library and on Zoom. Sandy received many positive comments on the demonstration.

**Membership:** Amy Tran reported our membership continues to grow. We now have 385 members.



## Members in the News - Airwaves!!!

### DPAL on the Airwaves

Gary Zidek of WDCB toured our WE ARE WOMEN art exhibit around Downtown Wheaton. Take a listen to this great radio piece!

<https://theartssection.org/home/2023/3/27/suburb-celebrates-womens-history-month-with-art-exhibit>



### 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.

## Save the Date!

### June Gallery I Volunteer Show & Opening Reception



Our June 2023 Gallery I theme is "Pop Art Inspired by Andy Warhol. Try your hand at creating pop art." Join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, June 9 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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



### Board Election Results from April 14, 2023

With 57 votes cast, the nominating committee's slate was unanimously approved.

The following individuals will assume their positions at the May 11, 2023 board meeting:

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

### Congratulations to all and thank you for volunteering!

The Nominating Committee: Carol Kincaid, Diana Mitchell, Nancy Anderson, Maryann Staroscik and Ellen Rottsolk

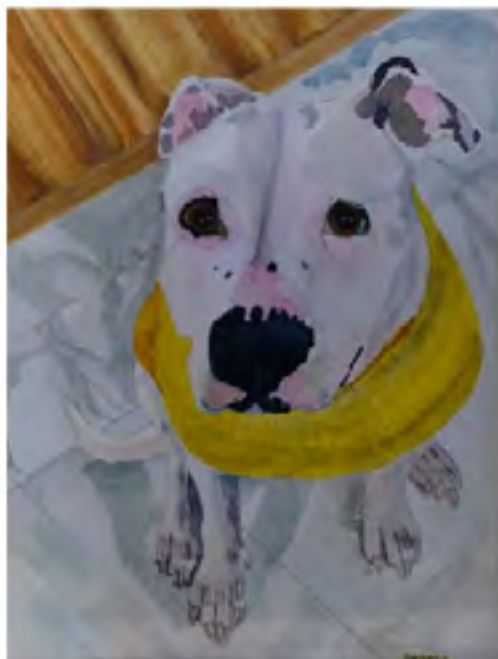
### DPAL Board 2022-2023

- 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
- dpalmembershipt@gmail.com

## GALLERY I April 2023 Exhibit - Creatures, Pets



**Best Theme:** Tom Finn  
**The Paws That Refreshed, Scratchboard**  
**Comments:** Nice composition, technically adept, fun subject.



**Best of Show:** Chris Nicholson  
**Her Name is Lola, Watercolor**  
**Judges Comments:** So often the only photo we can get of our pet is from looking up at us adoringly. Here that's made to work for the composition. The bright yellow draws us in. The pink and gray accents work well so the yellow doesn't overwhelm. Nice use of line and loose wash. Fun.



**Special Merit:** Kathy Sheers  
**Penny Mae, Rescue Kitty, Pastel**  
**Comments:** Really nice impressionist/ expressionist style. Composition and use of color make this grab the eye.



**Special Merit:** Fran Puglise  
**Ms. Meow Meow, Pastel**  
**Comments:** Lovely touch with the pastel to capture the fur. Great color variation on the fur too. The light and shadow add drama.

**The April exhibit was Judged by:**  
**Vicki Lieszewski**



**Special Merit:** Cynthia Cockriel  
**Making Breakfast, Pastel**  
**Comments:** Expert handling of the medium. The story draws you in.

**NEXT on Exhibit:**  
**Green Thumb**  
**Drop Off April 26-27**

### MERIT AWARDS:

1. Adele Dunn, Hello Dolly, Acrylic
2. Evalyn Holy, On My Way, Acrylic
3. Janet Pearson-Strack, The Bengal
4. Fred Toerpe, Goldfinch, Acrylic
5. Sandy Winter, Catnap, Graphite
6. Teresa Lyon, Ailurophobia, Watercolor
7. Barb Finn, Feeding Time, Pastel
8. Jeff Zawada, Hide and Seek #2, Pen & Ink & Watercolor
9. Nancy Anderson, In the Garden, Mixed Media
10. Barb Plichta, Let's Glide, Watercolor
11. Liesl Mann, Watching, Color Pencil
12. Sally Sharp, A Man and His Dog, Oil/Cold Wax

# May Exhibit, Green Thumb, to be Judged by Manon Crowley

Manon Crowley, M.Ed. is glass artist and illustrator living in Naperville.

Highlights of her career include: writing a craft book about gingerbread, teaching at the Corning Museum of Glass and other studios around the country, writing for several glass magazines, and serving as Children's Editor of American Cake Decorating Magazine.

Manon has taught every level, from Pre-K to community college to seniors in assisted living. She is one of the founding board members of the Baltimore County Arts Guild. Her work can be seen on her website at [www.manoncrowley.com](http://www.manoncrowley.com), or on Instagram @manoncrowley.



Deep Glass Floral



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

## Show Your Work!

We love to feature our members' work, accomplishments and updates on our Instagram account.

If you post your artwork, awards, gallery shows, or other updates, we can feature it through our Instagram profile!

Add "**#dupageartleague**" to the text of your post, and we will find it and share!



## 2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

**Drop off:**

- |   |                                  |              |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>May</b>  | <b>GREEN THUMB</b>               | April 26-27  |
| Plants, gardens, flowers, you can make it bloom in your art.  |                                  |              |
| <b>June</b>   | <b>VOLUNTEERS SHOW – POP ART</b> | 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. |                                  |              |
| <b>July</b>   | <b>EXOTIC PLACES</b>             | Jun 28-29    |
| There are so many different places that you may have travelled or seen.   |                                  |              |
| <b>August</b>   | <b>MASTERS, FABULOUS FAKES</b>   | Jul 26-27    |
| Learn skills by imitating master artists of the past.   |                                  |              |
| <b>September</b>  | <b>GOLDEN HARVEST</b>            | Aug 30-31    |
| Wonderful vegetables, fruits, the earth is so plentiful.  |                                  |              |
| <b>October</b>  | <b>FEAST FOR THE EYES</b>        | Sept 27-28   |
| May it be food, flowers, beautiful sunsets or sunrises.   |                                  |              |
| <b>November/December YULETIDE TREASURES</b>   |                                  |              |

# Gallery II - May

# Susan McLean

By Maryann Staroscik

The DuPage Art League is excited to exhibit the artwork of Susan Mclean in Gallery II.

As a child Susan began drawing and painting from the beautiful scenes in National Geographic Magazine, and first painted in oils – saving her weekly allowance to buy canvas and paint tubes.

Careers sometimes get in the way of creative pursuits; but Susan enjoyed an illustrious corporate career in color imaging science and technologies with a major manufacturer – thus always working alongside clients to improve their color imaging expectations and results.

Along came retirement from the corporate world and Susan joined the Dupage Art League – rekindling her love of the creative arts. Classes in drawing and painting, as well as volunteering at the front desk have provided continuous inspiration and the rewards of encouraging others to get back to what they love.



A passion for travel, nature, and exotic locations inspires her photography; and when weather, subjects, and lighting all cooperate the result can be an expressive photograph that is a work of art on its own. Being a purist, her photography is not manipulated or digitally enhanced.



She also uses her catalogue of images from around the world as well as our own back yard here in Wheaton to inspire “Paintings with a sense of Place” and the fun of reliving the spirit of a memorable destination.

Come and visit Susan’s exhibit in the month of May.



## Dupage Art League Friday Outdoor Sketchers - Plein Air Schedule Summer 2023

May 5	Danada Equestion Center, Wheaton	July 14	*Cantigny Park 1S 151 Windfield Rd. Wheaton
May 12	Lilacia Park, 150 S Park Ave, Lombard	July 21	Northside Park, 1300 N. West St. Wheaton
May 19	Churchill Park, 271 St. Charles Rd.		Near tennis courts on west side.
	Glen Ellyn (Just east of Bloomingdale Rd.)	July 28	Wilder Park Conservatory and Park, Elmhurst
May 26	*Morton Arboretum, West side,	August 4	Ball Seed Gardens, 622 Town Rd. West Chicago
	Thornhill Center, Lisle.	August 11	Wheaton Business District (meet at DPAL)
June 2	Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Entrance	August 18	Graue Mill, 3800 York Rd. Oak Brook
	off Butterfield Rd.	August 25	Blackwell F.P. Archery Area, W. Chicago
June 9	We Grown Dreams Greenhouse, 1055 W.	September 1	Hurley Gardens, Creekside Drive, Wheaton
	Washington St. West Chicago	September 8	Kline Creek Farm, Winfield
June 16	Windmill Park Fabyan F.P. 1500 Crissey	September 15	Fullersburg Nature Center, 3609 Spring Rd,
	Ave. Geneva (East side of Fox River off Rt 25)		Oak Brook
June 23	Theosophical Society, Wheaton (parking by	September 22	*Morton Arboretum, east side, Visitor Center, Lisle
	Quest Book Store, 306 W. Geneva Rd.)	September 29	Churchill Woods, F.P. St. Charles Rd Entrance,
June 30	Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Rd.		Glen Ellyn
	West Chicago	October 6	St. James Farm, Warrenville
July 7	Growing Place, 25W471 Plank Rd. Naperville		

\* Fee required



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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!

## HAVE YOU STARTED CREATING WARHOL-INSPIRED ART?

### June Gallery I Volunteer Show & Opening Reception

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. **All are invited to join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, June 9 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Bring a friend!**

We are partnering with the Downtown Wheaton Association to display Warhol inspired art by DPAL members in businesses in downtown Wheaton! **All artwork must be for sale.**

If you are interested in participating, email Mary Kate Venturini ([mk.f.venturini@gmail.com](mailto:mk.f.venturini@gmail.com)) by Friday, May 5. Please include estimated size and media.

More on the Andy Warhol event:

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8HB2cQm\\_Ag](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8HB2cQm_Ag)

# Help Wanted and Other Mini Ads

## HELP WANTED

Would you like to help the Exhibits Committee by calling on Judges for the monthly art league shows? Judges for the remainder of 2023 are already lined up, and our list of potential judges will streamline the process for 2024.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun role, you can assist Barb Plichta with her duties the rest of the year and learn the ropes for next year. If two people are interested, they can share the very simple responsibilities; i.e., meeting the judge on judging morning, making ribbons, and placing them on the winning pieces.

If you are interested, please contact Margaret Bucholz, VP, Exhibits by email at [margbucholz@comcast.net](mailto:margbucholz@comcast.net).



## We need you!

Do you have a background in Graphic Design or Commercial Arts? Do you enjoy using Instagram? If you answered yes to either of these, the DuPage Art League Publicity/Communications team needs your help! We'd love any and all assistance, even as little as the 4 hours/yr volunteer requirement. If interested in volunteering with us, contact Mary Kate Venturini: [mk.f.venturini@gmail.com](mailto:mk.f.venturini@gmail.com).



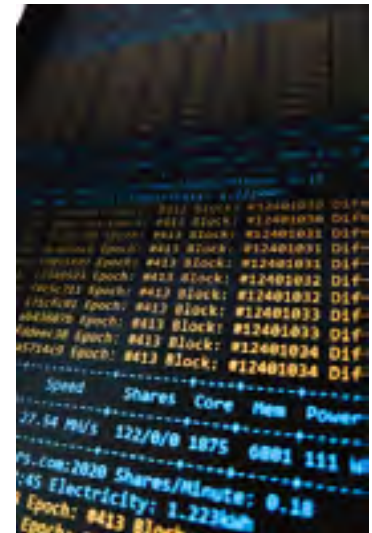
## FROM THE FRONT DESK:

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!  
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## A tale of wants, needs and opportunities...

Sheltered among our DPAL member artists there may be any number of IT professionals who have found that the pursuit of art is the perfect balance to their typical workdays of software, hardware and all things computer related. Bravo that they recognize this important and vital part of their life.

The DuPage Art League is looking now to these special people for help in planning and implementatng the necessary and important upgrades to our computer and security systems. Are you currently working in Information Technology? Are you recently retired from IT and up-to-date on computer trends? Do you have a friend with this experience who may be looking for an opportunity to share their experience with a not-for-profit on a tight budget?

We would love to talk with you about our needs and hear your professional suggestions on how best to proceed. If this sounds like something you would like to contribute to, please contact Yvonne Thompson, our Business Manager at:

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