



June 2023

# newsletter

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

### Mind the Gap!

If you ever visit London and use the London Underground railway system, also known as the Tube, you will hear the above warning by a recorded voice at every stop. "Mind the Gap" means be careful exiting the car—there's a gap between the train car and the platform. If you travel on it for a while, it gets drummed into your head. If you travel it with grandchildren, you'll hear it over and over all day long as they amuse themselves mimicking the electronic voice!

It's been eight years since my trip to London, but the expression still pops into my head from time to time as it did last week. I expect it was because I'd been giving considerable thought to the work of the Art League—the initiatives we've taken on as part of our strategic Plan, the organization of our Board of Directors and how well we currently function. **I saw gaps everywhere!**

Many VPs were trying to handle everything themselves. Others were clearly understaffed. Many of our Strategic Plan efforts were waiting in the wings till a VP could complete other work on her plate. You get the idea. We need more volunteers! You already know that and many of you have stepped up to help us one way or another. You'll continue to hear from us on this matter because as we see the gaps in our organization, we'll be trying to fill them.

"Minding the Gap" also applies to us as artists. We take classes at the art league because we see a gap in our artistic abilities and what we would like to be able to create. We start out studying watercolor and realize that we can't draw as well as we'd like. There's a gap that needs to be filled! So we insert a drawing class into that gap, get better at drawing, and continue on our path.

In our personal lives it's the same thing. One day we recognize that there is a gap in our life that needs to be filled. Maybe we need to get out more with friends. Maybe we need more time with family. Maybe we really need a vacation, or more exercise. Maybe we've lost a loved one and the gap is huge. It could be anything. Whatever the gap is, let's "Mind" it as best we can as we're stepping through our beautiful lives.

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

**Annual Meeting and Social:  
June 11  
2 - 4 pm**



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## Board Meeting Notes - May

**Treasurer:** Jennifer Bayer reports we had a great fiscal year due to team effort. We have 400 members and the Art Book donation program raised almost \$1000.00. We currently have 18 months of reserves; a three month increase from March 2023. The board has approved the budget for fiscal year 24.

**Education:** Kathy Szeszol will be looking to hire more teachers as we have lost some to attrition. The "Try Me" Program of 13 adult mini sessions and 5 children's mini sessions begins in May and continue through June and July.

**Building and Grounds:** Kay Wahlgren will be compiling a list of items that need to be addressed.

**Office Management:** Barb Finn reports there are more people interested in volunteering at the front desk. The plans for the June 11 Annual Meeting are all set.

**Publicity:** Mary Kate Venturini has been working on advertising for the Try Me classes and the upcoming Andy Warhol events.

## POP In for Volunteer Show!

The DuPage Art League is very excited to be presenting the upcoming Volunteer show in June. Highlighting the work of acclaimed artist Andy Warhol, our volunteers were invited to enter their interpretation of his style in their own personal artwork for all to enjoy.

The art league volunteers are not only talented artists themselves, but also offer their time and services to help build professional networks, and share art techniques and skills. They make certain the art league is an enjoyable, welcoming place giving all a chance to learn from people they might not meet otherwise.

Please stop by and view this excellent show in June.

Margaret Bucholz, V.P. Gallery I  
Maryann Staroscik, Gallery II

Next up in Gallery II...Robert Pennor

## Gouache Group Forming

Are you interested in Gouache as a medium? If so, consider attending the first, introductory meeting of a special interest group devoted to all things gouache on Thursday, June 8, at 4:00pm in the small classroom at the Art League. At future meetings, maybe once a month, we might get together to talk about the medium, get answers to questions, explain problems, trade recommendations, maybe do a simple still life occasionally. Anyone interested is invited. Stop by on Thursday, June 8, 4:00pm at the Art League.

Questions, call Parker Johnson, 630-204-9821.

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

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershipt@gmail.com by the 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.

## 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: Amy Tran

VP Office Management: Barbara Finn

VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Kate Venturini

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Carol Kincaid

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Wilda Kemp

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# Winners in Gallery I Exhibit: Green Thumb, May 2023



**Best of Show: Mary Lynn Sullivan**  
Hola Cholla, Pastel

*Beautifully rendered with color and depth, then perfectly matted and framed. A small treasure.*

**Judged by:**  
**Monon**  
**Crowley**



**Best Theme: Jeff Zawada**  
Luna's Garden, Pen & Ink, Watercolor

*Both the composition and the details draw the receiver in to explore the scene in depth.*



**Special Merit: Vicki Liszewski**  
Morning Meeting, Pastel

*Expertly captures a moment in time with the movement of the waves and the positions of the birds.*



**Special Merit: Joan Kalmanek**  
Protea Bouquet, Photo

*The arrangement of the green mesh and the blurred background elevate this work from a pretty picture into a work of art.*



**Special Merit: Jan Kloss**  
Hydrangeas, Acrylic

*With a simple arrangement and only a few colors, the artist both captured the bouquet and established a mood that the viewer might find melancholy, nostalgic, peaceful, or any other personal response.*

## MERIT AWARDS:

1. Fran Puglise, Goey Green! Soft Pastel
2. Dawn Halter, Red Ginger by Moonlight, Colored Pencil
3. Alice Sulinski, Magnolia, Pastel
4. Patrice Fegan, Cool Assortment, Mixed Media
5. Margaret Bucholz, Blue Poppies, Colored Pencil
6. Mindy MacDonald, The Iris, Watercolor

## MERIT AWARDS:

7. Barb Plichta, Untamed Vines, Watercolor
8. Beth Berry, Jewels of Spring, Acrylic
9. Jennifer Hauser, Infestation, Ink & Colored Pencil
10. Chris Hughes, Nature's Green Thumb, Oil
11. Marilyn Glover, Daisy Field, Watercolor
12. Cynthia Cockriel, Garden Roses, Pastel



# DPAL Scout Program Is Back...

By Carol Kincaid and Barb Finn

...And we were excited to host our first Brownie troop from Pleasant Hill Elementary School on May 16th! Sixteen scouts enjoyed doing a hands-on art project, followed by an educational tour of our galleries.

Here are a few pictures from the fun day:



We loved seeing so much enthusiasm about the paintings on display, and the girls were thrilled to be able to take their artwork home, in addition to a special gift. Three more scout troops are on the books for future visits and we look forward to many more to come. Scout leaders who attended were impressed with what our gallery and school have to offer and will be sure to spread the word.

Carol Kincaid

Barb Finn



## 2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
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	

## Member's (and Teacher's) Exhibit Spotlight: Ellen Rottsolk



# BLACK & WHITE TO COLOR

works in graphite, charcoal and pastel

BY **ELLEN ROTT SOLK**

April 15 - June 29  
Gallery 777 | Lisle Library



Pictures of the Rottsolk reception held on May 5th



# Books and More

## Our Art Book Sale

By Ewa K. Bacon

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed your gently read art books for sale in the DPAL gallery. You will notice the shelf by the front door. Please, do browse! I know that visitors who come into the gallery are also interested in books about individual artists, books on art techniques, a wide selection of monthly magazine issues, gallery catalogs and the like.



I'd like to call your attention to a book which is both rare and unusual. On the table in front of reception, you can inspect the 1939 book "A Treasury of American Prints." It is spiral bound and constructed so that you can successfully remove individual prints. There are 5 prints by Thomas Benton, 3 by George Grosz, 2 by Edward Hopper and 6 by Grant Wood! These are among one hundred etchings and lithographs by American artists collected in this pre-World War II book. Check it out online and you will see that you can have it here for a bargain price of \$25.

Please continue to bring your art books. Use the handy box in the library (south wall; on top of the shelf) to deposit your books and join in this handy, quiet, but successful small fundraiser for the DPAL.



## From the Library:

By Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

The following DVD titles have been added to the Library:

John Seerey-Lester's Master Series:

DVD 0025. Painting Animals in Oil.

DVD 0026. Painting Birds in Oil.

DVD 0027. Painting Birds in Acrylic.

DVD 0028. Painting Animals in Acrylic.

DVD 0029. Painting Atmosphere in Acrylic.

DVD 0030. Painting from the Outside in. By Jim Wilcox.

Part 1. Plein Air Study

Part 2. Studio Piece from Plein Air Study.

DVD 0031. Painting Wildlife in Acrylic. By Terry Isaac.

DVD 0032. Atmosphere & Mood in Watercolor. By Joseph Zbukvic.

DVD 0033. Planning your Painting. By Joseph Zbukvic.

DVD 0034. People at Work; Watercolors. By Joseph Zbukvic.

Enjoy!

Treasurer Jennifer Bayer reported that Library Book Sales totaled \$978 for the year.

Thank you for making our sales so successful!





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### **Volunteer Show Reception - SEE NEXT PAGE (Page 8)**

Join us for the Volunteer Exhibit Opening Reception on Friday, June 9 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are exhibiting, this is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to come see your work!

### **25 Cats Named Sam**

DPAL Members' Art to celebrate Andy Warhol and Support a Local Animal Shelter. Did you know that Warhol had 25 cats, all named Sam? Watch for a showcase of 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. You can bring home some beautiful art AND support animal welfare! Each piece will be for sale at \$35, all proceeds will go to a local animal shelter.

2023 JUNE EXHIBIT

# Pop Art

INSPIRED BY  
**ANDY WARHOL**

VISUAL ART CELEBRATING POP ART,  
ANDY WARHOL, AND THE EXHIBITING ARTISTS:  
DUPAGE ART LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS

## Opening Reception

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 • 6:00 - 8:00PM  
DUPAGE ART LEAGUE SCHOOL AND GALLERY  
218 W FRONT STREET • WHEATON, IL 60187

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