



July 2023

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

The Board was so pleased to have so many of your smiling faces at our 2023 Annual Members Meeting in June. Our VP of Office Management, Barb Finn, and her volunteers put together a lovely gathering that included refreshments, live music and a silent auction of donated artwork.

Our Treasurer, Jennifer Bayer, apprised us of the League's healthy financial status, and we acknowledged our two Presidents Emeritae, Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid, whose leadership prepared the board for this year's major work of creating a New Strategic Plan for the Art League.

In quick review:

July reviewed League's purpose, vision and mission.

August looked at League strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

September identified and prioritized goals for League's future.

October revealed six overarching goals, their impact and effort required.

November brought forth a Draft Strategic Plan with objectives and measures of success.

December approved five strategic goals through 2026 by all board members.

January detailed objectives, strategies, tactics and timelines.

February shared Five Strategic Goals in newsletter.

- Grow Membership
- Increase Revenue
- Improve Efficiency
- Increase Member Involvement
- Community Outreach

March highlighted importance of Social Media in increasing League's visibility.

April spoke to Succession Planning for leadership of future League boards.

May explained KPI's, or Key Performance Indicators, to evaluate progress toward goals.

June reminded us of the need to fill gaps in League's organization for continued success.

While that is a pretty quick spin through our year's work, I can assure you that it was challenging and engaging, and we look forward to reaching the goals we have set for our League. In all our communications to you, our members we will try to keep you up-to-date on what we're working on and invite you to be a part of our efforts by volunteering at the art league however you are able.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn Sullivan

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Cover Art Contest

We are looking for member art for our 2024 Activity Guide. We're giving you lots of time to create a drawing or painting for the cover. Although you may submit a full color file, it will be printed on the cover in one color. submit by Sept. 30, 2023 to: [Lori Tucker: dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com](mailto:lori.tucker@dpalmembershiplt@gmail.com)

PS: you win recognition!



2023
Activity Guide

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Gallery, School & Gift Shop
630-653-7090

...we're in the heart of Wheaton!
Cover art by Barb Plichta
Country Home, Wheaton

Last year's cover art by
Barb Plichta

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Board Meeting Notes - June

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer reports that we continue to do well. We have 14 months of reserves.

Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz said there were 69 entries in the June Volunteer Exhibit. Margaret has also sent the Themes for the 2024 exhibit schedule.

Membership: Amy Tran said we currently have 407 members, a 16% increase from last year.

Activities: Sandy Winter is currently working on contacting artists to for the 2024 Monday Night Demo Program.

Business Manager: Yvonne Thompson has found some wonderful new additions for this years Yuletide Treasures. She also found the new "OPEN" sign for the front windows.

Happy Independence Day!

Gouache Group Get-Togethers

Are you interested in Gouache as a medium? If so, consider attending the next meeting of a special interest group devoted to all things gouache on Thursday, July 13, at 3:00pm in the small classroom at the Art League. During these meetings we 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, July 13, 3:00pm 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.

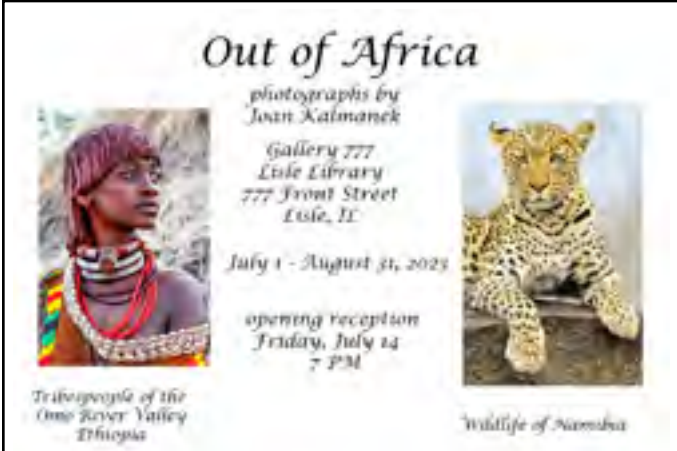
Gallery Updates

The June Pop Art show in **Gallery I** was not judged. The next show is Exotic Places. The theme covers places artists have travelled to or seen.

Due to a schedule change in **Gallery II**, the DPAL will show Pop Art in Gallery II during July.

The July Gallery I Show will be judged by David R. Becker, TWSA. David has worked as an illustrator for J. Walter Thompson and Foote Cone and Belding. He has taught classes extensively in watercolor, oils, and acrylics. He has written books and articles and received numerous awards in watercolor. Many of his paintings are in Chicago homes and businesses, especially Starbucks coffee shops. See David's website for his 'exotic places' and other paintings. www.beckerart.net

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Out of Africa
photographs by
Joan Kalmanek
Gallery 777
Esle Library
777 Front Street
Esle, IL
July 1 - August 31, 2023
opening reception
Friday, July 14
7 PM

*Tribespeople of the
Omo River Valley
Ethiopia*

Wildlife of Namibia

DPAL Board 2023-2024

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DPAL Annual Meeting & Social

Barb Finn VP Office Management

A fun time was had by the many members who attended our annual meeting on Sunday, June 11th. This year we went with an Andy Warhol theme, both in decor and in the amazing art by our volunteers. Delicious food was enjoyed by all, accompanied by the musical stylings of Joe Eddy Brown. We also enjoyed hearing a recap of our many accomplishments in the past year. Thank you to all who participated in this annual event!



Wes Douglas sketch of the members' meeting.
Wes is a Dupage Art League instructor

Activities and More



Cats Named Sam

By Misty Alvis

Thanks to all who donated a cat for our **Cats Named Sam** display/sale. We've sold 15! Many are still in the window but we are hoping for them to be replaced as they come down. Interested in painting one and joining in on the fun? Basically it's just painting your cat creation on an 8 x 8 square. If you have any questions, text/call Misty. 817-692-8070. Thank you!

ONCE is the Cleve Carney Museum of Art's third juried emerging artist exhibition. This exhibition is intended to provide a survey of contemporary artwork being created by emerging artists in the region and across the country. ONCE is meant to be a stepping stone for those early in their artistic careers.

<https://clevocarneyartgallery.submittable.com/submit/253765/once-emerging-artist-exhibit>

Windows into Warhol

Look out for DPAL member art in downtown Wheaton businesses throughout July and August! This "Windows into Warhol" exhibit, in partnership with the Downtown Wheaton Association, celebrates Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop on display this summer at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art.

2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
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	Oct. 25-28	Jan. 2, 2024