



September 2023

# newsletter

## President's Letter

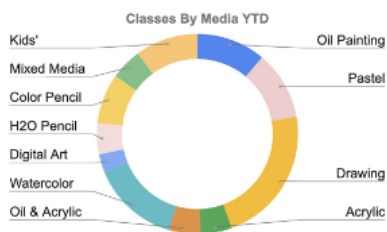
Dear Members.

### The Choices We Make

As I sit down to write this September newsletter, three things coalesce in my mind.

1. The first is, of course, that **September is Back-To-School Month** for students young and old.
2. The second is a **beautiful graph** shown at our August Board Meeting of the various art classes offered here at the League.
3. And third is watching my grandkids playing **Twister**—the popular game from the 60's where someone spins the needle and players must put their hands and feet on the large red, blue, green and yellow dots painted on a floor mat.

I think it's the kids joy and delight as they reach for the different colored circles with their arms and feet that reminded me of the pleasure I always took reading and re-reading descriptions of the various art classes that I could elect to take in college. Unlike the earlier years of school, I had wonderful choices to make—and I wanted to take them all! I still do!



Well, here we are at the start of another new school year and **WE HAVE CHOICES!** Take a look at the accompanying graph depicting the glorious array of classes that have already been offered in 2023. This doesn't even include the workshops, demos and special interest classes!

Are you most interested in the classic arts of drawing and painting, or are you ready to branch out and experiment with other mediums? **YOU GET TO CHOOSE!**

Morning, early afternoon, late afternoon or evening, we've got classes for you! Busy during the week? Our Workshops are usually held on a weekend. Mark your calendar and give yourself a treat.

We're here to fill your days with creativity, fun and friends. Join us. **Sign up!**

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

### Plein Air Locations

- August 25  
Blackwell F.P. Archery Area
- September 1  
Hurley Gardens
- September 8  
Kline Creek Farm
- September 15  
Fullersburg Nature Center
- September 22  
Morton Arboretum
- September 29  
Churchill Woods F.P
- October 6  
St. James Farm

There is no charge to join the Plein Air artists. Check the website for possible park entry fees and addresses.

[Plein Air Schedule](#)

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## Board Meeting Notes - August

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Bayer reported our income for the period was more than budgeted due to membership, workshops, donations including The Cat Names Sam fundraiser for the animal shelter. Expenses for the period were less than budget due to classes, office expenses, repair, and maintenance. We have 15 months of reserves currently.

**Education:** Kathy Szeszol has been working on technology for the classrooms. She has also been scheduling the classes and workshops.

**Membership:** Amy Tran reported our membership continues to grow and we currently have 450 members.

**Office Management:** Barb Finn is updating the information at the front desk Barb has added a clipboard to sign up to help with moving things from the back room to prepare for the floor repairs and new surface.

## Items For Sale

### Art Fair Tent & Weights

I've retired from outdoor art fairs and thought this would be a great opportunity for a younger artist to get into the fair scene. Originally a \$1,200 tent, I am the second owner. It's 10x10 and comes with four heavy concrete weights. It won't budge on those windy days.

### Plein Air Wooden Easel

Hardly used! \$45

Contact: Valerie Lorimer email: [vlorimer@yahoo.com](mailto:vlorimer@yahoo.com)

## 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).

## Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: [dpalmembershipt@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Member Updates

DPAL member **Julie Keating** will be displaying her watercolors at Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, throughout the month of September. She invites you to stop by and have a look if you are in the area. If any artists have an interest in applying to be **Artist of the Month** at Bloomingdale Public Library, contact Assistant Business Manager Jamie Schingoethe at [jschingoethe@mybpl.org](mailto:jschingoethe@mybpl.org).

Fall Class  
Schedules  
are Available now!  
Adult Classes  
Children's Classes

## 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: [dpalmembershipt@gmail.com](mailto:dpalmembershipt@gmail.com)  
*PS: you win recognition!*



2023  
Activity Guide

dupageartleague  
Gallery, School & Gift Shop  
630-653-7090  
...we're in the heart of Wheaton!

Cover art by Barb Plichta  
Coming Home, Watercolor

Last year's cover art by Barb Plichta

## DPAL Board 2023-2024

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# Gallery I Masters and Fabulous Fakes, Judged by Joan Bredendick

Winning Art with judge's comments

## Best of Show:

**Joanna Asianian**

*Insomnia, Oil*

"Insomnia" sparked an immediate reaction in me as a viewer. Stark, high contrast and immediate, the painting reflects an intense feeling of resignation to the constancy of the nightly visitor. The lights and darks push the figure forward in the picture plane. The viewer is confronted as well. L A highly effective interpretation of the theme ala "Munch."

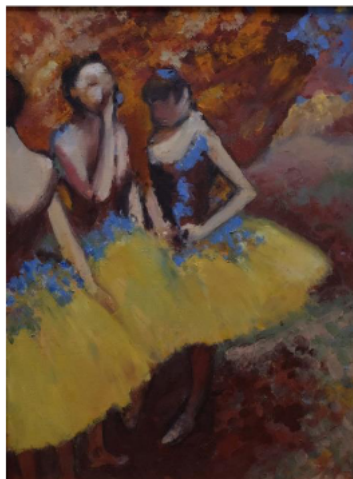


## Best of Theme:

**Roberta Tassara**

*Degas' Balerinas, Oil*

"Degas' Balerinas" captures essential elements of a Degas work of art, particularly the diagonal format which was so revolutionary when the artist introduced the format in the 1870s. The piece presents a nice looseness, communicating the expression of the dancer's figures.



## Special Merit: Jan Kloss

*Meow Meow Matisse, Acrylics*

Matisse would be proud! This acrylic painting presents a delightful scene of tranquility for the moment.

The intensity of the cat's stare foreshadows a possible upset for the goldfish. I love that the painting made me think of what might happen next. Technically a good handling from the detailed fish.



## Special Merit: Barb Finn

*Stranger in a Stranger Land, Pastel*

This pastel portrait draws the viewer into the image by eliminating background detail. Exhibiting technical proficiency, the piece goes beyond technique and confronts us with questions. Who is he, where does he come from, what has happened to him? A satisfying piece of art handled with facility.



## Special Merit: Mooneen Maurad

*Impressionism Floral, Acrylics*

Pop! Here I am! This abstracted floral piece demands attention from the viewer. I really enjoyed the artist's playful use of contrasting color and loose handling of the paint. A delightful painting to grace a wall and gives happy ... to all who view its vibrancy.

## Merit Awards

1. Jim Hisson, Walt Kennedy Cubed, Oil
2. Barbara Hald, Odes to Gary Bukovnik, Watercolor
3. Tom Finn, Hello Dali, Scratchboard
4. Janet Knight, Cart and Horse, Oil
5. Steven Johnson, Puppy Love, Mixed Media
6. Peter Grass, Stairway to Everywhere, Photo
7. Diane Nawrocki, Vacation, Oil
8. Maryann Staroscik, Lady and Violin, Pastel
9. Sue McLean, Monet's "La Bordgemi", Acrylic
10. Mary Dorrell, Chef's Corner, Oil
11. Alexander Zajczenko, Apples of Diaben Korn, Oil
12. De Maris Johnson, Lady in Flower Garden, Oil

Next up in September, Golden Harvest



## Gallery II Showcasing the Magical Artwork of Barbara Holmes

by Maryann Staroscik



The DuPage Art League is excited to showcase the magical artwork of Barbara Holmes! **Barbara “Bunny” Holmes** is an award winning multimedia artist with more than forty years of experience painting, teaching and exhibiting her work throughout the United States, Caribbean and in Europe. Her joyful paintings showcase the beautiful interplay between design, line and color within nature. Her favorite subjects include floral, animals and everyday scenes that take place in farm yards, small towns, parks and fairs and they inevitably tell a story.

Her art background includes studies at the Art Institute of Chicago, College of DuPage, and numerous workshops with professional artists such as George Shipperly and Ingrid Albrecht.

Her current show, **“A Walk Through Whimsy”** will include a colorful reality defying collection of watercolor, acrylic and oil pastel paintings that inspire

imagination and encourage dreams. Barb is a long time member of Yellow House Artists, and Wayne, Naperville and DuPage Art Leagues.

The show runs the month of September. The reception will be held 2:00 - 4:00 on Sunday, September 10th.

For more information, lessons or commissions, please contact the artist directly: [bunnyholmes2001@yahoo.com](mailto:bunnyholmes2001@yahoo.com).



## Gallery I September Show, Golden Harvest Judged by Lesley Gena

Lesley Gena is an artist and art therapist that currently holds the position of Director of Art Programs at the People’s Resource Center, a non-profit dedicated to helping the DuPage County community. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Alliance of Fine Art, a volunteer-based organization in the western suburbs promotes fine art and opportunities for artists. Lesley graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Master of Arts degree and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Mellon University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Illinois.

Lesley has judged art exhibitions for many local organizations including the Fine Line Creative Art Center in St. Charles, the Bensenville Art Council and the Norris Art Center in St. Charles. She has presented on community art making and art therapy at numerous venues including the Renegade Craft Virtual Fair, the Illinois Art Therapy Association, Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and her alma mater, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Lesley’s own work has been included in several group art exhibitions throughout the cities of Chicago and Pittsburgh. Her main artistic areas of focus are painting, animation and sound.

### 2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
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

## Activities and More

### Windows into Warhol

Windows into Warhol - Up through September 10

There is still time to take a walk to view DPAL member art in local Wheaton businesses! Our artists' work will be on display through September 10. Maps available at the front desk.

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.

### COMING: Holiday Mug CONTEST!

Showcase your artistry this season in the DPAL Holiday Mug Art Contest! The winner's art will be featured on our 2023 holiday season mug. Look for signups and details in the DPAL Classrooms soon!

**Yvonne is in need of:  
Long cardboard tubes, the type fabric  
was on, or mailing tubes at least  
3 ft. long.  
Please contact the front desk  
if you have any.**

## First Demonstration for the 2023-24 Season as Monday Night Programs Resume in September!

We will be being our 2023-2024 Monday Night Program September 18, 2023, with hybrid presentation by artist, author, and illustrator, Peggy Macnamara, Chicago's Field Museum Artist-in-Residence since 1990 as well as an Adjunct Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago since 2001.

Peggy will be demonstrating how to utilize careful observations of nature to gain understanding of form and color. You can get more information about Ms.

Macnamara [here](#). For a brief description of October and November demonstrations, click [here](#).

To register for this program by clicking here.

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



<https://www.peggyacnamara.com/>

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

## Yuletide Treasures 2023

Yvonne Thompson and Wilda Kemp - Chairs

The criteria info and inventory sheets are on the website ready to download now at:

<https://www.dupageartleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Yuletide-Treasures-2023-FINAL.pdf>

Hopefully you will all find it easier to understand this year as Wilda and I have added photos of the Labels and placement of the barcodes.

Also this year we will be receiving in the LARGE CLASSROOM to make it easier for everyone.

As usual I will need your help with staffing the inventory check in/check out as well as looking for a few people to assist the staffers with wrapping and helping set up the display fittings. Please contact me if you can help.

Time to get making wonderful Treasures!  
Yvonne



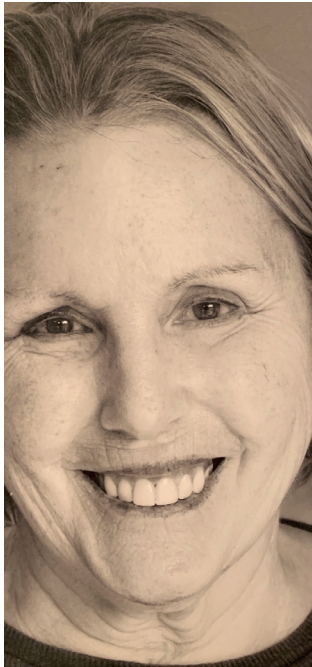
# The DPAL Mourns the Loss of the Following Members

## Jean M. Drury

June 06, 1942 - July 02, 2023

Visit Jean's tribute page to read the full obituary, gather event information and share a memory or express your condolences.

[VISIT TRIBUTE](#)



The Family of Jean Drury  
invites you to

**A  
Celebration  
of Life**

Bring your stories and  
memories of Jean

September 23  
11 AM - 2 PM  
1489 Pebblestone Cove

Text RSVP to Heather  
(314) 422-5030

## Olga Metlushko

Olga Metlushko, fellow artist and art league member, passed away August 5th at the age of 62.

Olga immigrated from Russia in 1995 and found her "artistic" home at the DuPage Art League. She began drawing classes and eventually settled into developing her painting skills with pastels. The subtle layering and soft blending of color became a signature of Olga's beautiful paintings. She was always there with encouraging words and support for her fellow artists. Olga, and her beautiful accent, will be missed.

Donations in memory of Olga may be made to the League.



## Emily B. Fleischman

Emily B. Fleischman, age 96, a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn, IL, died on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. She was born September 21, 1926 in Chicago to Herbert and Lulu Butler.

She was a life-time member of the **DuPage Art League**, and later in life, she produced a substantial body of work with an emphasis on watercolor. She sold many paintings and showed work in various art shows, some of them juried, and received many ribbons.

Read the full obituary [here](#)

### Memorial Service

Hultgren Funeral Home, Saturday,  
September 23, 2023 1:00 PM  
304 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

