



October 2023

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members.

It's October already and here at the Art League, we bypass all **TRICKS** to happily share with you a special **TREAT!**

We've just completed installing a beautiful new EPOXY FLOOR throughout the back areas of our Art League building. If you're taking a class during this first Fall session, you've probably already seen it and exclaimed "How beautiful!" "How fresh and clean!" And you would be so right.

The project started several months ago when a fellow student came to me during class and said she'd nearly tripped over some crumbling flooring near our library and kitchen. I jumped up, found the duct tape and the "Danger" tape and got the hazardous spot fixed up in a matter of minutes. But from that point on, the Board had to face the fact that the floor had seen better days and was becoming a liability.

Our Treasurer, Jennifer Bayer, did some research, came up with this solution and with much planning and help from many member volunteers, the project was scheduled for the week between Summer and Fall classes. As you probably can imagine, there was a TON of stuff to move from that space to the classrooms and then back again once the floor was completed and the epoxy cured. It was the perfect opportunity to clear out unneeded items and straighten up those important boxes, bins and cabinets.

In the process, our library got tidied up, and our hospitality cabinets, refrigerator and freezer all got a good scrubbing. It's a very pleasant spot back there when you need a short break from your artwork. Check it out.

Meanwhile, we wish you a happy **OCTOBER** and all the delights of the month!

Till next month,
Mary Lynn Sullivan
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**BEST PLACES IN ILLINOIS TO SEE FALL
COLORS**
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Member Spotting

I was delighted to see member Robert Koch in exhibiting action at the **Art in the Barn!**

The event was September 25-26 in Barrington. His exhibit area was filled with landscapes and architectural watercolors. In 2021 Koch was the AITB Best of Show!

Lori Tucker, Editor



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Board Meeting Notes - August

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer reports that our income for August was more than budgeted. The expenses for August were less than budgeted. We have 15 months of reserves. Based on unrestricted cash.

The "25 Cats Named Sam" project has sold 24 paintings, raising \$840 for a local animal shelter. (see below)

Education: Kathy Szeszol reports fall classes are doing well and our numbers are up. The "Try Me" classes have generated more interest by "non artists" and many new students in classes.

Membership: Amy Tran reported we have 37 new members this year, for a total of 364 members.

**You may pick up and unsold cats at the office/gallery..*

FREE (you don't hear that often)

A carton of 16x20 conservation glass

Contact: Ralph Furmanski
224-493-2257

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

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.

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

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.

Volunteer Accolades - We are Floored!

It was quite the project as Mary Lynn highlighted in her President's letter. Having a new epoxy floor needed "all hands" to organize and move everything from the back room to the classrooms and then back again once the floor was completed. A big **THANK YOU** (and we were "floored" by the response to our call for help - pun intended ;) to the following individuals for help in planning, organizing, lifting, boxing, moving, discarding and cleaning: **Ewa Bacon, Sue Berg, Virginia Burt, Barb Grabowski, Marge Hall, Jim Hisson, Camille Maco, Sandy Parks, Sue Rohl, Ellen Rottsolk, Kathy Szeszol, Mary Lynn Sullivan, Yvonne Thompson, Kay Wahlgren, Christine White, Jeff Zawada, and Janice Zeuch.** If I have left anyone out, my sincere apologies. You are all the best!

Jennifer Bayer

Fall B Session Class Schedules

Sign ups:

Members: October 7

Non Members: October 14

[Adult Classes](#)

[Children's Classes](#)

DPAL Board 2023-2024

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

Secretary: Maeva Cook

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer

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Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and

Wilda Kemp

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Gallery I Golden Harvest, Judged by Lesley Gena

Winning Art with judge's comments



Best of Show: Fred Toerpe

Field Face Off, Acrylic

What masterful technique and use of complementary colors with the gold and purple. What I like most is the way your eye travels from foreground fowl to middle-ground fowl, and then back to the barn.



Theme Award: Cynthia Cockriel

Peach Season, Pastel

I like the use of lights and darks and the composition with the peaches on the fringe of the piece. The composition, light and framing highlight the fruit perfectly.



Special Merit: Joan Kalmanek

Autumn Leaves, Photo

I was immediately drawn to the colors and detail. How you can see the veins on the flowers in the foreground. I like the simplicity of the subject contrasted with the complexity of the subject.



Theme Award: Cynthia Massey

Strength in Oaks, Fabric

I like how there are so many textures and patterns to look at. This artist clearly put a lot of time into this piece and used the material in an interesting way.



Special Merit: Fran Puglise

Next, Soft Pastel

I am often intrigued by subject matter and this piece has me wondering what the artist was drawn to. I appreciate the interesting composition and the mark making techniques as well as the artist's use of the entire picture plane.

Merit Awards

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| 1. Sally Sharp, Golden Hair, Oil/Cold wax | 7. Diana Nawrocki, Our Summer, Textile |
| 2. Mary Karr, Farmer's Market, Watercolor | 8. Barb Plichta, Two Aisles Past the Dairy, Watercolor |
| 3. Jennifer Hauser, The Great Harvest, Ink and Colored Pencil | 9. Jeff Zawada, A Hint of Fall, Pen and Ink and Watercolor |
| 4. Marge Hall, Golden Tulip, Oil | 10. Susan McLean, The Chile Harvest, Photo |
| 5. Mary Dorrell, Pie Pumpkin, Oil | 11. Kelly Sebold, Welcome Fall, Pastel |
| 6. Tom Finn, Chinese Lanterns, Watercolor | 12. Steve Johnson, Welly, iIPenc |

2023 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE - GALLERY I

MONTH	TITLE	ENTRY	PICK UP DATES
October	FEAST FOR THE EYES	Sept 27-28	Oct. 25-26
November/December	YULETIDE TREASURES	Oct. 25-28	Jan. 2, 2024

Activities and More

First Annual DPAL Holiday Mug Contest

Open to ALL DuPage Art League Members

Submit your artwork for a chance to be featured on our our 2023 Holiday Mug!
Winner will receive a free mug and a \$25 Blick's gift card. Mugs will be sold in our gift shop; all proceeds will benefit the Art League. Winning design will be chosen by Member vote.

Stuff to Know

3 ¾ x 9 space available to print.
(Artwork can be resized with same aspect ratio)
Color or black and white
Must include "2023" in the design
Can be 1 or more pieces of art
DPAL logo will be added to mug
Artwork due 10/23
Drop off upstairs to our boardroom

Contact: Misty Alvis 817-692-8070
or email misty.alvis@gmail.com



September Library Show:

Stop by the Wheaton Public Library's Arts & Culture Center to find familiar names in the September Exhibit. We partnered with the Library to exhibit artwork from some of DPAL's "Best-In-Show" award-winning artists of the past year. Check it out now through the end of September!

**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.**

Gallery | October Show, Feast for the Eyes, Judged by Janice Czerwinski

Janice is a multi-talented artist when it comes to subject matter, however her heart lies in creating transportive coastal scenes. Spending time along coastal beaches refuels her soul - it's her happy place. She finds a deep connection with God as she takes it all in. Nothing beats painting outside (en plein air) under the sun with a warm breeze, sea mist spraying, sounds of crashing waves and birds singing.

She refers to the plein air painting experiences along with photos taken on site to create large scale pieces her studio. Capturing waves through photo bursts on her professional camera to find a few that are worthy of developing into paintings. The emphasis in her work is on light, shadow and movement through each scene. Although her home studio is located in Aurora, Illinois she travels frequently to coastal destinations throughout the country to paint plein air. Her paintings have been featured in solo shows and several fine art fairs throughout Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

You can view her coastal and landscape collections on her website at janiceczerwinski.com, Instagram (@janice.czerwinski) or Facebook (jczewinskiartist).

Professional Affiliations

American Impressionist Society
Oil Painters of America
Nature Artists' Guild of The Morton Arboretum
Awards and Juried Exhibitions
2023 Judges Choice Award @ Leeper Park
2022 Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Invitational Award
2022 Judges Choice Award @ Leeper Park

2021 American Impressionist Society Online Exhibition
2021 Neil Kienitz Award for Representational Art
2020 1st Place in 2D Art @ Hinsdale Art Fair
2020 BoldBrush Painting Competition "In the Morning When I Rise 2" FAV15%
2020 BoldBrush Painting Competition "Gulf View Wave 1" FAV15%

Gallery II October Plein Air Brought Inside!

Maryann Staroscik

The DuPage Art League is happy to showcase the Plein Air Painters for October in Gallery II.

This group uses their power of observation to visually and emotionally create stunning pieces from nature and landscapes.

The group meets every Friday morning from May through October, gathering at different venues around the area to capture an impression every week of new landscapes. They spend an enjoyable morning not only enhancing their skills, but also to enjoy time with other artists.

All levels and mediums are invited to join this group and the criteria is to have fun! Leave your name and contact information with one of the wonderful front desk volunteers and you will get next year's schedule.

This fun and unique show will run the month of October in Gallery II. Come on over and see the art created at places you may recognize!



Sneak Peek

A group at Graue Mill,
August 2023

Remaining Plein Air Locations

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](#)



Teacher Feature

Portraits Made with Type Coming this Fall (Session B)



Instructor: Wes Douglas

Have you ever wanted to create a really special gift portrait for someone you love? Then these "Portraits Made with Type" might be perfect for you! "Portraits Made with Type" incorporates drawing, hand-written text and colors to create

a one-of-a-kind portrait that you make yourself. Every detail of hair, shadow and clothing are lovingly made by your hand. In class, we will develop a long list of words and phrases that are particular to your subject and build a very special portrait. All you need is a good 8" x 10" headshot photo of your person, pet or object you wish to create.



Yuletide Treasures 2023

Yvonne Thompson and Wilda Kemp - Chairs

If you would like to enter items in our Yuletide Treasures show, you'll need to **order your barcodes by 5 pm, October 7th**. If you miss this date, I won't be able to have them ready for you to pick up at the front deck on Monday October 16th

You can get the criteria info and entry sheets here:

<https://www.dupageartleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Yuletide-Treasures-2023-WITH-PICS-V2.pdf>

This year we have a sales promotion running in November, where any customer who purchases \$75 or more in the show will receive a "thank you" gift of their choosing. We are asking all exhibitors to donate a piece of your work that would normally retail up to \$15. If you don't have anything that is suitable, please contact me.

FESTIVE FUN AND HOLIDAY SHENANIGANS!

Mark your calendar!

ALL MEMBERS (and their guests) are invited to attend a FUN afternoon at the League, Sunday November 5th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. There will be nibbles and drinks, prizes and professional photography backdrops for you to take some holiday pictures, so bring your cellphone or camera. I have also heard a whisper that Santa maybe popping in to take photos with you too!

Yuletide Treasures will be up, so you can even do some holiday shopping.

There will be a Constant Contact email later and there is more about it on page 8. You won't want to miss this!

Yvonne :o)

Please join us for our next **MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM** on October 16, 2023 as we host artist Michael Latala. Mr. Latala is a successful artist and illustrator who expresses the natural beauty in the world through his handling of materials such as oil paint, pastels and charcoal. His landscapes, still life, figurative, and portrait work offer a fresh and seemingly effortless symphony of color. A Master member of Chicago Pastel Painters, Michael will demonstrate his process, techniques and materials to produce a portrait using his palette of pastels. This is a hybrid presentation.

October's Monday Night Program can be enjoyed in person at the Wheaton Library or via Zoom. This is a free program.



Pastel Portraits Monday, Oct. 16 • 6:30 pm • hybrid

You can more about the artist at www.latalaart.com

Register for this free program by using the link:

www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Or scan the QR code with your phone





Mark your calendars.....

Sunday November 5, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

What a wonderful way to start the holiday season with a fun afternoon at DPAL! Yuletide Treasures will be open too, so you can start some holiday shopping!

There will be seasonal snacks and sips, professional photographic backdrops to snap some snazzy holiday photos (bring your cellphone or camera) and lots of prizes to win!

Join in the fun and win extra tickets to the prizes by any of the following:

- * Giving yourself a "reindeer" name (Name tag will be supplied)
- * Dressing as your favorite Christmas or Pantomime character
- * Wearing the ugliest sweater you can find!
- * Wear a crazy holiday hat
- * Dress in your Halloween costume
- * Playing the corn toss

Come and meet your fellow DPAL artists and Board Members.....

I also have it on good authority that Santa will be stopping by for Selfies with all you Elfies!!

It's a smart way to get on his GOOD list!