



May 2024

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

May Flowers...If April showers bring May flowers, then we have a lot to look forward to this month! The League will be featuring "Create a Fragrant Bouquet" in Gallery I, that promises to deliver a stunning collection of bouquets, gardens and landscapes in all our favorite colors and mediums.

The cool spring we've enjoyed has allowed the daffodils to outdo themselves with inspiring shades of yellow, cream, lemon and gold. Tulips will be making their show by the time you receive this newsletter and will carry us through the month of May. I hope these spring beauties will surround you with delight!

This, of course, all leads back to our inner gardens, to what's flourishing or beginning to bud in our hearts and souls. In our area, what may look dead or dried up in early March turns into a riot of color after a proper amount of rain and sunshine. So goes our art. That painting that you've struggled with may just need a little more time and nurturing till it blooms forth. Be patient.

Art blooms somewhere every month of the calendar year, but not necessarily on our own personal calendar. Maybe your art isn't spring blooming, but will reach its glory in summer, or autumn. There's a time for everything, the tiny blue and white scilla, the tulips and lilies, sunflowers and mums, all in their own season. Allow those creative buds to blossom whatever the season. Creativity is always alive with something glorious whether it's color, intricacy, composition or imagination. These are the flowers of our creative life.

Whether you're in the springtime of your creative art, at full maturity or enjoying looking back to past seasons, the beauty of your creative gifts can still catch the eye and thrill our hearts. Carve out a small place within your artist's soul to enjoy the glory of nature's gifts.

Till next month,

Mary Lynn
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Wheaton Themed Mural Unveiling

The Protein Spot in Wheaton will unveil a new Wheaton-themed mural during its Second Anniversary celebration on May 11.
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DPAL Plein Air outings start May 1st!

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FYI: There is NO Monday Night Program this month



Danielson's Watercolor class takes a peek at the historic eclipse

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Board Meeting Notes - April

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer reports that income for the period was more than budget due to higher than budget membership, gallery sales, classes, donations, and interest, offset by a budgeted \$20,000 grant received in April. Winter/spring A and B session classes were less than budget.

Expenses for the period were less than budget due to timing of teacher payments and office expense and repair, maintenance less than budget.

We have 16 months of reserves.

Activities: Sandy Winter reported the March, Monday Night Program featuring Wes Douglas demonstrating how he creates word portraits had 88 virtual participants and there were viewers from Texas, Wisconsin, Chicago, New Jersey and California as well as residents from DuPage County.

Membership: Amy Tran said we now have 394 members.

DPAL BOARD ELECTIONS

The slate of the following members was approved. New and retiring officers will meet jointly at the May 9 board meeting.

Mary Lynn Sullivan President
Margaret Bucholz VP Education
Carol Kincaid VP Finance
Barbara Finn VP Office Management
Danielle Crilly VP Gallery I

Thank you to the members who remembered to vote.
Diana Mitchell

DPAL Board 2024-2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities: Sandra Winter
VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilley
Gallery II: Mary Ann Staroscik
VP Finance: Carol Kincaid
VP Membership: Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn
VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Kate Venturini
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Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and
Wilda Kemp
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Looking to Volunteer? Let us know.
We'll help you find a good fit for your talent and time.

Contact Maeva at:

DPALsecretary.mc@gmail.com

If your talent is **Organization...**

we need someone to stock the kitchen cabinets once a week.

If your talent is **Orderliness...**

we would welcome help taking inventory of our supplies once a month.

If your talent is **Photography...**

we occasionally need pictures taken.

If your talent is **Baking...**

our Hospitality Committee would welcome your help for special events.

If your talent is **Decorating...**

our Hospitality Committee would welcome your help for special events.

If your talent is **Floral Arrangements...**

our Hospitality Committee would welcome your help for special events.

If your talent is **Committee Work...**

we have many committees that you could choose from. Let's talk.

If your talent is **Greeting People...**

you might enjoy working with our front desk team.

If your talent is **Graphic Design...**

we welcome and can use your special gift.

If your talent is **Marketing Communications...**

we have opportunities for your unique skills.

If your talent is **Website Design...**

we would happily tap into your expertise.

If your talent is **History and Recording Memories...**

we have a cupboard full of those that could use your special touch.

If your talent is **Computers...**

we have lots of needs here.

If your talent is **Detail and Editing...**

our class schedules need compiling and formatting each session.

Is your talent in working with **Children...**

join us when we welcome scouting troops to tour the art league.

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.

Gallery I - Creatures and Pets



Best of Show:
Got a Cracker? By Tom Finn
 Scratchboard/Watercolor
 Comments: Contrast, color intensity, flow and dynamic subject.



Theme Award:
In Flight By Sharon Peters
 Mixed Medium
 Comments: Three-D flow and continuity. Classic landing.



Special Merit: Tabby Magic
 By Marilee Wall, Watercolor
 Comments: Simplicity and brush stroke perfection.



Special Merit: The Eyes Have It
 By Kathleen Sheers, Pastel
 Comments: Beautiful color transitions



Special Merit: Cozy and Safe
 By Jan Kloss, Acrylics
 Comments: Great use of canvas and brush strokes

Creatures and Pets judged by Kurt Lursen

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Myriam Elijah, Azure, Oils
2. Cynthia Cockriel, Breakfast, Pastel
3. Gillian Vodnick, White Butterfly, Acrylics
4. Roberta Tassara, I Dream of Katie, Oil
5. Carole Carson, Game Time, Acrylics
6. Mai Atassi, Harmonic, Mixed
7. Tom Brennan, All Above, Pastel
8. Diane Kulatt, Otter Adventure, Pen and Ink
9. Daniel Danielson, I Just Need a Hug, Watercolor
10. Sally Sharp, Hank and Lil, Oil
11. Jennifer Hauser, Opossum Tree, Ink
12. Alice Solinski, Morning Already, Pastel

May's Show, Create a Fragrant Bouquet, will be judged by Vilayphone Gingerich

With 20+ years teaching art, Vi Gingerich holds a BS in Art Education (Illinois State University), with a photography focus, and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction (National Louis University) and Technology in Education (Concordia University). Inspired by her high school art teacher, she strives to create a nurturing and inclusive environment for her students, where they can feel empowered to express themselves through art. Her journey in education has been dedicated to guiding and encouraging aspiring artists to discover their unique talents and unleash their creative potential.

Gallery II May Exhibit - Watercolor Timeline - Kathy Manning

By Maryann Staroscik, Gallery II

The **DuPage Art League** is excited to host the fabulous watercolor art of Kathy Manning.

In the Fall of 2016, Kathy fell in love with watercolor by taking a class with Pat Helbig at the West Chicago Park District.

She had an absolute fear of watercolor and of painting people, but challenged herself and now finds herself relaxed and immersed in the medium. She needed to find her style, however, and did so in workshops led by award winning botanical artist, HeeYoung Kim.

Taking lessons at the DuPage Art League under Dan Danielson and Benita Brewer, helped hone her skills. She is a member of the Illinois Watercolor Society, DuPage Art League and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Her exhibitions with awards include: "Watercolor 23" at the Norris Center for the Arts, Illinois Watercolor Society's "Picture Show" in Dixon, IL, The GALEX53 and GALEX57 shows at Galesburg, IL Civic Art Center, and one person shows at Bartlett Village Hall and Gallery 200, Arts of Bartlett and the West Chicago Public Library.

Her current exhibit at the DuPage Art League will run the entire month of May. You can come and meet the artist at a reception on Sunday, May 19th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm.



2024 Gallery I, Exhibit Schedule

Have fun with the themes, but remember that your artwork does not need to reflect the theme.

May 2024 – CREATE A FRAGRANT BOUQUET - Current

Drop Off: Apr 24-25

Description: Bouquets, gardens, landscapes

June 2024 – Music in Motion– VOLUNTEER SHOW

Drop Off: May 29-30

Description: Depicting the dynamic energy and movement of music..

July 2024 – ABSTRACT ART **Drop Off: June 26-27**

Description: Let your inner Picasso stretch you to try a looser, more abstract way to create art.

August 2024 – MASTERS AND FABULOUS FAKES

Drop Off: July 31-Aug 1

Description: Learn from the masters by imitating their style and techniques.

September 2024 – GLORIOUS FALL COLORS

Drop Off: Aug 28-29

Description: Be captivated by the red and golden colors of the fall leaves.

October 2024 – BEAUTIFUL STILL LIFES

Drop Off: Sept 25-26

Pick up October 23-24

Description: Beautiful centerpieces, window displays, fruit bowl, you get the idea.

November, December 2024 – YULETIDE TREASURES

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE

Friday mornings 9:30 to 12 noon

- May 3 Danada Equestrian Center, Wheaton, IL
- May 10 Lilacia Park, 150 S Park Ave, Lombard
- May 17 *Morton Arboretum, west side, Thornhill Center, Lisle, IL.
- May 24 Windmill Park Fabyan F.P. 1500 Crissey Ave, Batavia. (Windmill Park is on the east side of the Fox River, off Rt. 25
- May 31 We Grow Dreams Greenhouse, 1055 W. Washington St. West Chicago
- June 7 Museums at Lisle Station Park. 921 School Street, Lisle
- June 14 Blackwell F.P. ARCHERY AREA. West Chicago. (first left.. Slim Beach Road.. after entering F.P.)
- June 21 Theosophical Society, Wheaton (parking by Quest Book Store. 306 W. Geneva Rd.)
- June 28 Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Rd. West Chicago

We are still in the process of pinning down a few sites. A complete 2024 schedule will be sent out after May 1st .

Also: so you can start looking for that winning image to submit in the "PLEIN AIR CHALLENGE " With a \$50 Blick gift certificate award. "Doors" will be the 2024 season theme.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

By Barb Finn

A record crowd of fun loving tea aficionados gathered at DPAL on a sunny Sunday to enjoy delicious food, camaraderie, and an official tea making demonstration by our resident Brit, Yvonne. Everyone enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland themed decorations and many prizes were awarded.

A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help make this event a success!



Sketch by Wes Douglas
Tea Demonstration by Yvonne



Why Volunteer

Teaches you valuable skills

The training and hands-on experience you gain while volunteering can help you learn new skills as well as build upon ones you already have. You could potentially gain new skills in data entry, marketing, building relationships, social media and more.

All Gallery I exhibiting members are expected to volunteer at the DPAL for a minimum of four hours per annum.

Activities and Exhibits

DPAL Board Member and Teacher, Margaret Bucholz, Completes Mural

The Protein Spot and The DuPage Art League invited proposals for a Wheaton-inspired mural competition. Theme: Celebration of Wheaton and the local community. **Margaret Bucholz** was selected to complete the mural.

The mural is now complete and it will be unveiled on Saturday, May 11, during their Unveiling Ceremony and Second Anniversary of The Protein Spot. A resident of Wheaton since 1981, Margaret included over 12 buildings (including the DuPage Art League) and local personalities, past and present (even a superhero).

This mural is inside **The Protein Spot**, known for their delicious protein shakes and fusion teas. Come for the celebration on May 11, and visit any time after that to check out the 6 feet high and 10 feet wide mural. The Protein Spot is located at 111 W. Front Street next door to the Popcorn Store.



Group Looking for Local Artists, Naperville

Water Street Naperville and Marquette Companies are seeking exhibitors for a juried LOCAL ARTISTS ONLY art exhibition and sale to be held along Water Street in downtown Naperville, adjacent to the renowned Naperville Riverwalk, Naper Settlement, and Hotel Indigo Naperville Riverwalk. The fine art and Fine Craft show will also feature jazz music and a Children's Art/ Craft tent provided by the DuPage Children's Museum and is scheduled for Sunday, July 14, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Water Street draws a sophisticated, art- and lifestyle-conscious community of locals and visitors alike. The show will be promoted through press releases and photos to newspapers, magazines, NCTV, and Chicagoland television and radio news outlets, as well as through the Downtown Naperville Alliance, Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as Downtown Naperville and Water Street social media.

The deadline to apply is May 15th. Further details and application can be found at <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=12366>

From the DPAL Library:

The following books have been donated to the Library. You may find them on the shelf labeled "New Titles" at the beginning of the Library collection.

Averill and others. Watercolor Pencil Step by Step. (Colored Pencil)

Chihuly Projects. (Biography-Chihuly)

Honnnef. Warhol. (Biography-Warhol)

Johnson. Creating Nature in Watercolor. (Added copy) (Watercolor)

Macpherson. Landscape Painting Inside and Out. (Oils)

Petrie. Drawing Landscapes in Pencil. (Added copy) (Drawing)

Sarback. Capturing Radiant Light and Color in Oils and Soft Pastels. (Pastels)

Wilcox. Perfect Color Choices for the Artist. (Reference)

Enjoy!

PS. Please check to see if you have any Library books at home that you may have forgotten about. Please return them so other students may enjoy them.

Barbara Grabowski
Library Volunteer



Vineyard Arts Fair

Saturday, June 22nd, 10:00—4:00
Vineyard Church of DuPage is hosting this event FREE of charge, to help artists become more visible to the community. Unlike most fairs, the artists don't have to pay for their booths, so they keep all the proceeds of their sales.

Learn more and/or register:
<https://www.dupagevineyard.org/arts-fair-2024>

Glen Ellyn Historical Society Call for Artists

Submit your proposal for a solo show!
Artists will exhibit for 1-2 months in Stacy's Corner Store
Contact Jeffrey Anderson if interested:
director@gehs.org