



**June 2024**

## newsletter

### President's Letter

Dear Members,

#### Lessons worth sharing

What we can learn from the swarms of cicadas headed our way!\*

1. Work beneath the surface. The 17-year cicadas spend the majority of their lives below ground, fulfilling an important ecological function. *We artists would do well to remember that creativity, too, takes place beneath the surface, when there is no buzz, when no one is watching.*

2. Get out when it's warm. The cicadas emerge once the soil temperatures reach around 64 degrees Fahrenheit several inches down. If we've been hidden inside our studios (or basements) doing our art, the cicadas remind us to "get up and out," while it's warm outside. *The Plein Air group meets every Friday morning. Join them some time soon.*



3. Rise together. The billions of bugs who push up at around the same time do so for a practical reason, survival. *The Brood XIII cicadas' emergence reminds us that it's together that we can support each other and the DuPage Art League.*

4. Leave your old self behind, come out of your shell. Once out in the open the cicadas molt, leaving the shell that once provided protection behind. *For artists struggling to move forward in their art and attached to their past safe style (their shell), cicadas offer inspiration. It's only when the shells are gone that they can fly.*

5. When necessary, make some noise. A primary reason the cicadas attract our attention is because of their louder-than-a-lawnmower mating call. The bugs don't spend most of their 17-year lives hollering, however. They're usually quiet and below the surface. The great noise they make is only for the survival of the species. *If we at DPAL seem to make a lot of noise about volunteering, it's for the survival of our wonderful art league—let us match you up with one of our interesting committees and keep the DPAL alive!*

Till next month,

**Mary Lynn**  
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### Unveiled! Margaret Bucholz, Completes Mural

DPAL's Margaret Bucholz and the Protein Spot unveiled Margaret's highly anticipated "Wheaton and Community" mural on May 11.

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. The Protein Spot is located at 111 W. Front



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## Board Meeting Notes - May

**Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer** reported that we had another great year. She presented the budget for Fiscal Year 25.

**Presidents Emerita: Diana Mitchell** presented the committee's updated DuPage Art League Bylaws.

**Exhibits: Margaret Bucholz** reported we had 90 entries from 66 participants in May Gallery I exhibit. **Danielle Crilly is the new VP of Exhibits.** She is already organizing the June Volunteer show.

**Membership: Amy Ip Tran** reports we currently have 409 members.

**Activities: Sandy Winter** reported the April Monday Night Program featured Sandie Bacon from Golden demonstrating how various surfaces impact painting. The live program at the Wheaton Library had 28 in attendance. Virtually there were 51 participants. In addition to the virtual attendees from DuPage County we had people from LaSalle, IL and Bellevue, WA.

### 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.

### DPAL Board 2024-2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan  
Secretary: Maeva Cook  
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer  
VP Activities: Adele Dunn  
VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren  
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz  
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly  
Gallery II: Mary Ann Staroscik  
VP Finance: Carol Kincaid  
VP Membership: Amy Tran  
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn  
VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Kate Venturini  
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid  
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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help our DPAL outreach service which donates original art work (created by us) to other not-for-profit organizations. For many of our newer members who may not know about this service, every year we are asked by other organizations for donations for their fund raisers. Instead of giving gift certificates or money we give them a piece of original art which you (our members) have created and then donated to this service.

Every year we are approached by at least 12 organizations looking for a donation of an original piece of art work. These groups (all not-for-profit) range from agencies raising money for pediatric brain cancer research to world hunger groups and to our local church and school organizations. Your donations have been wonderful and have been gratefully received by these groups but now we are running out of these and we need your help again.

Please see if you can part with something that is framed and "ready-to-hang." There is another plus besides getting a new home for your art work and that is some free publicity. Most of our recipients have wanted to know something about the artist whose painting they have chosen. In fact, many have wanted to do a little write up about you—the artist—to put with the painting or to include in their literature. So, if you would like a little free publicity please include something about yourself to put with your donation. Of course this is purely optional.

Please try to help us out by bringing your framed art (or jewelry or pottery) to the league with a note on it saying it is a donation and have it to the attention of me Carol Kincaid. If you would like a record of your donation, there are donation slips at the front desk. Again, thank you for what you have donated in the past and thank you in advance for what you will be donating now.

Carol Kincaid 630-682-0107  
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### 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.



# Gallery I - Create a Fragrant Bouquet - May 2024



## Best of Show: Johanna Rebman Garden Party, Colored Pencil

Comments: I commend the unique take on a floral teacup bouquet and appreciate the difficulty in shading white/cream objects. The artist has captured the backlighting and aesthetic broken blur of the background perfectly in colored pencil.

## Theme Award: Alice Sulinski For the Love of Roses, Pastel

I am drawn to how soft and fragile the petals of these heirloom roses look. The colors and values in each petal create so much depth and draw you in close enough to smell the petals then fade into a cool dark background which creates more depth and contrast.



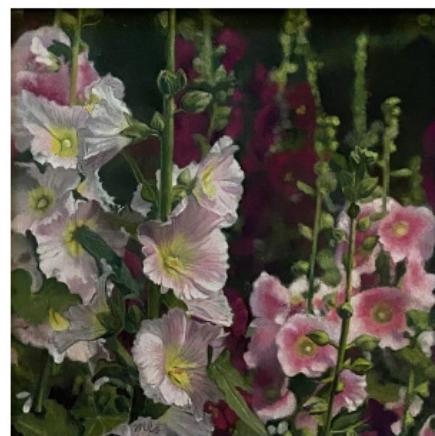
## Special Merit: Holly Ann Tyson Flower Power, Stained Glass

I imagine the sun shining through the clear prisms and colored glass connecting art with nature and light. The radial design and negative space create a sense of power with balance and harmony.



## Special Merit: Laurel Erickson Orange Sunshine, Pastel

All of the hues and pastel marks used in this piece is so expressive from the table to the vase, flowers and background. It creates such a vibrant and rich composition.



## Special Merit: M.L. Sullivan Love those Hollyhocks, Pastel

At first glance, I thought this was a photograph. Upon closer examination, I realized it was a pastel drawing. I am amazed at the crisp, fine details in the petals, leaves, stems, and buds. The blurred background details also contribute to the hyperrealism effect.

## Create a Fragrant Bouquet judged by Vilayphone Gingerich

### MERIT AWARDS:

1. Benita Brewer, Lily Rose Bouquet, Watercolor
2. Margaret Bucholz, Fragrant Bouquet, Acrylic
3. Maureen McKee, Hydrangeas and Peaches, Oil
4. Barb Plichta, White Pelicans, Watercolor
5. S. McLean, Lotus Flower, Photo
6. Jan Kloss, Roses, Acrylic

7. Sue Krzyzanowski, Wilting, Soft Pastel
8. Barb McCartney, The Underside, Acrylic
9. Helen Read, Lilac Charm, Oil
10. Sandra Mazurek, A Soul's Garden, Oil
11. Beth Berry, Dancing in the Light, Photography
12. Diana Nawrocki, Spring Splash, Textile

# Gallery I and II JUNE Exhibit - Volunteer Show - Music in Motion

By Maryann Staroscik, Gallery II

The DPAL is proud to be presenting its upcoming Volunteer Show the month of June. This year's theme is "Music in Motion" and volunteers are invited to enter their interpretation of this theme, showcasing their style for all to enjoy.

The art league volunteers, many award winning artists themselves, offer their time and services to help make the art league an enjoyable, welcoming place and to help build professional networks sharing their skills and techniques.

Our volunteers remain an important part of the art league. Plan on stopping by for a great show the month of June!

Maryann Staroscik, Gallery II



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

## 2024 Gallery I, Exhibit Schedule

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

### 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 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.

## Activities and Exhibits

**DPAL Spring / Summer Apparel Online Store OPEN NOW!**

<https://www.promoplace.com/dupageartleague>

Password: Create24

**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](mailto: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.

## The DPAL Used Art Book Sales

As you walk into our gallery space, you'll notice a shelf with donated art books for sale to members and gallery visitors. Those books represent a modest opportunity to support the DPAL to the tune of several hundred dollars a year. But this enterprise is totally dependent on books which YOU have donated. Please consider sharing books on techniques of watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic, or colored pencil; books on composition, drawing the human figure; books on art exhibits and shows; books featuring artist and theories of art.

If it's about ART, there will be grateful buyer. This is recycling at its best!

Please leave your donation in the DPAL library. There is a bin on top of the south side shelves for your books. They will be priced and placed on the for-sale shelf so that others can enjoy them. Please contact me, Ewa Bacon, at [baconew@lewisu.edu](mailto:baconew@lewisu.edu) if you have questions. Many, many thanks to all of you for supporting this venture.

## *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](mailto:director@gehs.org)