



September 2024

newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Members,

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY!

This is a message that I've been eager to share with you for some time now.

Of course, the League has always cared about the safety of its members, as is evidenced by the care shown throughout the years by our founders, board, staff, and volunteers. In the nearly 15 years that I have been taking classes at the league, I've always felt welcomed, comfortable, and able to totally focus on my classes and teachers. I never had any worries about my safety. During that time, classes had to be moved across the street to the old bank building for a period, so that needed repairs could be made to our roof and trusses. It was no bother to me because our Board was handling it so smoothly.

A few years later the Board had to make critical decisions and choices about how to keep all of us safe during the Covid pandemic. Again, the Board kept us afloat while we were languishing in our homes, eager to be done with masks, safe distances, alcohol wipes and more. It was great when we could be back together, even while we were still wearing our cautionary masks and limiting the number of students per classroom.

What I want to say is that **the league has always looked out for our safety!** It has kept safety binders, insured we were adequately equipped with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and numerous other safety preparations. And this is what we should be able to expect!

So, What's different? Many things, including our times! We're not living in the simpler times of years past. Our world is increasingly complex and uncertain and adjustments sometimes need to be made.

As part of our Strategic Plan for 2023-2026, we made a **decision to focus on safety**—to determine what, if anything, we could do more of, or better. We believe we have found numerous ways to enhance the safety we enjoy at the art league. Please take some time to read about these efforts. It's important that you are **AWARE** of what resources we have added and that you know how to access them—not just here, but wherever you may be.

Welcome to autumn!

Till next month,
Mary Lynn
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Cover Art Contest

We are looking for member art for our 2025 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**.

Please submit high resolution PDF, AI, EPS file. Submit by Sept. 30, 2024 to: Lori Tucker: dpalmembershipt@gmail.com

PS: you win recognition



Last year's cover art by
Adele Dunn



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Board Meeting Notes - August

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer reported: Total income for the period was more than budget, due to higher than budget in membership, gallery sales, artists' sales, summer classes and interest from government securities offset by lower than budget in workshop revenue and general donations. Total expenses for the period were more than budget primarily due to more students therefore higher teacher payments and the chimney repairs. Reserves: Based on the annual budgeted expenses, DPAL has 16 months of reserves (one month decrease from June 2024).

Education: Margaret Bucholz reports we have two new teachers starting this fall. Katie Kurisch will teach classes for teens and young adults in Fall Session A. Meaghan Green will teach oil painting in Fall Session B.

Membership: Amy Tran said we have 460 members

Activities: Adele Dunn reports the Monday Night Program schedule is all set. The first program on September 16 th at 6:30 and will feature Wes Douglas in an Interview format.

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE

Friday mornings 9:30 to 12 noon

- Aug 30 Mayslake Peabody Estate,
1717 31st St. Oak Brook
- Sept. 6 Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road
West Chicago
- Sept. 13 * Cantigny Park 1S 151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton
- Sept. 20 * Morton Arboretum, east side, Visitor Center
Area, Lisle IL
- Sept. 27 Churchill Woods F.P. St. Charles Rd. Entrance,
Glen Ellyn IL.
- Oct 4 St James Farm, Warrenville IL. (closing event)

*fee required to enter location

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.

August's Gallery I Judge Grahame Wilkin

Grahame Wilkin has been a professional artist for over 20 years. His experiences in the arts cover a wide range including: art tutoring for students with severe autism, an artist in art galleries including shows in multiple, story buildings, a newspaper cartoonist, a graphic designer for major Fortune 500 companies, Art Director for multiple organizations, a muralist for inside and outside of buildings and homes, including five 50 foot by 30 foot backdrop paintings for the Paramount theater in Downtown Aurora, and a book illustrator.

Mr. Wilkin is a member of several national art and education associations, as well as the ACSI Community Champions, and he serves as an instructor at Joni and Friends Camp teaching art to students with disabilities. Mr. Wilkin is an Illinois State Board Member for the Illinois Art Education Association as well as a National Art Honors Society IAEA Representative for the state of Illinois. Wilkin and his students have created over twenty murals in the Fox Valley area. He and his wife of over 20 years, Jodi, live in Aurora with their two daughters, Madalayne and Alexandra. The Wilkins attend Village Bible in Aurora, IL.

There are openings or **WILL Be**
openings for **VP spots and more.**
Please consider a **Board position**
or **volunteering in general**



DPAL Board 2024-2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities: Adele Dunn
VP Building & Grounds: Kay Wahlgren NEED
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: NEED
VP Safety & Security: NEED
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and
Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and
Wilda Kemp
Newsletter: Lori Tucker
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Gallery I August Show: Masters & Fabulous Fakes

Judged by: **Grahame Wilkin**



Best of Show - Barb Plichta
"Muddy Alligators" Watercolor



Best Theme - Susan McLean
"Monet's Apple Trees" Acrylic



Special Merit - Joanna Aslanlan
"Afternoon Nap" Oil



Special Merit - Kyle K Holloway
"Irises" Oil



Special Merit - Marline Vitek
"Fish" Wire Sculpture

MERIT AWARDS

Maryann Staroscik Solitude pastel
Gillian Vodnik Moving House acrylic
C.C. Arnott Angel of Grief watercolor
Dan Danielson Libyan Sibyl watercolor
Jennifer Hauser The Neighborhood ink
Marge Hall Purple Iris oil

Ewa Bacon Earthly Garden pastel
Susan McLean Study of Degas acrylic
Jan Kloss Renoir acrylic
Marline Vitek Circles and Squares digital
Joan Kalmanek Georgia on My Mind photograph
Maryann Lynch Sargent's Palms watercolor

2024 Gallery I, Exhibit Schedule

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

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

All Gallery I exhibiting members are expected to volunteer at or for the DPAL for a minimum of four hours per year. Call 630-653-7090. We'll connect you with someone in your area of interest!

Gallery II - September - Dabbled to Dedicated

By Maryann Staroscik

The DuPage Art League is honored to present the artwork of Lori Tucker.

Lori returned to painting seriously about ten years ago after a long break raising her two boys and running her own business. She dabbled in art whenever she could and that was to fill an empty spot on the wall or for holiday decorating. Her business took a lot of her time, but she realized how gratifying painting and drawing was, so she incorporated art into her daily routine. She has taken art classes at the DuPage Art League, the College of DuPage and continues study with artists James Swanson and Colley Whisson.

Her style and genre span many mediums; oil, watercolor, colored pencils and occasionally stippling with pen and ink. There are always several art pieces in the works at any one time, and she always looks for new scenes to paint and capture with yet another form of art, photography.

Lori's background is marketing, printing and graphics. She has won several contests for T-shirt designs for various organizations. Lori has won numerous awards for artwork exhibited in the Naperville Art League and the DuPage Art League, winning "Best Theme". She is also a member of the Nature Art Guild. Lori is the talent behind the DuPage Art League Newsletter and we hope you will attend this lovely show which will run the month of September. Come and meet the artist at her reception which will be Friday, September 6th, from 7:00-9:00pm.



Activities and Exhibits

Mary Ann Asan will be exhibiting art at Pollyanna Brewery, 431 Talcott, Lemont IL. The Artist reception will be held on Sept 14th, 6 to 8 pm., and the exhibit runs through October 21st. Title of the show: "If a hurricane doesn't leave you dead, it will make you strong."

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

Thank you Volunteers!

Still need your volunteer hours for 2024?
Call the DPAL and let us know what you would like to do!

We'll connect you with the person in that area. We need you and your talents! Call now! 630-653-7090

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershiplt@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.

We Care About Your Safety!

Change is afoot at the DuPage Art League! Over the past year we've been exploring potential improvements to our safety and security procedures. Extensive research and planning by the board and a five-member Safety Committee involved:

- The creation of a new board position, VP of Safety and Security, to address ongoing concerns
- Discussions with Wheaton Police and Fire Departments
- Contact with the ADT Security company
- Research into sexual harassment, first aid and fire extinguisher training
- Training for the AED (automated external defibrillator) device located near the front desk

This effort has resulted in:

- Emergency 'Cheat Sheets' and floor maps posted throughout the building
- 'Safety Information Sheets' available on the wall between the front desk and Gallery II for all members and visitors
- An updated Emergency Safety Binder for the front desk detailing how to address potential emergency situations including: first aid, medical emergency, AED use, fire, severe weather, utility failure, suspicious person, suspicious package, sexual misconduct, and active shooter
- Newly installed ADT security and key card control panels
- An automatic door locking system for front desk staffers
- Three panic buttons (to be used for life threatening incidents only)
- Installation of tornado signs and flashlights around the building
- Sexual awareness training for teachers and board members
- Updated protocols for adult and children's classes

These steps are necessary to protect the safety of our members, adult and child students, teachers and all who visit the DuPage Art League

To ensure that our safety awareness message reaches all of our students and members, teachers will be reviewing this important information with their students on a regular basis. Members who are not currently taking classes can pick up our Safety Information Sheets for their own review. These sheets are available near the front desk. Safety awareness is for all of us. We want this haven where we create our art to be happy and safe for all!

Hats off to league president, Mary Lynn Sullivan, for capably coordinating this year-long effort. Special recognition goes to our business manager, Yvonne Thompson, who programmed all the key card access and is temporarily managing the users, access plans and rules. Jennifer Bayer is so much more than our treasurer. She has been involved in addressing countless safety issues, acts on them and monitors their progress from start to finish. Barb Finn, VP of Office Management, has done a superior job of coordinating and communicating these efforts with our front desk staffers. Greg Munie has been instrumental in contacting outside resources for further support and information. Barb McCartney recreated the floor maps and helped to compile information for the front desk binder. All of these efforts attest to the old adage that, "Many hands make light work."

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please speak with a front desk staffer who can relay the information to the appropriate board member. You may also get in touch with us through the DPAL website under "About DPAL/Contact Us."

submitted by: Barbara McCartney

Art Demos

Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League

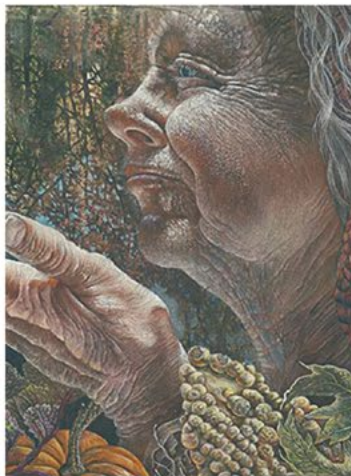


the big trip to go bass fishing. we needed a big breakfast: corn, toast (and Wes had snuck in a bowl of C 10:30am, the boat was loaded up, we scored an gas, and we were on our way. It was a long F there was a small waterfall that had to be before we arrived at the waterfall. But the fi ured above) required us to completely empty the

Travel Sketch Journaling

Monday, Sept. 16 • 6:30 pm
In-Person & Virtual

Wes Douglas will show tips, tools, and examples of how he captures travel memories. Learn how to prepare and pack, plan out your page, mix photos with sketches, and adopt an explorer's mindset.



Colored Pencil

Monday, Oct. 21 • 6:30 pm
In-Person & Virtual

Artist and educator Cynthia Hellyer Heinz connects the human form, wellbeing, and its influence on the creative experience. Her intricate imagery often describes the aging process, paralleling nature's cycles of regeneration.



Wood Art

Monday, Nov. 18 • 6:30 pm
In-Person & Virtual

Fascinated with wood's grain, texture and density, artist Jill Stevens creates 2D relief sculptures with wood, revealing its beauty. She'll demonstrate her process, tools and techniques to create colorful works.

Registration required
for all events



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wheatonlibrary.org/calendar
or scan

