



May 2025

newsletter

Happy Anniversary to us!

The Downtown Wheaton Association (DWA) led the celebration with balloons, and we added cake and a bubbly toast to celebrate 55 years of the DuPage Art League in downtown Wheaton. Allison Orr, Executive Director, DWA, Wheaton Mayor Phillip Suess and City Council member, Erica Bray-Parker and Lewis Achenbach of the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission joined members of the art league in toasting our success and our contributions to the fabric of the Wheaton community.

Nearly 40 people were in attendance at our party on April 13th. In appreciation for all that DWA does for the League and the community, DPAL president Mary Lynn Sullivan and Misty Alvis, our liaison with the DWA, presented a Wheaton themed pastel, donated & painted by Ellen Rottsolk, a member and DPAL instructor.



All photos by Jim Waters, photographer;
Candid shot by Barb Finn.



DUPAGE ART LEAGUE
Friday Outdoor Sketchers

Friday Mornings 9:30 am to 12

SUMMER PLEIN AIR 2025 SCHEDULE

- May 2 Lilacia Park, 150 S Park Ave, Lombard
- May 9 *Morton Arboretum, West side, Thornhill Ctr
- May 16 Danada Equestrian Center, Naperville Rd,
- May 23 Fabyan Villa & Japanese Garden 1925 S. Batavia Rd. Geneva.
- May 30 We Grow Dreams Greenhouse, 1055 W Washington St. West Chicago
- June 6 Museums at Lisle Station Park. 921 School Street, Lisle
- June 13 Blackwell F.P. ARCHERY AREA. West Chicago (first left.. Slim Beach Road.. after entering F.P.)
- June 20 Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Rd. West Chicago
- June 27 Theosophical Society, Wheaton (parking by Quest Book Store. 306 W. Geneva

*fee required to enter location

In this issue:

Board Election	2
Gallery I Winners	3
Gallery II Solo Exhibit	4
Member Exhibits/Activities	5
Notes from Yvonne	6
Member News Sullivan	6
Yvonne's Lightbulb	7
Safety	8
Call for Artists	9

The DuPage Art League does not discriminate nor tolerates harassment on the basis of race color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, genetic information or any other characteristic.

Board Meeting Notes - April

Treasurer's Report:

Resources:

Unrestricted cash increased by approximately 10% from the previous month due to the receipt of a grant.

Financial Activity:

Total income for the period was more than budget primarily due to higher than budget in membership, gallery sales, summer classes, open studio, donations and interest from government securities.

Total expenses for the period were less than budget primarily due to lower than budget in artists' payments, workshop instructors, and office supplies.

Reserves:

Based on the annual budgeted expenses, DPAL has 20 months of reserves.

Membership:

Amy Tran reported that we currently have 408 Members.



Volunteer Needed – Calendar Coordinator

Does being “in the know” about the goings-on of the DuPage Art League appeal to you?

Are you detail-oriented and comfortable with technology? If so, we have a new volunteer opportunity for you!



The DuPage Art League needs an online master events calendar which has all activities, classes, Monday night programs, monthly exhibit schedule, workshops, etc. all in one place and “at a glance”. Having such a calendar will benefit the front desk staffers, the

Board, and our publicity and social media team. You will interact with the Board members, other volunteers and the business manager to create and maintain a Google calendar. In addition, you will bring attention to any potential scheduling conflicts (for others to solve!). This is a volunteer role that can be performed at home with occasional meetings at the art league. You will have your own Gmail account to create and manage the calendar and receive/send emails. We do not have an online calendar today so this role will require you to set up the calendar, play with the features, and learn about its functionality.

Interested? Please contact Barb Finn, VP of Office Management, by calling the art league at 630.653.7090 or email Barb at barbfinn505@gmail.com.

2025 DPAL Board Elections

For your information 65 members voted and approved the nominated slate. No members disapproved of the slate.

Retiring and new members will meet together at May 8 board meeting. The slate of candidates for this year is as follows:

Secretary	Maeva Cook
Treasurer	
VP of Activities	Adele Dunn
VP of Membership	Maryann Staroszik
VP of Building & Grounds	Mark Galli
VP of Media & PR	Patricia Kosar
	Diana Mitchell
	President Emeritus

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.

DPAL Board 2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities: Adele Dunn
VP Building & Grounds: Mark Galli
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly
Gallery II: Mary Ann Staroscik
VP Finance: Carol Kincaid
VP Media: Mary Kate Venturini
VP Membership: Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn
VP Publicity & Promotions: OPEN
VP Safety & Security: Darlene Edwards
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and Wilda Kemp
Newsletter: Lori Tucker
dpalmembershipt@gmail.com

Gallery I April -- Tell Me a Story

Judged by: David JP Hooker



Best of Show - Dawn Halter
Afternoon Meditation, pastel

"Really lovely plein-aire style work. I especially appreciate how you captured the light and the freshness of the line work - especially effective where the trees meet the sky"



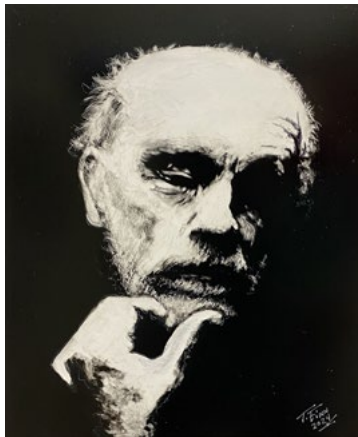
Best Theme - Jamie Rey Goonies, fiber

"The most original approach to story in the whole show. I really appreciate using an object to hold the meaning of the story as well as the craft involved. (I am also a craft artist.)"



Special Merit - Fran Puglise Sweet
Imaginations, pastel

"A fantastic composition expertly executed. Everything from the perspective to the pose of the figure is spot on — full of life and energy."



Special Merit - Tom Finn, Being
John Malkovich, scratchboard

"A bold, aggressive use of scratchboard medium. Expertly handled to create a very dramatic mood."



Special Merit - Darlene Edwards,
Twilight, mixed

"OK I confess as a ceramic artist, I love texture. I really appreciate your approach to this piece — a symphony of color and texture creating a twilight 'vibe'".

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!

MERIT AWARDS

Benita Brewer	Tea Party	watercolor	Yvonne Thompson	TS Eliot's Macavity	polymer clay/ geode
Nancy Anderson	Abandoned	pastel	Candace Olander	Little Wasps	watercolor
Margaret Zymali	Writing	mixed	Diana Nawrocki	Spring	watercolor
Michael Hogan	Annunciation	acrylic	Tina Turner	Careless	oil
Mary Dorrell	Van Rynn Testing	oil	Julie Keating	Dubious	graphite
Susan McClean	Id of Curiosities	photo	Kathy Manning	Yes! That One	watercolor

Gallery II May Solo Exhibit

Sharon Peters

by: Maryann Staroscik

Sharon Peters has been a traditional artist for more than 35 years. Her repertoire of works include landscapes, seascapes, still life's and custom portraits from photographs.

In her words:

"I started with pencil drawings, then moved to charcoal and pastels. I also did watercolor and acrylics, but I found my calling in the use of oil, creating textures with palette knives and enjoying the multitude of available colors. Along this route, I diversified to include saw blades, sand dollars, wood plaques and shabby chic - the newest form of creative art on furniture."

Sharon is an award winning artist having won recognition for her work at:

The Elmhurst Artist Guild, Elmhurst, Illinois
The Addison Art Guild, Addison, IL
DuPage Art League, Wheaton, IL
The Plein Air Group, Wheaton, IL
Mayslake Peabody Estate Juried Show
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County,
Anniversary Celebration



**Come view the art and meet Sharon Peters at a reception
May 4th from 2:00-4:00 at the DuPage Art League, Gallery II.**

Gallery I Exhibits for 2025

May: Blossoming. Capture the abundance of spring blooms and summer's bounty. Drop off April 30-May 1

June: Volunteer Show -- The Art of Everyday
Entry by Invitation Only. Drop off May 28-29

July: Water and Waves; Be inspired by the art of Hokusai and Japanese art, on view this summer at the Cleve Carney Museum. Drop off June 25-26.

August: Best of the Best. Winnings artworks from art leagues in the area.

September: Windows of the Soul. Express yourself with the idea of a self-portrait. Drop off August 27-28.

October: Chasing the Light. As days shorten, shows lengthen and fall colors shine.

Activities and Exhibits and More

Exciting New Workshops Coming to DPAL

I am delighted to announce that DPAL will host two new workshops in the upcoming months. **Tracey Maras**, a talented pastel artist, is presenting a two-day workshop to teach students how to “**Unleash from Local Color.**” Students will explore how to use color to communicate what they want their paintings to say distinct from their references and to allow their emotions to shine through the work. The workshop is being held on June 6 and 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the art league. The cost is \$275, but having this at our facility means that you can learn from a recognized artist without having the expense of traveling and finding accommodation. We are fortunate to have Tracey come to us!

If you are having painter's block and trouble tapping into your creativity, **Fourozan Shemirani's** workshop on Wednesday, May 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. is the one for you. The cost is \$45. She will guide students through the journey of process painting, allowing them to paint intuitively and see what naturally emerges on the paper without constraints. Artists may work in the medium of their choice. More information can be found on Fourozan's website, www.artfulsouljourney.com.

Please check dupageartleague.org for information about any upcoming workshops. My co-chair, Fran Pugliese, and I are seeking new opportunities for our members. Stay tuned!

Nancy Anderson
Workshop Chair

From the Library:

The Library has a new set of instructional art books. The set is called the Leonardo Collection. It is beautifully illustrated with black and white and color pages to help you in all phases of development of your art.

There are almost 50 volumes of magazine size publications which include the following subjects:

Fundamentals of Drawing:	Landscapes	Flowers
Anatomy	Still life	Seascapes
Perspective	Nudes	Portraits
Horses	Comics	Faces
Animals	Dancers	Cartoons
Birds	Architecture	Seasons
And more!		

The collection is on display on the “New Titles” shelf, ready for you to check out.

Enjoy!
Barbara Grabowski
Library Volunteer

Daisies Visit DPAL

On Wednesday, April 16th, ten enthusiastic Daisy Scouts from Lincoln Elementary in Wheaton visited our Art League for a tour of our galleries and a fun Easter themed art project. They left with a special gift and their own artwork, plus a better appreciation of the many different types of art we have on display!



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1... DPAL FRIDAY Outdoor Group

Note the changes of location dates in May. We are (due to many suggestions) trying to chase the flowering times at both Lilacia and the Arboretum.

This schedule takes us thru June. We are still confirming dates for several other locations that we visit later in the season.

We have selected the People's Choice Challenge (\$50 Dck Bick gift card award): **PORTRAIT OF A TREE**

FYI... We have again been invited to participate in Cantigny's Voyage en France

Scheduled for Sunday July 20th. A POP-UP Art exhibit is being planned this year! Should be fun. More info will be shared later.

Class sign ups...the saga continues!

Yvonne Thompson

Yes, once again all you dedicated Rottsolk-fans, hit a bottle neck trying to sign up for C session! This time it was worse though. There were so many of you trying to sign up that it even prevented some of the classes from being loaded!

I've been pondering how to stop this issue. It's only when classes are launched and to be honest only when Ellen's and Dan's that cause the problem:). So we are going to try a new way to sign up for the start of the Summer session (not yet complete, so don't ask when!). **Ellen's and Dan's classes will be released, one at a time**, each having its own time slot. Ellen tells me she will only have 2 classes for each of the summer schedules, so please look for the sign up times that will be sent out via Constant Contact, when the schedules are released and in the week before sign up reminder. If all goes to plan the bulk of the classes will still be released together as usual.

So please be patient. Let's try this and see what happens. I just want to make sign up easier for all of us!

Yvonne



Member News

Congratulations to **Mary Lynn Sullivan** whose pastel painting, "Grandma's Helpers," was accepted into The International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) 14th Master Circle Division Spring Exhibition. This Juried Spring Webshow can be viewed on the IAPS website @ <https://iapspastel.org/iaps-exhibitions/>



Once again, the DuPage Art League is opening the apparel store soon. Watch your Email for details.



Another little computer “LIGHT BLUB”

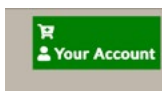
Yvonne Thompson, Business Manager and computer geek!

HELP! I CAN'T GET INTO CLASSES!

Members sometimes have problems when trying to purchase a class is they forget to LOG ON! When you go to the website, unless you have saved your log on info to your own computer our website doesn't know you. You must enter your username or email and your password. This is a security measure to prevent unauthorized access to your account. So here are the steps

First sign in. Let's use John Tester as our member.

Click on YOUR ACCOUNT



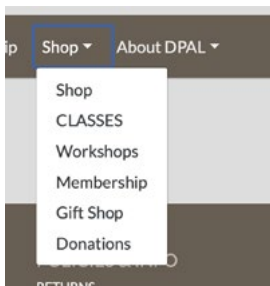
Enter your user id or email, your password and then click LOG IN

A login form with a light gray background. It has two input fields: "Username or Email" with "John Tester" entered, and "Password" with masked characters. Below the password field is a "Remember Me" checkbox and a "Log In" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Register" and "Lost your password?".

If this is your own computer, you may check the box REMEMBER ME (Do not do this on a public computer!)

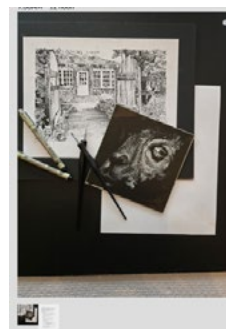
If the screen tells you the password is wrong, you can reset it by clicking "Lost your password". The system will send you a link to reset it.

Once the screen says, "You are currently logged in as (your name)" you can go to "SHOP", then you'll get a drop down menu like this:



Then >>>

1. Choose classes, (or workshops)
2. Choose Adult or Children's classes
3. Choose the teacher
4. Choose the class



Oh, and here is a little plus for you. Once you are on the page where you can purchase the class, look under the main picture.

See those 2 little thumbprint images, the second one is your supplies list!!.>>>>

If you are still having trouble on sign up day, email me as I am watching the screen as the sales come in. They come into my mail account so make your email title YVONNE HELP! and I will see it and reply to you, just remember I maybe helping others too!!

Yvonne 

Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

Art League Safety Equipment

Members need to familiarize themselves with the locations and use of art room safety equipment. Do you know the locations of fire extinguishers, fire blankets, eye wash stations, AED and first aid kits?





A DuPage Foundation Initiative

[Click Here to learn more about Arts DuPage](#)

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Attention: Visual Artists: Be a Part of Our Juried Art Exhibition!

Arts DuPage is partnering with North Central College to host a juried group exhibit at the prestigious Schoenherr Gallery, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville, IL.

Artists with profiles on artsdupage.org are invited to submit their work now. Entries should be the artist's original interpretation of the theme, "Artistic Alchemy," giving the viewer insight into the mind of the creator.

Important Dates:

Submission deadline: April 30, 2025

Notification date: May 9, 2025

Artwork drop off: May 22 & 23, 2025

Exhibit dates: June 5 - July 17, 2025

Artist Reception: June 7, 2025

Artwork pick up: July 19, 2025

(Please note: Dates are tentative)

[Download guidelines here.](#)

[Find the artist application here.](#)

[Find more info here.](#)

Click Here to Enter

Have questions? Contact Debbie Venezia at debbie@dupagefoundation.org.

630.665.5556 | dupagefoundation.org | artsdupage.org