



June 2025

newsletter

Dear Members,

As we move into the summer months, I want to take a moment to introduce myself and share some important safety reminders. I believe that maintaining a safe and welcoming environment is essential to supporting the artistic talent and vibrant community that the DuPage Art League represents.

June is National Safety Month and serves as a reminder to us to focus on raising awareness. We encourage all members to remain vigilant and engaged in safety practices. Simple safety awareness training and information have proven time and again to save lives, and we will continue to emphasize the importance of these best practices in our monthly "Safety Seconds" article.

This month the article focuses on Summer and Plein Air Safety.

With the arrival of warmer weather, many of us are spending more time outdoors participating in plein air painting and other activities. It is essential to stay mindful of environmental hazards such as heat exposure, insects, and uneven terrain. Please remember to stay hydrated, wear appropriate sun protection including hats and sunscreen, and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue. Being aware of your surroundings will help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

The DuPage Art League is proud to welcome and serve a wonderfully diverse group of members, students, and visitors. Our commitment to your safety and security remains a top priority as we work together to create an inviting and welcoming environment for all.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to safety.

Darlene Edwards, CFM
V.P. Safety and Security
DuPage Art League

The DuPage Art League is proud to present the upcoming volunteer show, **"The Art of Everyday"**. Volunteers were invited to showcase their talent and interpret the theme in their own style.

The art league volunteers, many of whom are multiple award winners themselves, offer their time and services to help make the art league an enjoyable, welcoming place to help build professional networking while sharing skills and techniques.

The volunteers are and remain an important part of the DuPage Art League. Stop by and view this delightful show which runs the month of June in both galleries.

Danielle Crilly, VP Galleries
Maryann Staroscik Gallery II

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Board Meeting Notes - May

Treasurer's Report: Financial Activity:

Total income for the fiscal year was more than budget due to higher than budget in membership, gallery sales, summer classes open studio, donations and interest from government securities. This difference is net of lower than budget artist's sales (gift ship and Yuletide,) class revenue for fall sessions A and B, and for winter sessions B and C.

Total expenses for the fiscal year were less than budget due to lower than budget in artists' payments, cost of classes and workshop instructors. This difference is net of higher than budget in artist payments-gallery sales, repair and maintenance expenses and depreciation expense (non-cash; due to new furnace, AC and air cleaner purchase installed on 4.25.25. Jennifer went over the budget for fiscal year 2026. The budget was approved by the Board.

Membership Report: We currently have 418 members.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Galli reported the new furnace and air conditioner were installed. He has been working on the sign for the back of the building.

DPAL Board Volunteer Position

Have a desire to support the arts and art education?
All while being part of an active Board of Directors?
If interested, please contact Jennifer Bayer at
dpaltreasurer@gmail.com.

The DuPage Art League is seeking a Treasurer. The ideal candidate will have accounting and finance experience and a working, basic knowledge of QuickBooks and Excel. An understanding of nonprofit accounting is helpful, but not necessary. This person must hold honesty and integrity in high esteem and be committed to accuracy, transparency and timeliness.

Responsibilities include recommending financial policies, supervising the bookkeeper, monitoring credit card transactions, processing credit card refunds, overseeing the insurance policies, presenting and preparing monthly financial reports, reconciling bank accounts, executing ACH (direct deposit payments), preparing positive pay bank uploads, downloading sales information, and working with third-party accounting firm to prepare Form 990 (this arrangement will be completed after April 15). Qualifications include strong communication and interpersonal skills, working knowledge of Microsoft applications such as Excel, Word and PowerPoint, attention to detail and accuracy, and business acumen and ability to identify and communicate operating risk.

The time commitment is approximately 4-6 hours per week. The current Treasurer's term ended on April 30, 2025.

ARTS DUPAGE'S "ARTISTIC ALCHEMY" JURIED EXHIBITION:

Arts DuPage put out a call for art to all artists with a profile on Arts DuPage, with a deadline of April 30. Participants were asked to enter up to 3 pieces and include an artist statement not to exceed 150 words to accompany each entry. Our members, **Margaret Bucholz and MaryKate Venturini** were selected into this juried exhibition. It is free to post an artist profile on Arts DuPage and promote your art and any art activities you are a part of.

Artistic Alchemy exhibition will be on display at Schoenherr Gallery, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville, IL 60540. The gallery is located in the Wentz Concert Hall and Performing Arts Building, main entrance on Ellsworth. Artist Reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 2:00-4:00 pm. The exhibition runs June 7 – July 17, 2025.

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.

DPAL Board 2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

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Gallery II: TBD

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Gallery I May -- Blossoming

Judged by: Danielle Wennmaker and Lauren McGraw



Best of Show - Tom Finn
Basket of Gold Medium:
 Scratchboard/Watercolor
 We were amazed by the medium. The contrast gave such life to the lemons. The craftsmanship is unparalleled.



Best Theme - Sally Sharp
Blooming Medium: oil/cold wax
 The symbolism of the girl blossoming was a nice take on the theme. We were initially drawn to the contrast between the gloominess and warmth of the girl.



Special Merit - Fran Puglise
Forgotten Splendor;
 pastel
 From far away, it was almost photographic. At a closer look, we admired the composition, frame and lighting.



Special Merit - Anna Meade
Bouquet of Radishes, acrylic
 We love the bold brushstrokes and the application of muted and vibrant colors.



Special Merit - Helen Read
Beside Still Water Medium: Oil
 We appreciated the warmth of the underpainting, and the use of limited color really makes the viewer feel present in the scene.

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

Mary Launi "Dance of the Irises" watercolor/ink
 Sue Rohl "Hawaiian Bloom" watercolor on yupo
 Jan Kloss "Laura's Garden Bunny" acrylic
 Mary Dorrell "White Bluffs" oil
 Dianne Cho "Soft Blooms by the Shutter" oil pastel
 Valerie Lorimer "Nourish your Bloom" ink/mixed media

Roberta Sieber "Garden Variety" oil on panel
 Diane Peterson "Hibiscus" oil pastel
 Marguerite Paris "Ode to a White Begonia" pastel
 Barb Plichta "Summer Serenity" watercolor
 Gloria Abrahamian "Spring Pines" pastel
 Chris Hughes "Ball Gardens" acrylic

DuPage Plein Air Artists

We are a group of artists that meet every Friday in various locations throughout the area.

For more information contact:

www.dupageartleague.org

218 West Front Street
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Plein Air Painting is a French term meaning "Out of doors". It is the practice of painting outdoors to capture a landscape in its natural setting.

The outdoor painters enjoy Plein Air for many reasons, including connecting with nature, making quick decisions and capturing the scene before the light changes.

**Artists will be featured at the
Lisle Woman's Club Garden Galt**

Purchase Tickets with QR code

June 8, 2025



"DuPage Art League plein air
artists in gardens".



Activities and Exhibits and More

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE Friday Outdoor Sketchers

Friday Mornings 9:30 am to 12

SUMMER PLEIN AIR 2025 SCHEDULE

- 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
- July 4 **Holiday! Enjoy!**
- July 11 Growing Place, 25W471 Plank Rd. Naperville OPENS
AT 10am.
- July 18 *Cantigny Park 1S 151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton
- July 25 Wilder Park Conservatory and Park, Elmhurst Il.
- August 1 Wheaton Business District (meet at DuPage Art
League
- August 8 Knock Knoll Park 336 Knock Knoll Rd. Naperville
- August 15 Ball Seed Gardens 622 Town Rd. West Chicago.
Park in the visitor lot on Town Rd across from Main
Office. Garden entry is to the south (left) of the bldg)
- August 22 Hurley Gardens Creekside Drive, Wheaton
- August 29 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 31st St. Oak Brook
- Sept. 5 Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road West
Chicago
- Sept. 12 * Cantigny Park 1S 151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton
- Sept. 19 McDowell Grove F.P. 4s500 Raymond Dr. Naperville
- Sept. 26 * Morton Arboretum, east side, Visitor Center Area,
Lisle Il
- October 3 St James Farm, Warrenville Il. (closing event)

*fee required to enter location

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 Dick Blick 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.

Cantigny French Festival Plein Air Exhibit Information

June 30 thru August 3

1. You do not have to be attending & painting at the festival to submit work for the exhibition. Art should be plein air paintings representing the locations our group has visited. They can be from past seasons. Cantigny would prefer images that depict Cantigny or St. James, but general images of trees, fields, water or such would be fine. (no chicken coops :))

2. 1 or 2 pieces per artist. Framed with wire hanger, no saw tooth, the walls are curved.

3. Artist's name, contact information, title of painting and price (if for sale) must be securely attached to back of artwork.

4. This same information plus painting medium MUST be emailed to Ellen by June 14. Cantigny is printing the signage.

5. Paintings MUST be delivered & signed in at the Dupage Art League by June 21. I will have the clipboard with paperwork in back by the teacher's artwork. Leave your pieces in the artwork storage area by the back door of the small classroom. You can begin dropping off paintings next week.

6. About the sale of artwork...because of a multitude of complications...Cantigny will not handle the actual sale. They will give contact information to interested parties. They are not asking for any commission, but if there are sales... they wish the art to remain hanging until August 3rd.

7. Sue and I will collect the paintings & return them to the league after the 3rd.

If you have questions... text Ellen (630.660.2442).



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.



***You are invited !
Sunday, June 22, 2025
2 - 4 pm***

**Please plan on attending the
Volunteer Show reception,
followed by a brief annual
meeting.**

**Family and friends are welcome to
attend.**

**Please RSVP to Adele Dunn by June
6th with your total attending,**

**Once again, the DuPage
Art League is opening the
apparel store.**

To order see:

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

password: Create25

**Watch your Email for
details.**



July 14, 2025, 6:30PM - The Essentials of Art Materials

Jaclyn Mednicov will present "The Essentials of Art Materials", a 90-minute hands-on, free presentation, via Zoom, that focuses on art materials and the relationship between paper surfaces and drawing/painting media. The presentation will empower artists with the knowledge necessary to choose the right papers and art materials for their own artistic practice. Attendees will participate in hands-on exercises using a selection of papers and drawing materials. Watch for an email with instructions for registration. Registration is limited.

The presentation will cover all aspects of art papers including:

- How paper is made on different types of papermaking machines
- The technical aspects of paper (weight, sizing, fibers used, and surface texture.)
- How surface texture and sizing affect the look of your artwork
- How the right paper can work with your drawing and painting techniques
- How to choose the right paper for your artistic practice
- Storing/handling paper and artwork for longevity and permanence

The presentation also covers art materials relevant to the attendees, which may include:

- Graphite
- Charcoal
- Colored Pencil
- Marker
- Water-soluble drawing media
- Watercolor
- Gouache
- Acrylic
- Oil Paint

Attendees will receive:

- Selection of Strathmore and Canson papers & literature
- Selection of drawing, painting, and water-soluble materials
- Princeton watercolor brush



About the Presenter

Jaclyn Mednicov is a Chicago based artist, whose work combines painting, photography, collage and installation. She has studied at Parsons School of Design in NYC, University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, and has her BFA from University of Kansas and MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has attended residencies at Awagami Factory in Japan, Vermont Studio Center, the Ragdale Foundation, The European Ceramic Work Center, and the SEA Foundation. Her work has been exhibited in nationally recognized galleries including Goldfinch, Chicago, Mixed Greens Gallery, NYC, The Franklin, Chicago, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL, Paris London Hong Kong, Chicago, and her work has been published in New American Paintings, Printmaking Today, LUXE Interiors, and Sheridan Road Magazine. Jaclyn currently teaches at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Jaclyn's website: www.jaclynmednicov.com

Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

Plein Air Safety

As the beauty of spring emerges, so do our plein air painters. Be sure your adventure into the world of plein air is safe by taking a few seconds to pack some safety essentials. Better yet, create your own plein air first aid kit. Include this small kit with your other important items for your safe adventure into the world of plein air painting.

Plein Air First Aid Kit

1. Antiseptic / alcohol wipes
2. Aspirin
3. Adhesive bandages
4. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
5. Insect repellent
6. Polysporin antibiotic ointment
7. Wet wipes
8. Plastic resealable bag
9. Triangle bandage
10. Safety pins
11. Scissors
12. Sunscreen
13. Tweezers
14. Knife





ART DEMO: WOOD BLOCK PRINTING

Wednesday, June 25 • 6:30 pm • In-Person & Virtual

Dive into Hokusai Series

Learn about contemporary techniques with third generation wood block relief printmaker, **Benjamin F. Calvert III**. Ben will discuss his tools and processes while demonstrating his modern version of this ancient art form. The artist's prints are on display in the Arts & Culture Center throughout June. Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League.

<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-wood-block-printing-93453>

