



July 2025

newsletter

Volunteer Show Reception and Annual Meeting

Despite the 90+ temperature on Sunday, June 22nd we had over 40 people attend the Volunteer Show Reception. Comfy benches in Gallery 1 provided the perfect spot for people to socialize with other members in a relaxed setting. Board members (and a few generous souls) provided an abundance of food and drinks. After the social hour we gathered in the large classroom for the Annual Meeting, a summary of the DPAL year in review by Mary Lynn Sullivan, president, and Jennifer Bayer, treasurer. The classroom décor was enhanced with floral arrangements by member, Holly Tyson. Some lucky members were able to take home an arrangement. Thank you, Holly.

Barb Finn and Sue Thomas took some candid shots of the event, and Jim Waters did some posed arrangements. A wonderful way to put your talents to use in volunteering for the League.

And last, but not least we had a wonderful group of people who stayed after the event to help clean up the space. What a huge help.

As we were reminded in the Annual Meeting a lot happens at DPAL and we owe it to the many Volunteers. Let us help you find a way to put your talents to use too. Call the front desk and let them know you want to help. We'll get you matched up.

Thank you to all those who helped.

Adele Dunn



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Board Meeting Notes - June

Treasurer's Report:

Total income for the period was less than budget due to lower than budget summer session A classes, this was offset by higher than budget in membership, gallery sales, workshops and donations. Total expenses were more than budget due to higher than budget artist payment-gallery sales, repair and maintenance. The DPAL has 17 months reserves.

Membership: We have 430 members.

Activities:

Nine DPAL plein air painters participated in the Lisle Garden Gate Garden Walk. We will also have plein air painters at The Growing Place on July 12 for their festival and at Cantigny on July 20, for their French Festival.

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.

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.

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: OPEN

VP Activities: Adele Dunn

VP Building & Grounds: Mark Galli

VP Education: Margaret Bucholz

VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly
Gallery II: TBD

VP Finance: Carol Kincaid

VP Membership: Mary Ann Staroscik

VP Office Management: Barbara Finn

VP Publicity & Promotions: Patricia Kosar

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

Faces & Places Artist - Barbara Finn

Barb demonstrated a love of art at an early age, drawing on every available scrap of paper as soon as she was able to hold a pencil. Her favorite subject was drawing people, as it is today. She later graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in Fine Art and soon met her husband, Tom, on a visit to Chicago, where he was an artist at Vogue Wright Studios. The rest is history.

When Barb and Tom were newly retired in 2017, they were seeking a way to fill their new found free time. As fate would have it, they met a Plein Air painter during a summer walk, who told them about the



DuPage Art League. They soon became active members, enrolling in classes with Ellen Rottsolk and Dan Danielson. Barb soon developed a love of soft pastels, with their vibrant colors and versatility, to add to her love of drawing.

Barb feels that belonging to this community of local artists has enriched her life in so many ways. She has enjoyed taking classes, exploring different media and techniques, and having fun with like minded people. She has also received recognition for her work in the Art League Gallery, with multiple awards including Theme and Special Merit awards. She and Tom also displayed some of their favorite pieces together at a joint exhibit in Gallery 777 at the Lisle Library.

Barb looks forward to sharing her artwork in Gallery II during the month of July. Additionally, there will be a reception for friends and family on Sunday, July 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



DPAL Always Needs New People to Volunteer!

In case you missed it, past president Diana Mitchell spoke at the volunteer reception about volunteering. In addition to the two positions described on page 2, these are a few other options for you:

New exhibits chair for **Gallery II**. Will start in fall

Beginning October we need volunteers to assist Yvonne Thompson moving materials for **Yuletide Treasures**.

We need members to join a team for **Yuletide windows**.

Two or three volunteers needed to help set up and clean up **League receptions and get togethers**.

The **front desk** can use more trained staff to fill in as needed

The Art league needs a **computer savvy** member to design an **online calendar**. It is soooo needed.

Our Building and grounds person needs a back up for **snow removal**.

We need an experienced CPA to replace our **treasurer**.

Our VP of Education would appreciate a **scheduling assistant**.

Diana Mitchell will help any new volunteer to get in touch with the appropriate officer or member.

Contact her at diamitc4@aol.com



More on Volunteering...

A Special Shout Out to our Front Desk Volunteers. A little Americana art. Without our front desk staff, we don't function. Thank you for volunteering. Happy Fourth of July!

Photo by Barb Finn



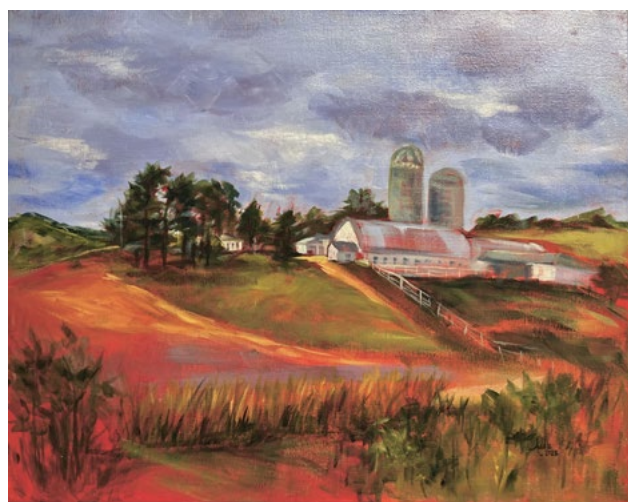
Julie Keating
"No Vacancy" Watercolor



Lynette Hoy
"Chicago Harbor Lighthouse" Oil



Pam Mitroff
"Capitol Dome" Scratchboard



Adele Dunn "Wisconsin Farm Land", Acrylic



Marianne Lynch
"ShakeRag Alley, WI" Watercolor

Thank you Front Desk!!!



“Hokusai & Ukiyo-e: The Floating World” Lecture Coming to DPAL

Join us for a free lecture for members and their guests presented jointly by the DuPage Art League and the Naperville Art League.

Diana Martinez, Executive Director of the McAninch Arts Center will discuss the exciting new exhibition now open at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art,

“Hokusai & Ukiyo-e: The Floating World.”

The lecture will be held Wednesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Art League, 218 W. Front St., Wheaton.

This once-in-a-lifetime exhibit features 70 pieces from the Edoardo Chiossone Collection never-before seen in the US, including historical Edo & Ukiyo-e works focusing on the lives of Hokusai, Hiroshige and Chiossone, along with the development of ukiyo-e and its lasting impact. Visitors to the exhibit can experience a walk-through Edo streetscape, immersive history of manga and anime, a Hokusai kids creative area, Great Wave gardens, the art of woodblock printing, and so much more. This informative overview is free to attend for members and their guests. There is convenient free parking on Front Street or in the parking garage directly across from the art league. It's a great way to enrich your visit to the exhibition, don't miss it!

CLICK TO REGISTER

DPAL Offers Free Workshops for Non-Members

Spread the word to friends who are not members of DPAL the we have curated free hands-on programs to help celebrate “Hokusai Ukiyo-e: The Floating World” at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art at the McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn.

The workshops give non-members a taste of artistic expression and an introduction to DPAL.

Click the links for more information:

For adult non-members 15+

[Origami](#) – Create paper cranes in this free workshop at 7 p.m. June 18 or August 7.

[The Great Wave](#) – Create you wave with pen-and-ink and colored pencil at 7 p.m. July 9 or August 14

For kids 7-14

[Manga](#) – Create your own Manga style comics using markers and colored pencils at 5 p.m. August 5



Gallery I Exhibits for 2025

ON EXHIBIT NOW - **July: Water and Waves;** Be inspired by the art of Hokusai and Japanese art, on view this summer at the Cleve Carney Museum.

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.

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!

Activities and Exhibits and More

Busy Season for Plein Air ...

by Ellen Rottsoik

The Plein Air Painters have been having quite the season. Along with our weekly Friday gatherings throughout the area, we have been invited to participate in several special events.

On **June 8**, we painted in a variety of beautiful gardens featured in the Lisle Woman's Club "Garden Gait". Fortunately, the day's storm held off until after 3 pm. We even had sunshine in the morning. It was really a fun day.

On **July 12**, we'll be painting and "entertaining" in the "Gardener's Art Fest" at the Growing Place in Naperville. This annual event is a celebration of art, nature and community.

Come see us on **Sunday July 20**; as Cantigny Park will be hosting "**Voyage en France**". A celebration of all things French. In the art world, nothing screams French more than "plein air". En plein air is a French expression meaning "in the open air" and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist's subject in full view.... The French Impressionists championed this technique. We have participated for three years, and it has been delightful interacting with the visitors.

This year Cantigny has also invited us to share our paintings created during our Friday outings in an exhibit at the Visitors Center, throughout the month of July. This is an exciting opportunity to share our work and expose the DuPage Art League to a broader community.

Cantigny French Festival Plein Air Exhibit Information

June 30 thru August 3

DuPage Art League Plein Air Painters
Discover the painters in action throughout the park and explore Voyage's first ever plein air art show in the Visitors Center lounge.

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE Friday Outdoor Sketchers

Friday Mornings 9:30 am to 12

SUMMER PLEIN AIR 2025 SCHEDULE

- 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

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

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



"Stop saying picturesque. They're all picturesque."



**Why was Van Gogh
such a good friend?**

Credits: Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Tracey Maras Workshop News



We're pleased to report that the recent workshop, presented by artist Tracey Maras, was a sold-out event! This workshop covered various aspects of 'seeing' and 'painting' color in a more creative way!

Tracey used both in-depth demonstrations and group exercises to give our participants the opportunity to experience this new relationship with existing color and taking it to a different level.

Tracey's work can be found between the covers of Pastel Journal/fall 2024 and YouTube videos.



Thanks to all of our participants who attended and were definitely up for the challenge!

And, stay tuned for future workshops at DPAL filled with fun and artistic exploration.

Workshop Coordinator

Nancy Anderson

Workshop Sidekick

Fran Puglise

If you ordered DuPage Art League apparel...

your order will be at the DPAL Gallery for pickup during the first week of July. Watch your email for details. Extra items were produced, so for those of you who were too busy painting to order, you may find something in the "extras".

Watch your Email for details.



Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

Summer is here, and while the place you're in might not always be sunny, you'll still want to think about sun safety whenever you go outside during the summer months.

Sunscreen protects your skin by acting as a barrier for your skin cells protecting it from different types of damage. Such effects can take the following forms: sunburns that are severe or frequent, skin with popped blood vessels, wrinkles caused by premature skin aging, and skin cancer.



Key considerations for picking sunscreens

- Choose a sunscreen with an SPF rating of at least 30 to ensure adequate protection from the sun's UV rays.
- Look for sunscreens that offer broad spectrum protection, meaning they protect against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Select a sunscreen that is water-resistant so it won't wash off easily when swimming or sweating.
- Check the ingredients list to make sure there are no potentially harmful chemicals such as oxybenzone or octinoxate; opt for natural ingredients like zinc oxide instead.
- Consider how thick or thin you want your sunscreen to be ; thicker formulas tend to provide better coverage but can feel heavy on skin , while lighter lotions may not last as long .
- If you have sensitive skin , look for fragrance-free options ; some scented products contain allergens that can irritate skin .
- Decide whether you prefer spray , cream , stick , or gel formulas ; sprays are easy to apply quickly but may not cover all areas evenly, while creams take longer but provide more even coverage .



Answer to Page 7 riddle:

... Because he always lent an ear!