



November 2025

# newsletter

Dear Members,

Hello and happy November. My name is Carol Kincaid and I am the VP of Community Involvement and Fundraising. Community Involvement is a rather broad term but what it encompasses is working with community groups such as scouts, older adults, and many other groups seeking a tour or a hands-on art project with the league. Depending upon the group, the time they have and the availability of a classroom, these tours/projects run about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. We, Barb Finn, Barb Plichta and myself, are always looking for and happy to have other league members help us with this. It is a fun time and you feel good after working with these groups.

Also under my title is donations of art work to other not-for-profit groups for their fundraisers. We average about 12 groups each year requesting this service and these groups range from school PTAs to cancer fund raising groups, to youth and child services to mental health groups and the list could go on and on. Many times our donated art work has become one of the highlights of their silent auction. This program has been quite successful in getting our DPAL name as well the name of the artist out to the public. Of course this success has only been achieved because so many of you have given the league your framed art work to use for this purpose. Thank you, thank you! In fact, if you have any framed art work you no longer want we would love to have it.

Another area I'm responsible for is financial scholarships. The league does offer them and they are meant for those needing financial help in enrolling in a class. The application is easy to complete and can be found at the front desk. However, it needs to be filled out at least one week prior to the start of the class.

The last area I'm responsible for is Fundraising, which among other things does include grant writing. I must admit that I am a failure at grant writing. 26 years ago I completed and sent out 30 grant requests and only 1 was approved and resulted in some money. ( Boy, was I deflated!) So, if any if you have a desire and a skill in this area, please let me know because we could really use you.

I know that Thanksgiving is fast approaching and it is usually the time we remember and give thanks to the founding pilgrims and the bountiful food that they and the original people provided, but I would also like to give thanks and be grateful to DPAL's founding ladies: the Ms. Miller, Watkins, Bakke, Jens and Fischer who had the vision and the determination back in 1957 to provide a place for painters, both amateur and professional, to work, exhibit, grow and socialize. I don't know the size of the membership at that time in 1957/59, I'm certain it wasn't very large, but everyone knew they had to volunteer their time, their talent and even their money to keep the league going and growing and it certainly has! For that I am most grateful.

Carol Kincaid

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.

It's YULETIDE SEASON

The Shop is Open

Nov. 3rd-Nov 29th

M-F 9 am - 5 pm

Sat. 9 am - 2 pm

Dec 1st-23rd

Mon-Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Christmas Eve

9 am - 1 pm

Can you believe... the holidays are right around the corner? And so is the very popular **Yuletide Treasures**. The kickoff will be the member party on Sunday, November 9th from 2 to 4 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with the party in the areas of set up, and takedown, and some food contributions, as well. Set up is usually done on Saturday afternoon and take down happens immediately after the party. There is not a huge time commitment, and you may even get to meet somebody new.

Please email Adele if you'd be interested in helping:

[dpalactivities@gmail.com](mailto:dpalactivities@gmail.com)

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## Board Meeting Notes - October

### Treasurer's Report.

Jennifer Bayer reports we are doing well.

Unrestricted Cash increased by one percent due to fall session A registrations. Financial Activity total income was more than budget; however, this was offset by lower than budget revenue for general donations and summer session A registrations.

Total expenses for the period were in line with the budget.

Reserves remain at 18 months.

### Activities Report:

Adele Dunn reports the October 20th, Monday Night Demo at the Wheaton Library will feature Jennifer Hauser, Multimedia Whimsical Drawings.

November 17th, Monday Night Demo at the Wheaton Library will feature Steve Puttrich, Capturing Moment's in Oil.

### Membership:

Amy Tran reports that we have 532 members. The DuPage Art League welcomed 191 new members this year.

### Exhibits Report:

Danielle Crilly said Gallery I has 93 entries! Gallery II is a wonderful exhibit of the plein aire painting group.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PASTEL STUDENTS!

The **Chicago Pastel Painters** is presenting the Tenth Biennial National Juried Exhibition, Pastels Chicago 2025, from October 31 until December 6, 2025 at The Art Center Highland Park. The reception and awards ceremony will be held there on Friday, November 7 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The DuPage Art League is honored to have four members juried into this prestigious national show: **Nancy Anderson, Diana Mitchell, Mary Lynn Sullivan and Maryann Staroscik**. If you are unable to attend the reception, you may wish to visit the show at another time as the pastel works are always of the highest quality and well worth seeing.

**Barb Denny** is participating in the 5th annual Artisan Fair at Plymouth Place, 315 LaGrange Rd, LaGrange Park, IL.

There will be over 30 artists at the Fair presenting fine arts and craft works. It will be held on Nov. 7 and 8 from 10am – 4pm.

## “EAT MORE TURKEY!”

Says Ellsie.

This message was brought to you by **Selfie by Ellsie, by Dan Danielson, watercolor artist and teacher.**



**Happy Thanksgiving DPAL  
Members!!**

### DPAL Board 2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan

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Carol Kincaid

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# DuPage Art League Plein Air Artist Reception

We had an awesome time at our Plein Air Reception this year. Thank you to everyone who participated. All of us clean up nice don't we? Congrats to **Fran Puglise** for her 1st place entry and to **Roberta Tassara** for 2nd place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Stay tuned...Ellen and Sue



## Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

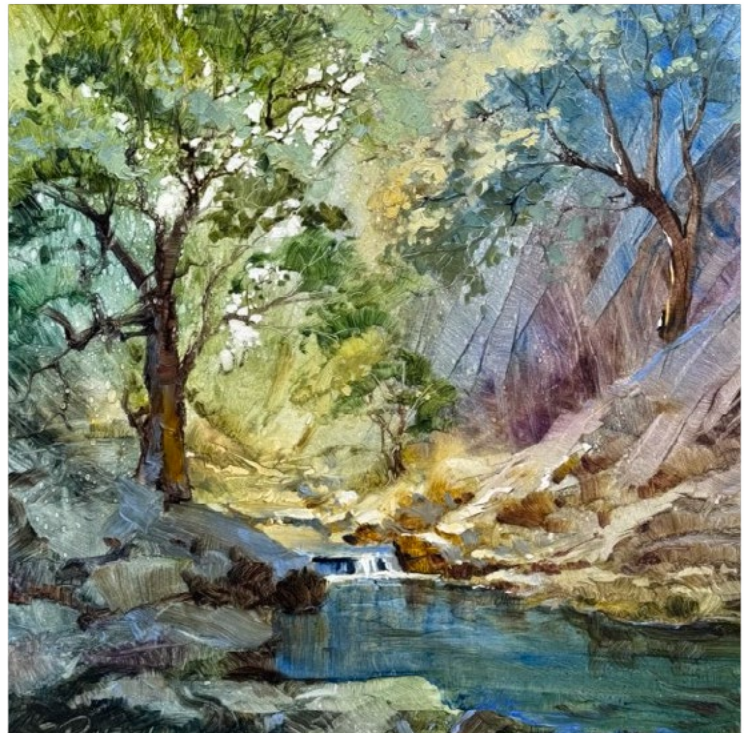
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## Art Demo: **Steve Puttrich** “ CAPTURING MOMENTS IN OIL”

**Monday Nov. 17th - 6:30 pm In-Person & Virtual**

Enhance your work's visual appeal and emotional impact by joining award-winning artist, judge, and instructor Steve Puttrich to learn the plein air techniques that captivate judges and attract buyers. Steve will cover design, freshness and story. Whether you're an aspiring artist or a seasoned professional, you'll gain valuable techniques and inspiration.



Register:

<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-capturing-moments-oil-121867>

# Activities and Exhibits and More

## Workshop with Cynthia Hellyer Heinz



Cynthia Hellyer Heinz conducted a workshop at the DuPage Art League on October 11-12. The students learned techniques on how to work on black paper with colored pencil to create drawings with light and luminous shadows.

Still lifes with various natural objects offered by Cynthia, including eggs, leaves, squash, pine cones and the like, were arranged to allow the attendees to create narratives filled with light, shadow and color, and the artists were encouraged to explore with invented color to go beyond the image in front of them and create a compelling composition that invites the viewer to look deeper than the surface to question the artist's intention and meaning. I want to thank Cynthia for offering this thoughtful and interesting experience that left the students both inspired and exhausted!



## 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](mailto: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.

## DPAL Always Needs New People to Volunteer!

New exhibits chair for **Gallery II**. NEEDED

Two or three volunteers are 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

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](mailto:diamitc4@aol.com)

**Please volunteer**  
**Many Hands Make Light Work!**

Yuletide



Treasures

The Dupage Art League is bursting with hundreds of **ONE-of-A-KIND** creations.

Shop for unique extraordinary affordable gifts, by local artists.

Paintings, Photography, Ornaments, Holiday and Home Decor, Jewelry, Woodwork, Pottery, Wearable Textiles, Greeting Cards, Candles, and so much more!

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**Christmas Eve 9 am - 1 pm  
for all those last-minute gifts!**



**FREE "Thank you" gift**

when you make a

Yuletide Treasures purchase  
totaling \$75 or more

*(this offer does not apply to purchasing  
gift certificates, classes or memberships)*

Free parking on Front Street or in  
the parking garage across the street.

Yes, Yuletide is here! As I write this, the team and I are receiving all your lovely work! If you missed this first drop off, remember there will be a second one on December 4th.

I am noticing some of you are forgetting to enter your inventory numbers on the sticky artist labels. Please remember this for the second drop off.

I have had some wonderful help so far, but do remember EVERYONE needs to Volunteer. If you haven't signed up to help out in some way, you can pay a \$25 fee, which will help with things like the purchase of gift bags, the reams of tissue paper we go through for the sale, or help with the cost of decorations and refreshments for the party on the 9th of November. If you haven't volunteered yet, expect a call from me!



If you bring in more than the limits listed in the criteria package, said items will be removed from sale. I will call you if you are selling most of your work to replenish before the 4th. Remember all the forms are on the website. If you need more sticky artist code labels, please email me, [giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com](mailto:giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com).

The gallery walls will be painted during the Christmas and New Year closing, so everything from the gift shop will be returned to you with your leftover Yuletide stock this year. New or replacement stock must have the new artist code label attached, so email me well in advance if you need one.

Also don't forget to sign up for the Yuletide launch party on Sunday, November 9th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Lots of prizes, including jewelry, electric kitchenware, and a "Sign up for a class early" certificate! So mark your calendars and bring a friend!

Just one more thing, the 2026 memberships will be released December 1

Happy Holidays everyone!

*Yvonne*

# TRICK OR TREAT AT DPAL

Hundreds of children in costume, along with their parents (many also dressed up), crowded the streets of downtown Wheaton on Saturday, October 25th to trick or treat at local businesses. Barb Finn, Danielle Crilly and Laurel Erickson enjoyed handing out candy to all of them, plus shared many copies of our kids' and adults' fall classes with parents. Meanwhile, Wes Douglas' urban sketchers recorded all the action in their sketchbooks for that day's project. A fun time was had by all!



## Dupage Art League - Upcoming

Yuletide Treasures - Opens November 3rd!!!

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Membership Renewals - December (Currently they are half off for the remainder of the year!)

Activity Guide - Coming in December. Watch your email distribution date.

Sneak Peak at first Gallery I Exhibit Theme:

January 2026—SANCTUARY

Entry: Jan 7-8 Pick-up: Jan 28-29

Description: Interior places or wide open spaces - where do you experience peace?