



October 2025

newsletter

Dear Members,

As the vice-president of building and grounds, I think it best if you don't notice me or my work.

At least most of the time. Most of the time, the lights and plumbing should be working whenever needed. Air conditioning and heating as well. Sidewalks should be clear in winter. And so forth. If you take such matters for granted, it means building and grounds is working well.

Of course, there are the little problems and emergencies that become immediately obvious: a toilet is not flushing. The front door doesn't close properly. A light bulb needs changing. And so forth. In that case the goal is to attend to the problem ASAP so few people even notice that there was a problem, and those who noted the problem quickly forget there ever was a problem.

So I'm pretty happy when people don't notice me or my work at DPAL.

Again, mostly. I can't do my job if people don't remember that I can (and want to) be called or texted or emailed when there is a BIG problem to be addressed. In which case, I'll get to it as soon as I can—personally or by hiring someone if the job is above my pay grade. Admittedly that's pretty low bar at a volunteer association... but I employ my handyman skills whenever I can.

I'm happy to be of service to DPAL. I do manage nine apartments and one home, so that keeps me busy and is the main excuse when I can't get to something immediately. Well, besides visits to children and grandchildren or trips with my wife of 51 years—other good excuses. And I try to give an hour or two a day to drawing and painting—something I took up upon retirement five-and-a-half years ago. The learning curve still feels steep, but I gather all artists at all levels feel that way sometimes.

In a previous life, I was a pastor and then an editor, so art and fix-it projects are a nice change of pace for me. So don't hesitate to "bother me" because it's rarely a bother.

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VP Building and Grounds

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DUPAGE ART
LEAGUE
Friday Outdoor
Sketchers

Friday Mornings
9:30 am to 12

**SUMMER PLEIN AIR 2025
SCHEDULE (remaining)**

LAST PLEIN AIR Meeting:

October 3 St James Farm,
Warrenville IL. (closing event)

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

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.

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YULETIDE!!!**

Board Meeting Notes - September

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer reported that we are in good shape. Income for the period was more than budget due to fees for the the Best of the Best exhibit. Expenses were in line with the budget. We have 18 months of reserves. It was noted that we are still in need of a volunteer to serve as treasurer.

Activities Adele Dunn: The September 15th, Monday Night Demo at the Wheaton Library will be available online. October's Monday Night Demo will feature multi-media artist Jennifer Hauser. A Giclee printing presentation by Adam Brown of Osio-Brown on September 13, 2025.

Education Margaret Bucholz: reported we have new teachers for fall Session B. Jake Jacobs – Drawing Basics, Shemirani Forouzon – Intuitive Painting, Suzanne Wegner- Watercolor in Botanical Art. Chad Wooters - Traditional Tonal Realism Oil Painting. Meaghan Green-Painting Sweeping Landscapes and Eric Forsberg – Oil Painting.

Exhibits Danielle Crilly: reported the August member show was successful with 80 entries.

Membership Amy Tran: reported we have 513 members.

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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.

Sad news...

Many of you may recall the free-spirited Janan Hudak, a DPAL lifetime member and front desk volunteer. Sadly, we've learned of her recent passing.



Janan, a prolific artist, sold her artwork at various art shows and had once opened an art store in Batavia. She also enjoyed reading, felting and knitting and worked as a librarian in North Aurora, IL for several years.

Per the families wishes, there will be no visitation services.

www.vandnebergfuneralhome.com

Winter Clothing Drive

Bring your donations of new or gently used winter clothing to DPAL during the month of **October**

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

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Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and

Wilda Kemp

Newsletter: Lori Tucker

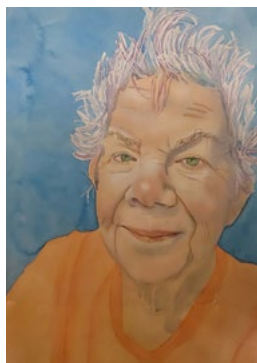
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Gallery I - September Exhibit: Windows of the Soul

Judged by Nicole Gazzano

BEST OF SHOW

Greg Bockheim "Aloha Baboon from Hawaii" acrylic
"Incredible use of color and composition. The flat slightly textured approach adds to the surreal storytelling in addition to anthropomorphizing the character with a themed shirt and stern glare."



BEST THEME

Bobbie Hald "Rise and Shine" watercolor
"The watercolor technique is amazing! The piece, while off-centered, feels balanced because of the great use of negative space. The complimentary colors pull you in from a distance, and the fine details make you lean in for more."

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Lisa Kannellos, Window to My Soul This Summer, watercolor

"Stunning use of watercolor technique, especially in the details. Amazing shading and layout. The simple mat and minimal light wood frame let the artwork be the focal point. Nice work!"



Jim Hisson, Self With Pipe, oil

"Great use of color and expressive brush technique. Layout is balanced and the character's facial expression is approachable."



Diane Peterson, Turning 70, paper collage

"Brilliant use of paper cut outs! Love the organic shapes and texture for shading! Great compositional layout and storytelling. Nicely done!"



MERIT AWARDS

- Michelle Rogowski, Aria, Pitt pastel
- Fran Puglise, Can You See Me Now pastel
- Margaret Bucholz, Family Dinner at Burma O'Clock, colored pencil
- Michelle Rogowski, Anok Yai, Pitt pastel
- David Reichert, Self Portrait, Watercolor
- Mary Dorrell, All About Color, oil
- Evelyn Holy, Plashing Me, acrylic
- Joan Kalmanek, Fractured Reflection, photo
- Anna Mead, Helen Circa 1936, acrylic
- Danielle Crilly, Headache, pastel
- Neleen Lehman, Perplexed Self Portrait charcoal

Gallery I - October Exhibit: Chasing the Light

Judged by Brian Sauerland

BEST OF SHOW

Debbie Birhanu, Autumn Leaves, colored pencil

"Beautiful composition! There is a wonderful balance of quiet areas that contrast the more detailed and complex rendering of the autumn leaves. A strong technical mastery is evident in how the colored pencil is handled throughout the drawing. This drawing is a gem."



BEST THEME

M.L. Sullivan, Oak Leaves, pastel

"Love the square format and small size of this pastel painting. The viewer is invited in to explore the subtle shifts in color temperature. There is a nice feeling of depth with the soft blue sky combined with a variety of hard and soft edges. Wonderful color harmony as well."

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Tom Finn, The Inside Story, scratchboard & watercolor

"The dramatic light pulls the viewer in from across the room. Even the shadows, while dimly lit, provide enough information to describe the form of the pumpkin. Strong technical skills are displayed throughout the artwork."



Fran Puglise, First Day of School - circa 1959, pastel

"The strong horizontal format invites the viewer to take a closer look. I love how the balance of the red car on the left compliments the warm colors in the figures on the right. You can feel the strength of the mother and how she seems to be protecting her children. Nice execution of pastel and play of light and shadow."



Beth Berry, Whispers into the Forest, Gouache

"The light in this painting really caught my eye. Love the soft color play that happens in the distant trees. The color harmony between the blues and yellows balance well. Another painting that shows a strong composition as well as technical expertise of handling the medium."



MERIT AWARDS

Diane Peterson, Queen of Autumn, watercolor
Jacqueline DeClute, Where the Light Fell, watercolor
Nawrocki Field of Flowers, fabric stitchery
Evelyn Holy, You Don't Belong Here, acrylic
Helen Reed, Gloaming, oil on panel
Marge Hall, Yellow Rose, oil

Robert Koch, Shadows El Saito, Mexico, watercolor
Rebecca Schobel, Boca Stephenica, pastel
Candace Olander, Last Hurrah, watercolor
Kathy Olson, Hobson Road Barn, pastel
Mary Dorrell, Golden Moment, oil
M. Alvis, Heartland in Gold, photograph

New Workshops for Fall

Nancy Anderson, Workshop Coordinator

Two instructors who have taught workshops in the past are returning to the DuPage Art League this fall, and we are so excited to offer these wonderful opportunities to our students.

Cynthia Hellyer Heinz, a retired professor from Northern Illinois University, is teaching "The Luminous Shadows," a workshop about using colored pencils to work on dark paper. This will be held on two days, Saturday, October 11, and Sunday 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the fee is \$295.00. It is open to students of any level of experience. She will explore the ways light directs our experience through looking carefully, and she will use specific exercises to help the students develop their narratives.

Sarah Rehmer is offering a workshop in encaustic painting, using beeswax and pigment in a molten state to create works with visual depth. This is a unique chance to work with a new and exciting medium. This will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$150, and the \$25 material fee payable to the instructor at the time of the workshop includes all paints, tools and substrates, although students are requested to supply a few items. The supply list for both workshops is available at the art league

More Evening Classes

Submitted by Margaret Bucholz

You asked; therefore, we were able to set up more art classes starting in the Fall B session which runs November 3 through December 20 with a week off November 24-29.

Monday Evening: Colored Pencil Magic, Margaret Bucholz, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday Evening: Drawing Basics for Absolute Beginners, Jake Jacobs, 6:30-9pm

Intuitive Painting, Forouzan Shemirani, 6:30-9pm

Wednesday Evening: Capturing Light in Acrylics, Olga Shroff, 7-9:30pm

Thursday Evening: Oil Painting Seascapes and Skies, Eric Forsberg, 7-9:30pm

Friday Evening: Traditional Tonal Realism, Chad Wooters, 7-9:30pm

From the Library:

The following titles have been added to the DPAL Library. You will find them on the New Books shelf:

Brown. Learn to Draw Horses.	Drawing
Fairley. Drawing and Painting Hands and Feet.	Drawing
Hamilton. Complete Sketching Book.	Drawing
Hendershot. Texture Techniques for Winning Watercolors.	Watercolor
Kessler. Color Harmony in your Paintings.	Painting
Leveille. Painting Expressive Portraits in Oil.	Oil
Raymes. Drawing the Figure.	Drawing
Saper. Painting Beautiful Skin Tones.	Painting
Seligman. Painting the Effects of Weather.	Painting
Tilton. Drawing and Painting Animals.	Drawing

Enjoy!

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

DPAL Always Needs New People to Volunteer!

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

Beginning in 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 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

Art Fair Tent for Sale

Very sturdy art fair tent for sale. Comes with heavy weights. Used but still in good shape. \$150 for tent and weights. Contact Valerie Lorimer at: vlorimer@yahoo.com if interested.

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershipt@gmail.com by the the 15th of the month. cceptable 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.

The Luminous Shadows

Cynthia Hellyer Heinz

DuPage Art League

Fascination with the way light reflects off water, glass, and a window is a magical illusion. We do not see without light and dark. The sharpness tells us something is closer. The details offer an invitation to touch or avoid. As artists, the ability to describe through using light and dark gives a range of compelling images and visual meaning. Consider the morning mist. It is magical and romantic or eliciting gothic horror emerging through gloom.

In this workshop we will explore the ways light directs our experience through looking carefully, and with specific exercises, develop a narrative discovering the depth in the shadows.

What will you bring to your toolbox:

- How value and surface reflection build form
- Developing color with inner light
- Use of contrast to create drama
- Communication using symbols
- Constructing a shadow narrative

All exercises will be supported with handouts and references

This workshop is designed for any level of experience. We begin where you are, in relation to your goals in building a method for investigating your ideas and heightening curiosity.

Materials: [A complete list will be provided]
Color Pencils on Stonehenge Aqua Black Watercolor paper

When: Saturday, 10/11, and Sunday, 10/12, 9:30-4:00

Cost: 295.00

Location: DuPage Art League, Wheaton, Illinois

Life is narrated via the memorable images that assemble into your wondrous myth.



Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

October is Fire Safety Month with Fire Prevention Week taking place from October 5 to October 11, 2025.

Fire Prevention Week is an annual campaign led by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to raise public awareness about fire safety and prevention. It commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and aims to educate the public on reducing fire-related injuries and deaths through various initiatives and community outreach programs.

The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2025 is **“Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”** This theme emphasizes the importance of educating the public on the safe use, charging, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries, which are commonly found in many household devices such as smartphones, laptops, and power tools. The campaign aims to inform consumers about the potential fire risks associated with these batteries if they are



Purchase Wisely: Research products that use lithium-ion batteries and ensure they have a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab, indicating they meet safety standards.

Charge Safely: Use the appropriate charging cables, charge devices on hard surfaces, and avoid overcharging to minimize risks.

Recycle Responsibly: Dispose of lithium-ion batteries at designated recycling locations to prevent fire hazards.



Art Demo: **Jennifer Hauser**

Multi Media / “Whimsical Drawings with Jennifer”

Monday October 20th LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Jennifer creates intricately detailed vignettes full of whimsy fit for the story books of your childhood. In her demo, she will discuss board preparation and materials, then walk you through her artistic process. After inking, she will demonstrate the process of coloring her work, needed for the final finished piece on Masonite. Come see her spin her magic!



Register:

<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-whimsical-drawings-121865>

Activities and Exhibits and More



Margaret Bucholz had her watercolor piece, "Iris Dream" selected to be included in Illiart 2025, which will be on display at Gallery Seven from October 2-26, 2005. The Opening Reception is Sunday, October 12 from 1-3pm. Gallery Seven is located at 200 W. 8th Street, Lockport, Illinois.



Medium: Watercolor
Artist: Margaret Bucholz
Size: 22"x29.5"

THE PLEIN AIR PAINTERS ARE BRINGING IT INSIDE! (TO GALLERY II)

October kicks off the color season and gives the art league an opportunity to showcase the wonderful art works of the Plein Air Painters!



This group of enthusiastic artists meets every Friday, May - October, gathering at different venues throughout the area in order to capture their impressions of landscapes and nature.

All levels of talent and mediums are welcome to join this group whose main criteria is having fun!

This delightful show will run the month of October in Gallery II and you can meet these artists at the reception on October 19th, 2:00-4:00. After viewing this show, you may wish to join the group.. please ask one of our wonderful front desk volunteers for more information.

Gallery II



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!

Nov. 3rd - Nov. 29th

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dec. 1st - Dec. 23rd

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**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.

As you can see, Yuletide Treasures is almost upon us! There are MANY changes this year, "Oh Joy!" I hear you exclaim! 😊 Believe me, they are good changes!

Firstly, THERE ARE NO BARCODES!!! All labels will just have 300, your code, and a space to enter the inventory # and price. Any artwork from last year will have to be relabeled, though. I can send you a PDF to print your own labels, or you can email me if you need some printed for you at giftshopandyuletide@gmail.com.

The Disclaimer, inventory sheets, and Criteria are all online now. †Download them from the website, under the heading "Yuletide Treasures info"

Most of you will be able to complete your sheets and labels at home and pack all your work into boxes AND.....just drop them off! No appointments or waiting. Just "Drop and go"!!

Drop off will be on **Tuesday, the 28th, Wednesday, the 29th, or Thursday, the 30th of October** in the large classroom. **Times are 11:00 am to 4.30 pm every day**. We might be able to accommodate one late afternoon if we can get someone to work it.

There will also be a members' Yuletide Treasures event 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!

Yvonne