

Newsletter



The Dupage Art League • April 2026

Dear Members,

I have been a member of the DuPage Art League since retiring in 2009. I have enjoyed taking many classes in different media. I also enjoy the Monday Night Art Demos at the Wheaton Library, and some of the workshops offered here at the art league.

The DuPage Art League has so much to offer; art education, community, and an exceptional gallery! Don't forget the Gift Shop! It has been a great place for unique gifts for friends and family. We also have some fun member parties, New Member Tea, and the Annual Meeting. Your membership supports the organization and helps provide all the art league offers.

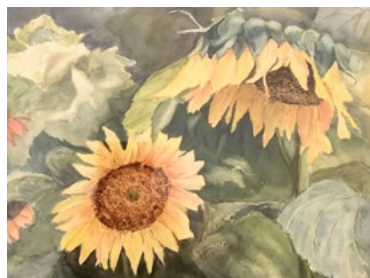
I am in my second term as Board Secretary. It has been wonderful to see how the art league operates and grows. The board members are very passionate about offering the best teachers and classes, workshops, programs and opportunities for all of DuPage County and beyond! I enjoy serving on the board, I feel it's my chance to give back to the art league for all it has given me.

Thank you for your membership. You help support the organization and help to provide all that the DuPage Art League offers. Don't forget, you receive a discount on classes.

Maeva Cook
Board Secretary



Art By Maeva Cook



Front Page Celebrations!

Leah Miller just celebrated her 98th birthday. Here she is in art class! (shown with her son).



Diana Greenhow celebrated her 95th birthday in her colored pencil class this week.

Happy Birthday to these beautiful ladies!!!

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Board Meeting Notes - March

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer said we continue to do well. She is currently preparing the budget for Fiscal Year 26.

Exhibits: Danielle Crilly reported there were 80 entries in the March show, "Wisdom". She noted that several brand-new members received Merit Awards this month, and that three paintings were sold. Danielle said the quality of art in the gallery has been phenomenal.

Gallery II: Maryanne Staroscik reports the reception for Alice Matthews beautiful exhibit was held on Sunday, March 8th .

Education: Margaret Bucholz has finalized the classes for Winter Session C, and they are on the website. Members sign up is Saturday, March 28th , non-member sign up begins on April 1st . We also have workshops scheduled for April and May

Membership: Amy Tran we currently have 417 members.

DPAL Calendar

- Apr 5 **Easter**
- Apr 13 **Spring Classes begin**
- Apr 20 **Demo - COLLAGE See page 7**
- Apr 25 **Workshop Gouache Day**
- Apr 29-30 **Pick up Patterns**
- Apr 29-30 **Drop off May art: Seasons of Life**
- May 1-2 **Workshop Brian Sauerland**
- May 27-28 **Pick up Seasons of Life**

2025 DPAL Board Elections

Watch your email for a Constant Contact in late March/early April. This email will have a ballot and instructions for voting. Ballots must be returned to a front staff staffer no later than Friday, April 10th . The slate of candidates for this year is as follows:

President	Barbara Finn
VP of Education	Margaret Bucholz
VP of Exhibits	Danielle Crilly
VP of Community Involvement	Carol Kincaid
VP of Office Management	Adele Dunn
VP of Safety & Security	Darlene Edwards

Please print your ballot and give to the front desk staffer by April 10th or mail to the Art League. Ballots will also be available at the front desk. You must be a current member to vote.

Thank you in advance for voting for your new board.

Diana Mitchell
President Emeritus

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembership1t@gmail.com by the 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.



Welcome Spring!

Magnolia Blossoms and
Redbud at Danada by
Ellen Rotsolk



DPAL Board 2026

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer **NEED Volunteer**
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
& Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn
VP Publicity & Promotions: Patricia Kosar
VP Safety & Security: Darlene Edwards
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and
Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: TBD
Newsletter: Lori Tucker
dpalmembership1t@gmail.com

Gallery I - Women's History Month MARCH WINNERS



BEST OF SHOW Artist: Fran Puglise
Title: Frontline Mamas. Medium: Pastel
Comments: This stands out for its strong composition, rich color, and impressive depth. The artist captures an active protest scene with "Mamas" leading and boys and men supporting, creating a powerful sense of movement and unity. The layered figures and confident use of pastel bring the moment vividly to life.



THEME AWARD Artist: Danielle Crilly
Title: Auntie's Church Ladies Medium: Pastel
Comments: Dark coats anchor them like time-tested pillars, but their skin and the softly glowing background radiate the warmth of decades lived. Arms hooked, these church aunties form a chain of knowledge and resilience, each gesture carrying stories of love, struggle, and faith.

SPECIAL MERITS



Artist: Natalya Rowland
Title: Surrounded by Flowers, Oil
Comments: This painting has a captivating blend of mystery and vibrancy—the girl's Mona Lisa-like expression paired with delicate textures in her hair and the surrounding blooming flowers creates a moment full of grace and life.



Artist: Adele Dunn
Title: Grandmas' Whispers, charcoal
Comments: Grandmas' Whispers is a delicate charcoal drawing with soft blending, capturing a joyful moment—a baby cradled between two smiling grandmas, radiating warmth and love



Artist: Benita Brewer
Title: And We Rise Repeatedly, Watercolor
Comments: This celebrates the courage and solidarity of women, using bold red and powerful symbols to show their determination to keep standing up for their rights.

MERIT AWARDS

Marguerite Paris	Ode to a White Begonia	Watercolor	Barb Finn	Isabella	conte
Holly Hughes	Sun Damage	photo	Pallavi Jain	Rhythm that Weave Royal Tales	
Katherine Jacobsen	Winter Hike	pastel		Rajasthan, India, watercolor	
Cynthia Boudreau	Idyllic Adriatic's	fiber	Dawn Halter	Degas' Blue Dancers	oil
Lisa Pires	Life's Joy	pencil and charcoal	Ken Kucera	Forest Frenzy	oil
Nancy Anderson	Market Day	pastel	Gary DeClute	Proverbs 31:10	photo
			Myriam Villalta-Elijah	Mother Theresa	oil and cold wax

2026 Gallery I Exhibit Schedule

May - SEASONS OF LIFE

Entry: April 29-30 Pick-up: May 27-28
 Beginnings, growth, rest, maturity - cycles & transitions in people and nature.

June - VOLUNTEER SHOW, SOUNDTRACK

Entry: May 27-28 Pick-up: June 24-25
 Celebrating work by our League volunteers. Let music, voices, city noise, sounds of nature inspire you. *Entry by invitation only.*

July - COLOR OUTSIDE THE LINES

Entry: June 24-25 Pick-up: July 29-30
 Abstraction, unexpected color choices, unique subject matter — what calls to you?

August - BEST OF THE BEST

Entry: July 30 Pick-up Aug 26-27
 Show representing winning artworks from art leagues/guilds from around the suburbs. *Entry by invitation only.*

September - NEGATIVE SPACE

Entry: Aug 26-27 Pick-up: Sept 23-24
 Description: Show off your skill in utilizing negative space in your work.

October - THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Entry: Sept 23-24 Pick-up: Oct 26-27
 (note Monday, Tuesday pick-up).
 Explore your ideas of expansiveness, verticality, horizons.

Gallery II April --- the Art of Sally Sharp

The DuPage Art League Gallery II is proud to present the fascinating work of artist Sally Sharp. In Sally's own words:

Art has been a part of my life from an early age, from private lessons as a child, leading to college and earning my BFA, to painting murals, trompe l'oeil and faux finishes. For many years along the way, I've enjoyed taking and teaching classes while exploring new ways to express myself through art. Although I've settled on working with oil and cold wax painting no longer using brushes, I love experimenting with different mediums, tools and subject matter; painting figures, landscapes, and just about anything that peeks my curiosity. Therefore, my work may 'hop around' a bit; impressionistic, a bit impressionistic and sometimes a little bit abstract. I am consistently inspired by light and its effect on the world around us to strive to portray emotion.

I'm lucky to be able to say that in this stage in my life, it is not really work at all, but my passion and my pleasure.

Don't miss this extraordinary exhibit; come and meet the artist at her reception on Sunday, April 19th, 2:00-4:00 at the DuPage Art League. Gallery II



Capturing Snow Workshop Highlights

by Nancy Anderson and Fran Puglise

On March 7th, Robert Holmes conducted a workshop in which the challenge of 'capturing snow' was presented to participants. During the workshop students were encouraged to see the effects of color temperature and understand the importance of values in a winter wonderland !

This was Bob's second workshop at DPAL . Positive feedback from attendees suggests that we will probably have the opportunity to enjoy another of Bob's presentations in future months!



Member Exhibits



God's Creatures Great & Small

Watercolor Exhibit • Wheaton College
April 20 - July 31, 2026

Wheaton College Armerding Center

You're invited to **Dan's solo watercolor exhibit** that recognizes and respects the many fascinating creatures for which we give thanks in this wonderful world.

Artist Reception

Thur. April 23, 6:30pm • All Invited

dan@dandanielson.com

DPAL Always Needs Volunteers...

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

Patterns Month in Gallery I



Squares with Concentric Circles

by Wassily Kandinsky

Location: Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany

Yuletide Treasures

- Yvonne Thompson
dpalbusinessmanager@gmail.com

As you probably have heard, due to my recent health problems, I cannot run Yuletide this year. However, both Wilda and I would love to get a team together who could carry on this wonderful and successful show.

Yuletide is so important for many reasons.

* Many customers have not visited the League before. Yuletide brings in new members, increased class sales as well as extra sales. Many return more than once and year after year.

* It gives many members a chance to sell their work and make some cash to support their Art Habit!

* We have become the gem on Front Street on many people's "places to visit" list.

So would you like to help? Without enough support, this show may not go on!

I'll need:

* Someone who would be the contact for Artist labels.

Taking orders, Printing and leaving them for the artists at DPAL.

* Someone in charge of the Criteria packages. Printing or emailing them to members.

* People to install the show in the galleries. Maybe 6

* 2 or three people who will check in the items dropped off and ensure all paperwork is correct

* A few people to check out the unsold items, pack them into boxes for collection once we reopen in January.

* A couple of strong people to move all the display blocks extra into the gallery and return them after the show.

Wilda and I can train everybody. Many of you have done these jobs before and so I'm hoping you will be helping again this year. Also, Yuletide is a great way to do your required volunteer hours!

If this sounds like something you would love to help me with, or just have questions, PLEASE contact me asap as I'd love to hear from you. I know Christmas is a long way off, but it is never too early to start planning.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes the whole membership to make Yuletide successful!

Look forward to hearing from you

Yvonne

Please volunteer

"Start where you are. Use what you have.

Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe

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.

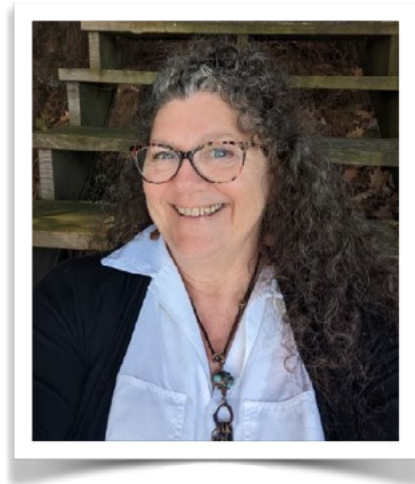
The time commitment is approximately 4-6 hours per week.

The current Treasurer's term ended on April 30, 2025.

Please volunteer.
The Board members
and a few others
are doing everything
they can to keep our
art league running.

Contact the front desk or a
Board member in your interest.





Art Demo: **COLLAGE**

"Abstract Mixed Media"

Monday - April 20th - 6:30 to 8:30 / Live and virtual with [Laura-Lein-Svencner](#)

Working in a series with any art medium can be challenging and offer the artist an opportunity to grow. The style of work that Laura presents today will share some of her papers she's made for collage and the process chosen to explore with design.



Register to attend in-person or via Zoom:
<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-abstract-mixed-media-128831>

Provided by Wheaton Public Library in partnership with DuPage Art League.
225 N. Cross St., Wheaton, Meeting Room A

Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security



Tornadoes, High Winds, or Severe Storms

- A “Watch” means Be Prepared. It does not indicate that severe weather is happening or imminent. In other words, have a plan of action ready.
- A “Warning” means Take Action! Severe weather has been spotted or indicated by radar and is occurring or imminent at your location and Take Shelter Immediately!
- Move away from windows, doors, and outside walls.

If You Are Outdoors During an Active Tornado

- Immediately seek the lowest, most interior part of a sturdy building.
- If no shelter is nearby, lie flat on your stomach in a ditch or low spot with your hands shielding your head.
- Avoid overpasses and bridges to prevent being struck by hazards, flying debris, and strong winds.

Driving and Flooding:

A Dangerous Combination Turn Around, Don’t Drown!

- Avoid walking, swimming, or driving through flood waters.
- 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, 12 inches of moving water can sweep your vehicle away, and 18-24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a SUV.