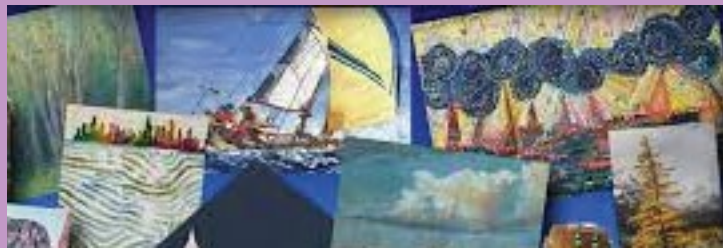


Newsletter



The Dupage Art League • August 2026

Dear Members,

I remember when I was a kid that sense of starting over, beginning with a clean slate and wondering what will happen next. And all because I received my back-to-school supply list! I loved taking things out of packages and assembling them in my pencil case and backpack, or using brand new pads of paper. It was daunting and exciting at the same time, facing that blank piece of paper and having to complete your school work. You can experience that same excitement when you assemble those paint brushes, paint, and get out that pad of Strathmore and begin your art.

Locally, our public schools start classes on August 14 but we at the DuPage Art League start our fall session A exactly one month later on September 14. Are you ready to get that thrill of consulting your art class supply list? Or perhaps you've felt it all summer long as you enjoyed one of our classes. Please sign up for our classes. We sincerely hope we bring to you classes that excite you to learn some new skills, techniques, etc. and to also meet "your people", those like-minded souls who also make their way to 218 W Front St in Wheaton.

We all experience new beginnings in life. And frequently, some of those new beginnings happen when something has ended. I recently announced my resignation as Treasurer, effective October 1. Instead of me sitting in front of the treasurer's laptop looking at QuickBooks or a spreadsheet, I hope to be behind an art table training the right side of my brain, that creative part. It's there; it needs to be awakened! If you have an interest in volunteering in any capacity at the art league, please consider doing so. You become part of a team that is creating and fostering something bigger than yourself and I certainly have felt that being a Board member. Enjoy our fall sessions!

Jennifer Bayer
Treasurer



*With heavy hearts, we say
goodbye.*

Yvonne Thompson

1955-2026

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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.

Board Meeting Notes - July

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer reports that we are doing well.

Education: Margaret Bucholz reported Summer B session offered 15 adult classes the 3 children's classes. The schedule for Summer C classes will be posted the week of July 12th, 2026.

Exhibits: Danielle Crilly reported the July show, "Color Outside the Lines" is up in Gallery I and three paintings have already sold. Beth Berry's solo show is in Gallery II. Beth has her original artwork as well as tote bags featuring her art. Beth's reception was July 19, from 2:00 – 4:00.

Membership: Amy Tran reports we have 493 members. Half price memberships for the remainder of 2026 are available.

Are you a People Person?

For more than 70 years, our Art League has been a welcoming community where artists of all levels come together to learn, create, exhibit, and encourage one another. As we look to fill the position of **Vice President of Membership** we are seeking someone who enjoys:

- ♥ meeting people,
- ♥ making others feel welcome
- ♥ helping members have a positive experience in our League.

Many of the administrative responsibilities are already managed by dedicated volunteers. The **Vice President of Membership** role is to provide leadership in creating an atmosphere where every member feels valued and connected, and to work collaboratively with our Board and volunteer team to strengthen the member experience.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of our League by fostering the warm, inclusive spirit that has been our hallmark for seven decades. If you have a passion for people, enjoy building community, and would like to help our members feel inspired and connected, we would love to talk with you.

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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.

Gallery I Schedule

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.

REMINDER: ALL members who exhibit in the gallery are expected to help at the DPAL in some capacity for a minimum of FOUR hours per year. (Yuletide hours are additional).

DPAL Plein Air Calendar

July 31 Wheaton Business District (meet at DPAL)
August 7 Knock Knoll Park 336 Knock Knoll Rd. Naperville
August 14 Ball Seed Gardens 622 Town Rd. West Chicago
August 21 Hurley Gardens Creekside Drive, Wheaton
August 28 Mayslake Peabody Estate 1717 31st St. Oak Brook
Sept. 4 Kline Creek Farm, 1N600 County Farm Road West Chicago
Sept. 11 * Cantigny Park 1S 151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton
Sept. 18 Graue Mill & Museum 3800 York Rd. Oak Brook
Sept. 25 * Morton Arboretum, east side, Visitor Center Area,
October 2 St James Farm, Warrenville Il. (closing event)

*fee required to enter location

DPAL Board 2026

President: Barbara Finn
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: position filled !!!
VP Activities: Holly Tyson
VP Building & Grounds: Mark Galli
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly
Gallery II: Stephanie Dalton
VP Finance: Carol Kincaid
VP Membership: **NEEDED**, w/ Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Adele Dunn
VP Publicity & Promotions: Patricia Kosar
VP Safety & Security: Darlene Edwards
Presidents Emeritae: Mary Lynn Sullivan
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July Gallery I - Color Outside the Lines

Congratulations to the winners!



Best of Show:

**Ray Sheers,
The Devil's Trill,**
photography

Comments: Shadow and light carry the figure into near abstraction while explosive geometric color bursts make audible what the camera could not record. The combination of photographic realism and pure geometric form gives the work its dynamic force



Theme Award: Tina Turner Mary Rippin's Farm, oil/
mixed media

This painting earns its depth twice over, through the paint handling that layers impasto built up against scraped- back passages and through literal 3-D branches and miniature animals worked into the surface. The surface rewards sustained looking and the color choices are confident and unexpected!

Special Merits



Rebecca Schobel

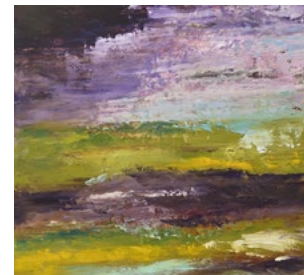
Poppin Petals, watercolor

The artist renders a familiar subject uniquely. She lets the texture of the paper do the abstracting.



A. Mead, In the Garden, acrylic.

This painting rewards the viewer twice: from close up and far away. Up close the brushwork breaks into fragments of pure paint, step back and it snaps into focus. The bright orange pots burning against the dark stalks give it a color punch that works whether you are close or far.



Myriam Villalta-Elijah, Purple Haze,

oil and wax. The artist layers oil and cold wax into bands of purple, white, green and yellow that swirl together and look atmospheric! The technique is executed well and rewards close looking.

MERIT AWARDS

Debbie Morris	Roses in Bloom	pastel	Michael Hogan	Lake Afternoon	watercolor
Robert Koch	Monet Memory XXIII	oil	Michelle Rogowski	Chromatic Silence	oil pastel
Barbara McCartney	Steinbeck's Western Flyer	acrylic	Evalyn Holy	Hot Spot	acrylic
Marlene Vitek	Nature's Color and Lines	mixed	Candace Thomas	Looking Down on Earth	oil
Helen Read	Celestial Dream	acrylic	Chris Hughes	Colorado	acrylic
Sue Krzyzanowski	Off Center	pastel	Margaret Zymali	Somewhere in the Attic	encaustic

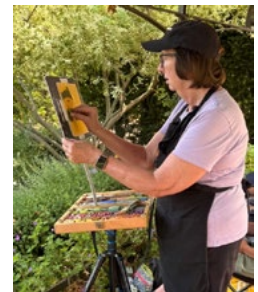
DRAL Plein Air at Cantigny



The Plein Air Artists from the DuPage Art League had the good fortune to be invited to paint at Cantigny Park's celebration "Voyage en France," an event which pays tribute to all things French and includes food, a market, can-can dancers, and an Eiffel Tower. For the third year, it also included our artists who, on Sunday, July 19, set up amongst the gardens and painted while the guests strolled by.

The weather was pleasant, although a bit hazy, and the environment offered a perfect opportunity for the artists to enjoy plein air. Cantigny allowed the group to paint the prior Friday morning so everyone had the chance to explore the park and find a spot that inspired them ahead of the main event.

We hope to be included again next year as it was a wonderful way to create and to appreciate the outdoors.



In Memoriam

In Loving Memory *Yvonne Thompson* 1955 - 2026



Once you met Yvonne Thompson, you never forgot her. Like Cher and Madonna, her first name was all we needed, and she was needed and loved for so many reasons.

Yvonne left this world peacefully on July 21st, leaving a very big hole at the DuPage Art League. Her large personality and presence touched everyone and everything, always with her unique sense of humor. She will be missed beyond measure.

Yvonne was a member of DPAL for nearly 30 years, holding several positions on the board and, in recent years, served as our Business Manager. She seldom forgot a name or a face, and never did things in a small way. She was the Queen of Yuletide Treasures, turning our galleries into a fairyland each year at the holidays. She was helpful, kind, fun, quirky and extremely creative, both in her art and her knowledge of our computer system.

We say goodbye to her with heavy hearts, but will always remember her "joie de vivre" and the way she lit up a room. Hugs to you always, Yvonne.

You may view her obituary, send comments, view photos, etc. by clicking on this link: www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com

WALTER BRIZZOLARA 1958-2026



- The DuPage Art League meant the world
- to Walter, not only for the many classes he
- attended but for all the friends he made along the
- way. Despite his physical limitations and health
- challenges, Walter almost never missed a class.
- He always greeted teachers, fellow students and
- staffers alike, and was loved and admired for
- his bravery and determination. In addition to art,
- Walter was also quite a history buff.
- When he was recently hospitalized, he often
- called in to let us know he planned to return to
- DPAL as soon as he was well enough. Sadly,
- he passed away on July 19th and will be greatly
- missed by many. A memorial service will be held
- on Saturday, August 8th at Knollcrest Funeral
- Home in Lombard from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

DPAL Always Needs Volunteers...

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**.

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, contact the front desk or ask a board member.

From the Library:

Whether you're trying a new class in August or taking a break, you will enjoy these new donations to the Library. Look for them on the New Books shelf:

Auvil. Perspective Drawing; Second Edition. Drawing Hillberry. Drawing Realistic Textures in Pencil. Drawing Handell and West. Painting the Landscape in Pastel. Pastel McMurtry. Mastering Color: the Essentials of Color Illustrated in Oils. Oil Nelson. 60 Minutes to Better Painting; Sharpen Your Skills in Oil and Acrylic. Painting Ondra. Foliage; Astonishing Color and Texture Beyond Flowers. Botanical Art Raynes. The Ultimate Drawing Course; a Comprehensive, Easy to Follow Guide to Drawing. Drawing.

Enjoy!
Barbara Grabowski
Library Volunteer

Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

Digital Safety – Passwords

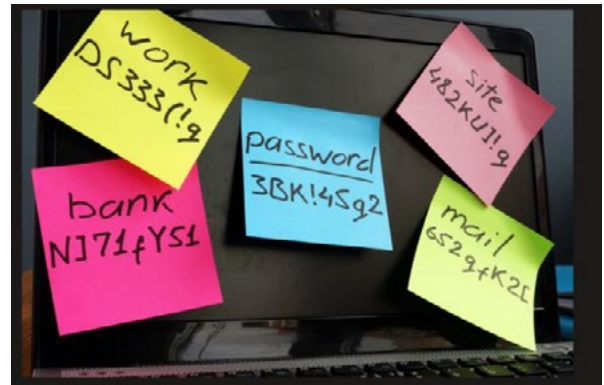
Passkeys and fingerprint or face sign-ins are becoming more common, but passwords still show up almost everywhere—email, banking, social media, health portals, streaming apps, work accounts, and device logins.

A few smart password habits can go a long way. Using strong passwords and turning on two-factor authentication helps lower the chances of a data breach and keeps your information safer.

Don't share your passwords

Sharing passwords might seem convenient, but it can put your accounts at risk. Once someone else has your password, it is harder to control who can get in, and sensitive personal or financial information could be exposed. Keep your passwords private and use a different one for each account whenever possible.

Good password security does not have to be complicated. Try using unique passwords that are 12 to 16 characters long, or go with easy-to-remember passphrases. Adding multi-factor authentication to your most important accounts gives you an extra layer of protection.



Try a password manager

Password managers are like secure digital vaults for your logins. You remember one master password, and the manager helps create and save strong, unique passwords for the rest of your accounts.

When choosing one, look for a password manager that uses AES-256 encryption and zero-knowledge architecture. In plain terms, that means your data is strongly protected, and the company cannot see your saved passwords.

Bottom line: protecting your passwords is one of the easiest ways to take control of your online safety. Every strong, unique password, every private login, and every extra layer of protection makes your accounts harder to break into. Start with one small change today—turn on multi-factor authentication, update an old password, or try a password manager—and you will be building safer habits that really add up.