



The Dupage Art League • July 2026

Dear Members,

It is without hesitation that I have said “yes,” to continuing on for a second 2-year term as VIP of Education of the DuPage Art League. The fellow art teachers are all such giving and caring people. If you have come to the gallery, you may have noticed the quality of work keeps getting better; thanks to the instruction given by the teachers.

In the past two years we have added new teachers to our teaching team which include:

Anthony Alonzo – Colors in Nature Acrylics, Rachael Corey – Art Without Limits (kids), Darlene Edwards – Flow Acrylics, Meaghan Green – Painting Sweeping Landscapes, Victoria Isikman – Creative Flow, Jake Jacobs – Fundamental Drawing, Brian Sauerland – Clouds and Skies Pastels, Forouzan Shemirani – Intuitive Painting, Olga Shroff – Acrylics Painting, and Chad Wooters – Venetian Oil Techniques. Our seasoned teachers keep getting better at teaching and continue to inspire.

Nancy Anderson, Workshop Coordinator and her assistant, Fran Puglise have been hard at work coordinating many wonderful workshops in the past year.

A little about me for those who may not know me. I was born in Japan and lived there till age 9. I then lived in Hawaii until my college graduation in Art from University of Hawaii. Having been an Illinois resident since then, I love the art community I found at DuPage Art League. What do I love about Illinois after living in Hawaiian paradise? I love the changing seasons with the changes in colors.

Come give an art class a try. You may even make new friends and artwork for your walls.

Margaret Bucholz
VP Education

Art By Margaret:

Selfie

and Twilight



Get to Class!

Many adult and children's classes have spots available.

**Learn something new.
Get out of the heat.
Create with friends.**

**It's all here at the
Dupage Art League!**

Classes begin July 6!



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 - June

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer reports that we continue to do well.

Media and PR: Pat Kosar discussed the Downtown Wheaton Association mural project. The mural will be on the back of the buildings, visible from Liberty Street and the passenger trains.

Social media: Our social media accounts did very well this month. Views increased by 58%, interactions increased by 77%, Facebook visits were up by 19%, follows were up by 33%

Education: Margaret Bucholz says We have a new teacher, Victora Isikman will teach on Mondays. The Summer C session schedule is in process.

Exhibits: Danielle Crilly said the 'Volunteer Show' has strong participation. The "People's Choice" voting is going well and will be tallied at the end of the show. The July gallery show theme is "Color outside the Lines". We will host the "Best of the Best" again this year, in August.

Membership: Amy Tran reports we have 465 members, which includes eight new members.



DPAL Plein Air Calendar

July 3 Northside Park 1300 N West St. Wheaton
July 10 Growing Place, 25W471 Plank Rd. Naperville, 10 am
July 17 *Cantigny Park 1S 151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton
July 24 Wilder Park Conservatory and Park, Elmhurst Il.
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

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.

Gallery I Schedule

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.

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).

HELP WANTED

Have you ever thought about volunteering at DPAL in a meaningful way but just don't have the time for a big commitment?

Right now, we are in need of a volunteer that is vital to the running of our operations. If you are a Costco or Sam's member, we need someone to purchase paper products, such as paper towels, kleenex and bathroom tissue. You would be reimbursed for these purchases, of course, and would be the go-to person when supplies are running low. A huge thank you to **Sue Thomas** who has been doing this for many years.

NEED Volunteer

Annual Member Meeting and Volunteer Reception

On Sunday, June 14th, we entertained 60 members and friends at our Annual Meeting and Reception, made even more fun with a picnic theme this year. Many thanks to **Holly Tyson** and her helpers for putting together this cheerful display, complete with mini hot dogs, checkered tablecloths and tiny picnic baskets with flowers for everyone to take home. Special thanks to board members who provided the outstanding refreshments.



This annual event not only gives us a chance to go over the highlights of the previous year, but also recognizes the many volunteers who work together to make the DuPage Art League the best there is. The social hour was spent in conversation and appreciation of the beautiful volunteer artwork hanging in both galleries.

Many board members, staffers and committee chairs were among the group that gathered in the large classroom where a short meeting took place. New and former board members were recognized, with special recognition of President Emerita **Mary Lynn Sullivan**, who has led our board for the past 4 years with incredible dignity and leadership. And finally, **Jennifer Bayer**, our treasurer, gave us a summary of our financial good health.



Last but not least, a huge thank you to all who helped clean up and leave the space ready for the next day's classes. You are truly appreciated!

And the Summer Hat Contest,

Winner Dixie Lee Hadley



People's Choice
of volunteer art
award goes to:
Adele Dunn

runners up: (tie)

Becky Schobel

Dan Danielson

Danielle Crilly

Thank You
Volunteers!



Kudos! Well Done! Bravo!

The following are notes from members giving a pat-on-the-back!

I just completed a 6 week class, ProCreate for the iPad. Instructor was Sue Rusthoven. She was excellent. This was a class for beginners and she did a great job of walking us through the process to understand the program and the tools. We ended the course with full knowledge of how to create an image with a good understanding to build on.

I think the art league should promote this class. Sue Rusthoven is great and I'm thrilled she is at the art league.

Perhaps an article in the newsletter about the power behind Procreate and how artists can use it is in order.

Kind regards,
Marybeth Devine

I would like to give a shout out to Kathryn Parenti for bringing fiber art to the DuPage Art League. I took her "Painting with Wool – A Floral Felting Experience" class on Saturday, May 30 th . It truly was a wonderful felting experience.

Kathryn's instructions were very thorough from start to finish. She also had two experienced women with her who were there to help everyone with questions and to guide them through their projects.

As a result of Kathryn's instructions, plus examples and assistance from the helpers, everyone in the class produced beautiful pieces of wool fiber art that they could be happy and proud of.

I can't say enough about what a wonderful and fun day it was! I will be letting others know about my experience and look forward to taking another class with her in the future.

Christine Ward

Gallery II - July - Artist Elizabeth A. Berry

Artist's Statement

Born and raised on the Northwest side of Chicago it was an aunt, an artist herself, who took me to one of her classes at the age of seven. It was at that class I painted my first still life igniting a creative spark that has only grown over time. I continued my art education in High School and had the privilege of being mentored by a well known Chicago artist Ed Cathony. Having set aside my paintbrushes to raise a family it wasn't until the COVID lock down that I felt inspired to paint again taking online classes and becoming involved with local art clubs in my area. In all honesty, I feel that my art career is just beginning. My aim is to continue learning, evolving and showing my work in exhibitions and galleries.

My passion lies in the natural beauty of landscapes with trees holding a special source of inspiration for me. I hope to invite viewers to step into the scenes I create and explore the depth and textures of nature that often go unnoticed.

In each painting I hope to evoke a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world, encouraging a deeper connection to the beautiful, intricate landscapes that surround us.



More Kudos! Let's Get Inspired!

Submitted by Mary Lynn Sullivan



Our President Emerita, **Mary Lynn Sullivan**, was awarded the highest award of “Eminent Pastelist” by the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS), at its recent 16th (and final) Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, NM. This award recognizes those artists whose work has been accepted into and/or awarded in IAPS juried competitions, after already achieving their Master Circle Level. In total, an artist must have accrued 15 points by paintings accepted into its exhibitions and/or awards achieved in such exhibitions.

Also, Congratulations to **Brian Sauerland** whose painting “Wave Watching” was juried into this year’s prestigious IAPS exhibition in Albuquerque. Brian is one of our very talented Art League teachers. Besides teaching here, he’s represented through five galleries in four states, teaches drawing and oil painting in Lake Zurich, is Vice President of the Chicago Pastel Painters, teaches workshops and others demonstrations in pastel. For more information about Brian’s work and background, see www.sauerlandstudio.com.



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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**.

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, contact the front desk or ask a board member.



Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

With the promise of summer comes more time spent near and in the water. Here are some tips to keep your family safe while enjoying all types of water activities.

Swim in a Designated Swimming Area

Most state parks, beaches, and lakefront areas have designated times when swimming is allowed and use flags to indicate borders in which people can swim. Never swim outside those defined areas. Also, preferably swim under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard.

Know the Weather and Water Conditions

Check the water temperature and weather conditions before hitting the water. Bear in mind it is not safe to swim in the rain, particularly if there is thunder and lightning. If the weather changes, do not hesitate to swim back to shore.

Never Swim Alone

When you head out into the open water, go with a "swim buddy," someone who is looking out for you and who you're looking out for in turn.

Wear a USCG-Approved Life Vest

Young children and weak swimmers should [wear life jackets](#) whenever they are in, on, or around the water, even at a pool or a waterpark. It should be put on at the dock, deck, or shore and not removed until you return to dry land.

