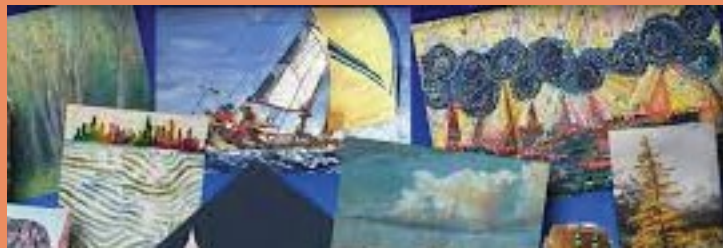


Newsletter



The Dupage Art League • October 2026

October Message from the Vice President of Safety & Security

As we welcome the beauty of October and the changing colors of the season, I would like to take a moment to encourage our members to begin thinking about one of our most exciting upcoming events, **Yuletide Treasures 2026 - An Artisan Holiday Market**.

As the Executive Sponsor for this wonderful event, I am excited about the opportunity it provides for our talented artists and craftspeople to showcase and sell their creations in a supportive and stress-free environment. Whether you create a handful of unique pieces or have a larger inventory to offer, **Yuletide Treasures** is designed to make selling your work easier than participating in a traditional weekend craft fair.

The Art League handles the planning, promotion, setup, sales support, and event logistics. Your job is simply to do what you do best, create. This model allows members to reach holiday shoppers without the time, expense, and commitment often required for full-scale vendor events.

Every piece you create represents your talent, passion, and creativity. Yuletide Treasures gives our community the opportunity to celebrate and support those efforts while helping visitors find meaningful, handmade gifts for the holiday season.

I encourage each of you to consider participating. Whether you submit a few items or an extensive collection, your contribution helps make this event a success and showcases the incredible artistic talent within our league. **If you are interested in participating, please submit your application by October 15, 2026. Applications, guidelines, and complete market information are available on our website.** We don't want anyone to miss this opportunity to share their work with holiday shoppers while letting the League handle the logistics.

As always, thank you for helping make our Art League a welcoming, creative, and safe community. I look forward to seeing the amazing work our members will share in the coming months and to celebrating a successful **Yuletide Treasures 2026** together.

Warm regards,

Darlene Edwards

Vice President, Safety & Security
Executive Sponsor, Yuletide Treasures

Cover Art Contest

♪♪ We have all kinds of brushes that give us all kinds of rushes, But the rush we've never known, Is the rush that'll get ya when you get your picture on the cover of the Activity Guide. ♪♪
(name that tune)

Activity Guide...wanna see your art on the cover? Submit your art to: dpalmembership@gmail.com

Deadline EXTENDED:
October 15

The art will be printed in one-color (black ink) on a colored cover stock. Work on your values! Winner gets a DPAL T-shirt too.



Cover Art 2025, Nancy Anderson,
Magnolia Blossom, pastel

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Board Meeting Notes - September

Treasurer Report: Jennifer Bayer said that we are doing well. Registration for the Summer Sessions A, B and C, including the summer camps by Janice Zeuch did very well.

Media and PR: Pat Kosar reports we will participate in the Downtown Wheaton Association "I Spy Scavenger Hunt, Wheaton Gives Back Clothing Drive and Halloween Trick or Treating and we will participate with a "Teal Pumpkin" which provides non-food treats for kids with food allergies.

Education: Margaret Bucholz has been working on classes for fall as well as scheduling workshops for the fall.

Membership: the DuPage Art League has 567 members.

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Just in time for the holidays and new classes, the DuPage Art League is opening the online logo store soon.

Shirts, aprons and more!



ORDER HERE

password: Create26

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.

Calendar

October 2 LAST Plein Air. St. James Farm 9:30 am
October 10 Member Registration Session B Classes
October 14 Nonmember Registration Session B Classes
October 15 Last Day to apply for YULETIDE
October 19 Monday Demo: Alice Tang Matthews: Chinese Brush Painting
October 26-27 THE SKY'S THE LIMIT - Pick-up
November Yultide Treasures Gift Shop
December Yultide Treasures Gift Shop



Continued Prayers for Roxanne Leahy and her family.

Sean's memorial to take place on October 24th.

<https://salernofuneralhomes.com/obituaries/sean-leahy>

DPAL Board 2026

President: Barbara Finn
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Roxanne Leahy
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: Appointed soon! w/ Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Adele Dunn
VP Publicity & Promotions: Patricia Kosar
VP Safety & Security: Darlene Edwards
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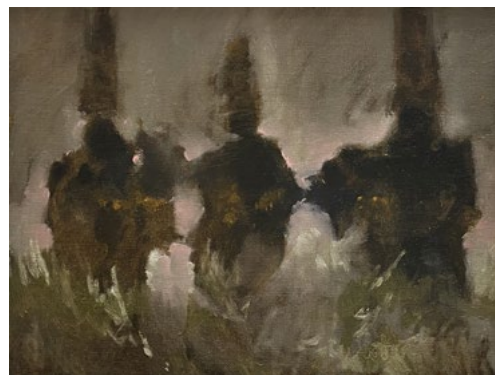
September Negative Space Exhibit

Winning Art!



Best of Show

Marguerite Paris, Summer in the Mountains, pastel
 "Paris utilizes her negative space to guide the viewer's eyes to the subject. Pastel layering techniques create unique atmospheric perspective. Great care is taken in the creation of color shapes depicting shadows. Color selections mirror seasonal weather and the mood."



Best Theme

Chad Wooters Chance, Necessity, and Fate, Oil
 "Wooters' use of color and value in his negative space draws curiosity and creates narrative. The dark figures silhouetted with a luminous pink surrounded by chromatic greys and greens establish suspense."

Special Merit Awards



Pallavi Jain
The Space Beyond the Portal, watercolor
 "Jain utilizes multiple modes of perspective framing the subject with a carefully rendered foreground. Artist plays with perspective and negative space and created curiosity throughout the piece."



P.Mitroff Potato Flowers colored pencil
 "Mitroff demonstrates curiosity in their vibrant and meticulous articulation of the humble potato flower. Careful inspections have allowed the artist to appreciate different stages of flower maturity. Pencil technique varied and well used throughout."



Candace Thomas
Petrified Tree Stump, oil
 "Thomas' use of organic marks and form feel precise yet fresh and natural. The overall piece is striking and encourages viewers' eyes to identify forms, movement, and flow throughout."

Merit Awards

Linda Baumeister	Hope	acrylic	Darlene Edwards	Copper Fences	mixed media
Asmi Tayal	Black and white	graphite	Annette Pleattau	Patterned City	paper collage
Rebecca Schobel	Fern Gully	pen and ink	Diane Peterson	Paper Butterfly	acrylic & paper collage
Lizette Velazquez	Shared Horizons	becoming colored pencil	Ray Shears	Awakening	photograph
Lori Tucker	Nyx of Mykonos	photograph	Roberta Tassara	Of Mist and Oak	oil
Diana Jennings	Sand Dollars	watercolor	Margaret Bucholz	Pumpkin Patch	colored pencil



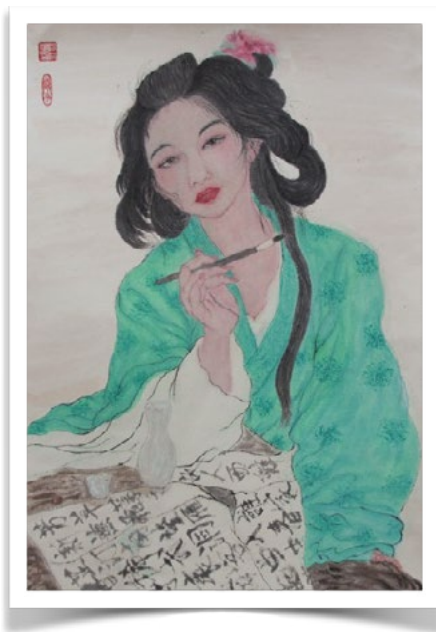
REMINDER: ALL members who exhibit in the gallery are expected to help at the DPAL in some capacity for a minimum of FOUR hours per year. (Yuletide hours are additional).



Art Demo: **CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING**

Monday - Oct.19 - 6:30 to 8:30 / In-person and virtual

This traditional art form uses a brush, ink, nature pigments, and water on rice paper or silk. **Alice Tang Matthews** will demonstrate controlling the brush to create lines, textures, shades, and washes.



Register to attend in-person or via Zoom:

LINK: <https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-chinese-brush-painting-148210>

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

JACK O' LANTERNS ET AL

The Legend of Stingy Jack

One of the most iconic Halloween decorations is the Jack O'Lantern. Have you ever wondered, "Who is Jack" and "Why are we carving pumpkins?"

Many believe, *and I can't find any other origination*, that an Irish man, Stingy Jack, invited the Devil to have a drink with him. Jack asked the Devil to turn himself into a coin claiming he didn't have the money to buy the drinks. Instead of paying the tab, Jack kept the money and by keeping the money near his Cross necklace, the Devil couldn't turn himself back.

Jack later asked the Devil to climb a tree to pick a fruit. In the meantime Jack carved a Cross into the tree so that the Devil could not climb down.

When Jack died, God denied him entry into Heaven and The Devil would not allow him into Hell. So Jack put a hot coal into a carved-out turnip and

has been roaming the Earth ever since. The Irish refer to the ghostly figure as Jack of the Lantern.

People of Ireland and Scotland continued to carve Jack's lanterns in turnips, while in England beets are used. This was to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. When immigrants came to the United States, the tradition was changed to pumpkin-carving, and as a Halloween pastime and decoration.

Credit to History.com

Other notes:

Pumpkin carving is an art form! It is considered Ephemeral sculpture (impermanence), masterwork replications and/or temporary medium (such as ice or sand sculpting).

So go ahead and carve a pumpkin, gourd or even a turnip. You'll ward off evil and maybe win a prize!

by Lori Tucker, editor



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.

The Dupage Art League has many openings in a variety of classes for children and adults. Check it out!

DPAL CLASSES

October 10 Session B Sign up for Members

October 14 Session B Sign up for Nonmembers

Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

October Safety Reminder:

As the weather gets cooler and we begin spending more time indoors, October is a great time to think about fire safety. A few simple precautions can help keep you, your family, and your home safe throughout the season.

Check Your Smoke Alarms

Make sure smoke alarms are working properly by testing them once a month. If you hear a low battery warning, replace the battery right away.

Be Careful in the Kitchen

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Stay in the kitchen while cooking, and keep towels, oven mitts, and other flammable items away from the stove.

Use Electrical Devices Safely

Replace frayed cords and avoid plugging too many devices into one outlet. If something sparks or smells unusual, unplug it and have it checked.

Keep Space Heaters at a Safe Distance

If you use a space heater, keep it at least three feet away from curtains, blankets, furniture, and anything else that could catch fire. Always turn it off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Know Your Way Out

Take a few minutes to plan how you would leave your home in an emergency. Keep hallways, doors, and exits clear and easy to access.

A Friendly Reminder

Fire safety doesn't have to be complicated. Small steps taken today can make a big difference tomorrow. Let's work together to keep ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones safe this fall.

Wishing everyone a safe, warm, and healthy October! 🍂 🚒 ✨