Newsletter



The Dupage Art League • November 2026

Dear Members,

Ahh, November, pumpkins, and crunchy colorful leaves, bonfires, turkeys, and Thanksgiving! There's a lot to be thankful for at the Art League. We've improved the galleries and front windows, brought on a number of new teachers and classes, and steadily increased our membership!

We have been blessed to have people step up to fill needs. After losing our beloved business manager and website whisperer, Yvonne Thompson, the void seemed almost insurmountable. We are thankful for the Board members who put in double time to figure out all the things she did, both visible and invisible. We are thankful for the patience of our members and customers as we learn all the heretofore secret inner workings of the business end of things.

It's not just Board members who have stepped up. We have members who answered the call for new positions, including a much-needed VP of Technology, a Treasurer, and a Membership VP — and so many members who have volunteered to help in many other ways.

As Publicity VP, my job is to get the word out about our wonderful, inclusive art community. I love being in classes when a new student comes in and is excited that fellow students are so willing to share experiences, encouragement, and often equipment. I'm thankful for the many great instructors who help foster this environment.

One of our goals has been to increase our presence on Social Media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. If you haven't already followed us, please do. When you see our Social Media posts, please like and share. Add a comment if you can, but it isn't necessary. Sharing a post pushes it beyond the Art League's followers to your friends and followers. Post a photo of a painting you are working on, share an experience you had in a class, or a comment about your favorite instructor, and make sure you tag the DuPage Art League!

Every new encounter is a chance to introduce someone new to the Art League and pays off in increased membership, more students, and new teachers and classes. We are thankful for all you do to help us grow.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and all you hold dear!

Patricia Kosar
Publicity VP



Yuletide Kickoff Holiday Party

Sunday, November 8th

2- 4 pm

RSVP at Front Desk or

email us at

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Board Meeting Notes - October

Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer reported that the DPAL is doing well and has18 months of reserves.

Membership: Sarah Carlson was appointed vice president of Membership. We currently have 596 members**.**

Education: Margaret Bucholz Registration for Fall Session B opened on October 10. Margaret scheduled artist workshops for November, December, and January.

Buildings and Grounds: Mark Galli scheduled a deep cleaning of the gallery and gift shop floors and continues to improve the building's lighting and storage areas.

DPAL Board 2026

President: Barbara Finn
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Roxanne Leahy
VP Activities: Holly Ann Tyson
VP Building & Grounds: Mark Galli
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly
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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 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.

DPAL Calendar

November Yultide Treasures Gift Shop
Nov 2 - Fall B session begins
Nov 15 - Workshop Chad Wooters - Wet-into-Wet, Material Selection of Handling Oils
Nov 16 – Monday Demo: Pete Gillespie: Acrylic portraits
Nov 22–29 – Thanksgiving break for classes (gallery remains open)
Nov 30 – Classes resume
December Yultide Treasures Gift Shop
Dec 12 – Winter/Spring Session A registration opens for Members (must have 2027 membership)
Dec 16 – Nonmember registration opens for Winter/ Spring Session A
Dec 19 – Fall Session B ends
Dec 20 – Jan 4 – Holiday Break (classes)
Dec 24 – Yuletide Treasures closes

Congratulations to Mary Lynn!!!

The International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) accepted **Mary Lynn Sullivan's** painting, *Harbor House*, into its ***2026 IAPS Juried Fall Webshow--17th Master Circle Division.***



To see more of the beautiful artwork in this Masters Division exhibit, click on the link below.

17th Master Circle Division

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.

October The Sky's the Limit Exhibit Winning Art!



Best of Show

Robert Koch "Farmyard/Two Creeks" watercolor
"I want to walk right into this piece. I want to eat those apples, hear those birds, smell the inside of the barn. This watercolor puts me in a place where the sky is the limit in both the sky, landscape, and colors I see, but also this worthy moment in a special place. Beautiful, captivating."



Best Theme

M. Alvis "Iowa, Passing By"
pastel
"Instantly, this piece made me pause; the color, split landcape, framing and display are all captivating and point to a specific day where the sky was the limit. Also, the shadow over the land stands out and calls attention to the space and sky"

Special Merit Awards



Natalie T. Brinley "New Jerusalem"
mixed media
"I was immediately drawn into this piece. The literal depiction of a floating city in the sky (and even the specific city being "holy") screams sky's the limit. The attention to detail, light beams, glitter, strokes, and color also make me think, creatively, sky's the limit."



Jacqueline DeClute "Creation Speaks" watercolor
" Your appreciation to material and shape really extend to the sky theme; the long, thin shape and torn edges draw me into this piece and in a way quite literally extend the sky's limit. Also, great use of color and mounting."



Chad Wooters "Sunset, St. James"
oils
"This piece draws you in with a soft focal point and captivating color palette, implying maybe sunset/ sunrise, that there is hope for the next, but peace for the current; sky's the limit."

Merit Awards

Adele Dunn	"Reaching New Heights"	acrylic	Marlene Vitek	"Skyscrapers"	mixed
Lizette Velalzquez	"Shared Horizons"	acrylic	Darlene Edwards	"Winter's Veil 2.0"	acrylic
Ray Sheers	"Pipe Organ"	photo	Lori Tucker	"Steamboat Moose"	pastel
Danna Crabtree	"Hydrangea"	nanotype/watercolor	Roberta James	"Lightshow"	photo/LED
Liuda Baumeister	"Ethereal Love"	acrylic	Diane Kehoe	"Daisy"	clay
Mary Beth Purse	"Autumn Walk"	pastel	Michelle Rogowski	"Silk and Silence"	pastel



DON'T BE A TURKEY...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).

No wind, no rain, or summer's cold can stop these artists!

DPAL's Plein Air Artists Hold Reception

We celebrated the end of our Plein Air season with a joyous gathering of fellow artists. It gave us an opportunity to socialize without lugging our art supplies and chasing the sun.

The Peoples Choice Award was announced for this years challenge which was "REFLECTIONS".

1st place goes to Roberta Tassara and 2nd place goes to Diane Colpo. Congrats to both!

Plein Air outings to be continued next year starting the 1st Friday in May. Hope to see you then.



Rousseau, Les Chênes d'Apremont public doman

Sue Thomas and Ellen Rottsolk





As voted by DPAL members!

First Place
Roberta Tassara

Second Place
Diana Colpo





You're invited to a

Yuletide Kickoff Holiday Party

Mark your calendars for

Sunday, November 8th

2-4 pm

Start off the holiday season with a festive afternoon at the Dupage Art League, including

Live Music

Delicious Refreshments

Raffle Prizes

Yuletide Treasures is open too,
with more exciting and original items then ever,
so prepare to start your holiday shopping

Come and spend some time with your fellow artists, teachers and board members

RSVP at the DPAL front desk
or email us at hollyanndpal@gmail.com



Art Demo: Acrylic Portraits

Monday - Nov 16th - 6:30 to 8:30 / Live and virtual

Peter Gillespie gets to know people through an interview focused on their life experiences and gained wisdom. He then captures his emotional experience of the individual through color and composition. Provided in partnership with DuPage Art League.



Register to attend in-person or via Zoom:
LINK: https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-acrylic-portraits-148212

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Meeting Room A