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NEWSLETTER

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Diana Mitchell

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Articles and pieces are due by the 15th of the month. Articles preferred via e-mail, (word documents) / photos in jpg format or put in the Newsletter drawer at the league. Please put submissions on FULL pieces of paper. Thanks.

President's Letter: Diana Mitchell

Dear DPAL Members,

We had about 80 members at the September Open house, in spite of competing with the Bears and Packers. We conducted our annual meeting halfway through the afternoon and ended the festivities with raffle prizes. Several members and merchants offered the prizes. We wish to thank the following merchants: Carlsons, Grahams, Starbucks, Blinks, Tasting DeVine, Namaste Hair Salon, Villa Saint Benedict, DuPage Framing, and Prairie Path Books. Each attendee received a free raffle ticket with an option to buy more. We sold \$217 in extra tickets. This money will go into our savings account for repair and replacement of the roof. The DPAL Board furnished food and beverages, and I do believe everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

The members at the Open House were treated to an **unexpected surprise**. Although not totally completed at the time, much of the gallery area renovations were completed. Pegboard is gone! Beautiful almond slatboard has replaced the grey pegboard. Other changes have been made to better utilize our space for storage and accessibility. Many, many thanks to Kay Wahlgren who spearheaded this daunting project.

WANTED:

**a delegate to the Alliance of Fine Art
volunteer to help at Monday programs
volunteer to help with community exhibits
volunteers to staff**

Write me at: diamitc4@aol.com or phone me at (630) 807-0775

Please note if you have not renewed your DPAL membership, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out, renew today!

BOARD NOTES—SEPTEMBER 2015: JANAN HUDEK - SECRETARY

X-rays, the Army Corps of Engineers & core samples were the main topics of your Board's meeting this month.

DPAL has built up sufficient cash reserves to make improvements (the new slat walls in the galleries are the most visible) & to repair brickwork and roof leaks before winter sets in. But...3 years is about all the life left in our roof. All this was determined via the excellent work of professional roof consultant Melissa Lieb of Mac Brady Associates. They do no actual roof repair nor replacement & use a system developed by the Army Corps of engineers, so their assessments are totally objective. Ms. Lieb is sending an item by item (so the cost can't escalate) request for bids to at least four roofing contractors that have done more than satisfactory work for other of their clients. One of the line items is taking core samples--1 at top of the barrel, one in one of the side valleys. This will tell us the composition of the roof's layers & other important info (further scrutiny with x-rays may be necessary) that will need to be taken care of before the new roof can go on.

This new lid will be expensive . . . so serious fundraising will be a top priority for the next 3 years. Failure to raise the necessary \$\$\$\$ would be a great loss to all members, staff & the community. Without our building, there could be no shows, no classes, no place to gather with fellow artists.

Your Board is committed to making every effort for success, but it will take some effort on the part of every member to ensure DPAL's future. Cash, artwork, work on the campaign, & personal appeals to friends, family, employers are among the welcome contributions you can make.

Your President reports that other member organizations belonging to the Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) want little change. This means that scholarships & the Best of the Best show will go on as before. But what it particularly means to DPAL is that we need a volunteer AFA Delegate. If you can attend 2 or 3 meetings a year & make a brief report after each, you can probably do this! Contact President Diana Mitchell if you'd like to make this part of your contribution to DPAL's successful future.

Yuletide Treasures packets are ready! (As are flyers you can post or hand out at your place of worship, work or other gathering place). Delivery dates are October 28-31. This year, if we can get sufficient staffing, we'll have a gala reception. And, we will be open on Friday evening & Saturday 'til 5 Thanksgiving weekend when Downtown Wheaton has its holiday festivities. We have new displays & future needs, so let's make this our most successful show ever!

We've recruited several new members for the 2015 - 16 year, but as of this writing, 188 of you have yet to renew. Do so soon, so you can reap the greatest benefits from your membership.

Get your Dick Blick discount coupons -- available now.

And congratulations to Carlson's Art Supplies & Framing, celebrating 100 years as downtown Wheaton's family owned businesses (they also have a hardware store & a glass shop). Just down the street from DPAL, they offer 10 % off any time to members & have always been very generous to DPAL.

Yours in supporting DPAL, Your organization Secretary.

RENOVATIONS

The renovation of the two galleries is almost complete. The walls are now clad in sparkling almond colored slat boards. The shows are back in place and the rooms and windows are filled with light. The desk area is still a work in progress and there is a major rearrangement of the back room. Sorry to everyone who lost track of the kitchen. It is still there a little farther west, next to the new library space. I owe a big thank you to all those who took pity on me and helped make the job go easier. Thank you Diana Mitchell, Yvonne Thompson, Ann Johnson, Bob Wahlgren, and especially Ellen Rottsoik and her husband and son. I hope everyone will stay flexible, especially the desk volunteers, until the renovations are complete. We will look great and work more efficiently. Sincerely, Kay Wahlgren



GALLERY I



GALLERY II

It's time for..... **Yuletide Treasures!**

Yvonne Thompson Chair – 630-966-9616 or dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net

Can you believe it? It's time to get ready for Yuletide Treasures! The information packets are at the front desk. **Come to the next Artisan Afternoon and Yuletide Treasures meeting on Friday October 2, 12 - 4pm** when we will be talking about the show and how to enter. The talk will start at 2pm. The rest of the time is for you to show me anything you would like to enter, but maybe not sure how to package or if it is even acceptable for the show. I can help you with pricing and if I have time I may even be able to print your barcodes! If you can't make that day, plan on Monday October 12, 10.30 am – 1pm. If you intend to enter the show, but have never been to a meeting, please plan to attend on one of these dates.

The Yuletide Treasures dates are:

Pre show meetings: Friday October 2, 12 – 4pm

Monday October 12, 10.30 am – 1pm

Main Drop off: Wednesday October 28 - until no later than 2pm, Saturday October 31, 2015.
(14 people are needed to check in artwork)

Installation: Monday November 2, 2015...**NO items will be received this day**
(12 people are needed to help hang the show)

Second drop off: Dec 2 - Dec 4. Once the show has started, this is the only other drop off date.
(4 people needed)

Break down: Monday December 28, 10.30 a.m.
(the more people, the faster it goes)

*I also might need a few active people for about 3 hours on Sunday afternoon December 27

Remember, if you exhibit in this show you **MUST** volunteer for a **MINIMUM** of 4 hours on top of your annual commitment, so why not do a full day helping out!

All barcodes MUST be ordered before October 21

MONTHLY OPEN PROGRAMS

Don't Miss these FREE Presentations

Monday, September 21st, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - "Zentangle, Beyond the Basics" with Sue Jacobs, certified Zentangle instructor. Sue shows us how to take tangles to the next level!

Monday, October 18th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - "Drawing By Subtraction" with Artist Tracy Frein, winner of numerous awards. Tracy demonstrates his unique and surprising technique for creating truly amazing portraits!

Come join us for the fun and refreshments!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Don Ryan has been juried into the "Pastels Chicago 2015" show with a portrait in soft pastels. The show is running from the 11th of September to the 31st of October. The show is being exhibited at The Art Center Highland Park.

Sculpture/Guy J. Bellaver is pleased to announce that his latest public art piece has been installed and dedicated at Volunteer Plaza in St. Charles, Illinois. More images of this beautiful and multi-faceted stainless steel sculpture are attached. Information about the entire project may be found at the web site - reflection-satVolunteerPlaza.wordpress.com

ARTISAN AFTERNOON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - 12-4PM

We will be talking about YULETIDE TREASURES

If you have questions about entering, please attend.

You can also order your Barcodes.

(depending on how many people turn up, I **may** even be able to print them out)

Bring any items you need packaging suggestions for, or if you are not sure if your work will be accepted. **I will do a “How to enter” talk starting at 2 pm.**

Questions? Call me 630-966-9616

Yvonne :o)

Education News Tanya Berley—

We're off and running for our fall classes. If you didn't get enrolled for A please know that our classes are not at all scary so I hope you will look them over for Session B. Pictured are some of our teachers: Kay Wahlgren, Sharron Ott, Ellen Rottsolk, George Bruce, Dan Danielson, Robert Pennor, Dick Shipley, Suzanne Massion, Marge Hall Traci Limes and Carol Zack. See the schedules for more details.

Suzanne Hetzel shared what she's been up to lately: attended a workshop with Martha Deming TWSA, taught a workshop for the TWSA, “Fantastic Florals”, was accepted into two National Exhibits-Watercolor West and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. Thanks for the update.

We have three workshops this fall. Zentangle with Sue Jacobs who promises anyone can do it. I'll attest to that as I'm attending her first. Her next is Mon. October 19 and 26th from 9:30- Noon. Then Janan Hudek is showing how felting can be used to embellish clothing we already have on hand-Sunday Nov. 15th from 12:30-4:00 PM. It will be fun and relaxing. Kay Wahlgren is continuing her yearly Paper Ornament Workshop on Sunday December 6th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. We hope you will join us for at least one of these. No prior experience is needed for any of them.



BEST OF SHOW

Elaine Rath, Tipping Point, Mixed

BEST THEME

Judith Horsley, Image? Or Reflection, Photo

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Carlos Pinedo, Untitled, Photo

Mick Griesbaum, lvl/Saw Blade Pedestal, Wood/Metal

Krystyna Kozyuk, Color Dance, Acrylic

MERIT AWARDS

Laurie Hedlund, Exposure, Color Pencil

Kerry Geibowitz, Tillamorrk Bay in Morning Fog, Photo

Pat Armburster, A Small Distraction, Oil

Sharon Given, Harvested, Acrylic

Gene Vitale, Detachment, Acrylic

Diana A. Nawrocki, Circle of Life, Textile

Kasia Szczeniowski, Nuclear Spaghetti, Acrylic

Suzanne Hetzel, Dry Cock, Water Color

Sandy Donnelly, Ripe to Perfection, Acrylic

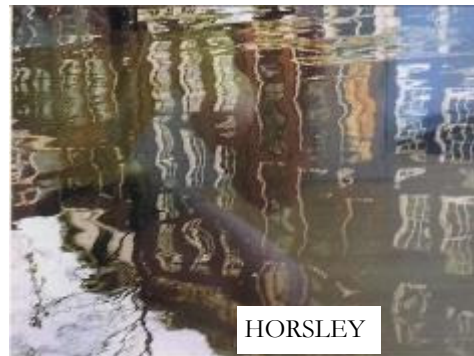
Marita Valdizan, Purple, Jewelry

Carol Kincaid, Calm Before the Storm, Oil Pastel

George Bruce, Grab the Foul & Run, Oil



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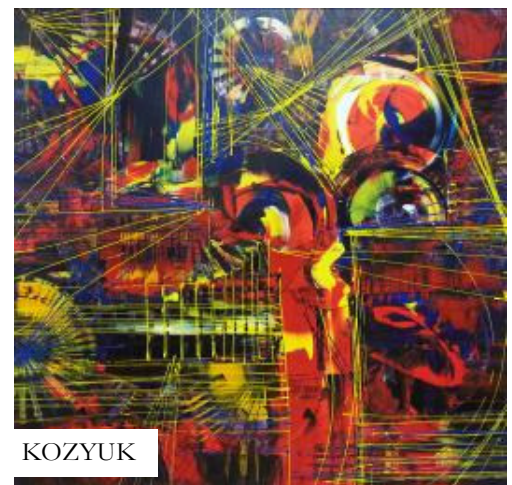
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UPCOMING GALLERY SHOW INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER: PICK-UP SEPT 30-OCT. 1

OCTOBER: "SEASONS"

ENTRY: SEPT. 30-OCT 1

PICK-UP: OCT 28-20

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER: YULETIDE TREASURES

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The DuPage Art League is always looking for volunteers. We are always looking for additional people to staff the front desk or help out in other capacities. Email staff@dupageartleague.org if you are interested in volunteering some time. Even if you only have an hour or two, you can make a difference today!

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