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

President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

It is difficult to believe I am writing the November President's Letter. The holidays are coming soon, and if you want a unique gift for someone, check Yuletide Treasures in the DPAL Galleries. Tell your friends to stop and shop early and often. As I write this letter on October 13, I can only imagine how wonderful our holiday gift shop will look in our newly renovated galleries. Volunteers will set up Yuletide Treasures on Monday, November 2. To ensure the show is "fresh" no items that didn't sell in the previous two shows will be accepted! Yvonne can always use volunteers for set up and take down on December 28. Call or email her if you can help.

The board is continuing to evaluate problems with the roof and to explore out best options. No final decisions have been made at this writing. Unfortunately any option is going to be costly. Once a final plan is in place, we will need your support. With tax season looming after the holiday season, remember your donations to the DPAL are tax deductible. There is already a special fund established for the roof.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Diana Mitchell

GALLERY SHOW

REMINDER: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER GALLERY I AND II ARE TURNED INTO THE "YULETIDE TREASURES" SHOP.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO STOP BY FOR UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS. ALL ITEMS "MADE IN AMERICA"

MEMBERSHIP and ARTISAN AFTERNOONS

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Thank you for renewing your membership promptly! With the pending roof repair much revenue is needed, so your prompt payment of dues helps.

And talking of the roof, we have started a "Raise the Roof!" fund. We will accept any \$ amount and the front desk computer can issue you with a receipt (for Tax time) for your donation. Just tell the front desk staffer that you want to make a "Raise the Roof" donation.

The last ARTISAN AFTERNOONS for the year will be:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2.00 - 4.00PM.

I will spend a little time telling you about some of the work your fellow artists have in artists have in Yuletide Treasures.

....prepare to be tempted, so bring your credit card!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 1.00 - 3.00PM

This is during the 2nd drop off for Yuletide Treasures, so you can drop and stop.....and even SHOP!

BOARD NOTES: Diana Mitchell

All board members were present at the October 8 meeting. We also had two guests. Chris Chlapecka is the new delegate to the Alliance of Fine Arts and came to the meeting to find out more about the AFA organization. Robert Szerlong, a member and retired structural engineer, also attended part of the meeting. Robert has served in an advisory capacity to the board as we continue to gather information about the exact condition of the roof.

We have received two bids for the repair of the roof but still need a third. It may be necessary to have a structural analysis of the roof before proceeding with repair. Ours is a barrel shaped roof that was constructed many, many years ago using Chicago trusses. A further complication is that we are fast approaching winter. Ideally, to prevent further damage, the roof should be repaired before the snow flies. To expedite getting repairs done, the board established a committee with power to authorize a structural analysis and repair of roof up to \$20,000. A structural analysis could be as much as \$2000 and the first two bids for repair of all distressed areas are roughly \$16,000 and \$18,000. The committee members are Alice Kennedy (chair), Robert Wahlgren, Kandice Husarik, Kay Wahlgren, and Diana Mitchell.

Sally Hines presented the finished Student/Member Survey. The survey was developed by Sally and the Long Term Planning Committee. There is a separate article in this newsletter explaining the details. The board hopes to have a good response.

Due to the lengthy discussion of the roof, VP reports were brief. Enrollment for fall classes has been very good. The board commended Kay Wahlgren for her tireless work in supervising the installation of the slat-board in the galleries. Kay also rearranged the back storage area to create more usable space. The Monday night program was well received. Some members have volunteered to train as staffers, membership is ahead of last year, and preliminaries for Yuletide Treasures are underway.

Also of note...at the September meeting Carol Kincaid, Chair of Community Outreach and Scholarships, attended the meeting. Some revisions to the policy on class scholarships based on need were approved by the board. (maximum 4 lifetime and 6 if there are extraordinary circumstances.) The board also approved a motion to discontinue the \$200 College of DuPage scholarship and use that money in the general scholarship fund.

YULETIDE TREASURES and THE GIFT SHOP

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Well here we are, another Yuletide Treasures, but this year with a new look with the wonderful gallery update. As I write this, we are still a couple of weeks away from the October 28 - 31 drop off. If you miss that date there is a second drop off Dec 2 - 4. Remember you need barcodes BEFORE you bring work in. I need at least 10 days notice, as I can no longer print barcodes at home. Also you do need to volunteer for an extra 4 hours if you exhibit in this show, so please contact me.

We are hoping to have the gift shop painted between Christmas and New Year so no Gift Shop items will be accepted until 2016.

This year we are lucky to have staffers willing to staff the Art League on Saturdays until 5 pm after Thanksgiving so we will be open later than our normal 2pm. We also will be open during Wheaton's Dickens of a Christmas Parade starting 6pm, November 27. Thank you staffers! Without you there would be no sales!

We are hoping these extended hours will increase sales. You can help by bringing a friend to shop with us.....tell ALL your friends! I don't think many other stores can say "Everything made in the USA!". That is something we need to share. There are handouts about Yuletide Treasures at the front desk. Please share them with other groups and your friends and family.

Finally, we have a few "baskets" this year for customers use while shopping at the League.....I dare anyone to say I am NOT trying to maximize sales! *giggle*

Education News Tanya Berley—

Session B classes start Monday Nov. 2nd. Here are a few suggestions for you to check out:

Acrylic Painting-Robert Pennor
Composing-Sharron Ott
Color Theory-Sharron Ott
Portraits –Pat Armbruster
Pastel Painting-Carol Zack
Watercolor-Dick Shipley
Amazing Acrylics-Anne Fines

We are also offering a felting workshop with Janan Hudek on Sunday November 15th from 12:30-4:00 pm. Find out more details about these and all our classes online at dupageartleague.org. or pick up a schedule at the League.

Thank you for continuing to support our classes. We have much to be thankful for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Carol Kincaid for receiving an Honorable Mention for her oil pastel at the 2015 Danada Nature and Art Show.

Marilyn Peretti's watercolor "Tangled" was juried into the Vicinity Show at the Norris Cultural Center. She also won an Honorable Mention ribbon at the Danada Fall Festival Nature exhibit for her photograph, Jack-o-lantern Mushrooms.

"INTRINSIC" an exhibition by Annette Perone Leiber will take place at the Elmhurst Art Museum at 150 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst. The exhibit runs from Oct 25 to Dec. 4 For more information call 630-279-1009 or www.elmhurstartistsguild.org

Georgiann Foley won 2nd place for her homemade fantasy doll at the Sandwich Fair in September. She also won 2nd place for her block print "Angel" at this fair.

Sharon Peters was juried into Mayslake Peabody Estates for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County centennial art exhibit. Show will run from Nov. 3 to Dec 9.

DPAL NEEDS HELP GETTING THE WORD (AND PICTURE) OUT

The DPAL board has been doing some long term planning. Several important issues have been identified and raising our profile in the community is high on the list. That entails improving our website and showing more photos of the fun we have plus the new look in our gallery. Bottom line...we need a photographer willing to take photos of some of the gallery receptions, classroom activities, programs and other activities.

In addition we need someone who is social media savvy to help us with Facebook and the other social media platforms we aren't currently taking advantage of. This volunteer would help us determine where we should have a presence and the best way to keep the information fresh and interesting.

If you would like to help us publicize the great thing we have going here, please contact Sally Hines either via email (sallyhines@comcast.net) or phone at [630-579-1788](tel:630-579-1788). And if you just have questions or want to know more before making a commitment, feel free to get in touch as well



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

You'll notice a big box on the counter by the front desk with the word "Surveys" on it. The board is looking for feedback and this box is where you will deposit your completed Member/Student survey. The survey is your chance to express your opinion on the classes, facilities and activities at the Art League. Teachers have been asked to pass out the surveys in class, and an email will go out with a version attached. In addition, there are a stack of surveys next to the box.

The survey is two sided. One side is for students and parents of students. The other side is for members. If you're both, complete both sides. If you would like someone to contact you, please write your name on the survey. Please take this opportunity to pass on your thoughts and comments to help the Art League.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY,!! Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

The Library has moved downstairs! As part of the recent renovation and reorganization of the first floor the Library has a new home! Some of you may say, "What Library?" and those of you who have trudged upstairs to use it, will be happy to find out that the League does, in fact, have a library and that it is now easily accessible on the first floor.

It's located at the back of the League, next to the kitchen and Gift Shop Work areas, in its very own comfortable niche with chairs for browsing.

The Library collection includes books relative to most of the classes that are taught. There are separate sections for Drawing, Colored Pencil, Pastel, Oil, Acrylic and Watercolor Painting along with other sections for Lettering, Cartooning, Art History, Reference, Creativity, Regional Art, and Art in Museum Collections. A future project will have the Biography section also moving to the first floor.

As I feature new titles added to the Library (see below) they will be on display in a special area until the next newsletter. You are welcome to check out these and all other books!

Special thanks go to Suzanne Massion and Georgiann Foley for helping cull and inventory the entire library, evaluate book donations, and arrange the book sale table. They are great Library elves! Also, a giant thank you to Kay Wahlgren for "architecting" the new space and directing the move. And special thanks to my sister, Cheryl Fitzpatrick, and her husband, Dan, for spending their day off in Wheaton moving shelves and books! You're all great!

New titles:

Blovits. Pastel for the Serious Beginner. (Pastel)

Elliot. Oil Pastel for the Serious Beginner. (Oil Pastel)

Hutton-Jamieson. Colored Pencil Drawing Techniques. (Colored Pencil)

Kullmerg. Colored Pencil; Secrets for Success. (Colored Pencil)

Loscutoff. Art to go-A Traveler's Guide to Painting in Watercolors. (Watercolor)

Rodwell. Painting with Acrylics. (Acrylics)

Smibert. Painting Landscapes from your Imagination. (Watercolor)

Stine. Watercolor; Painting Smart. (Watercolor)

BEST OF SHOW

Laurie Alvear, The Golden Time, W/C

BEST THEME

Milvi Wheeler, Autumn Leaves, Oil

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Kay Wahlgren, Bounty, W/C

Kathy Aram, Goldenrod, W/C

Terry Muslow, Mining Gold, Mixed

MERIT AWARDS

Alice Chris Jacobs, Inspiration, Mixed

George Bruce, Rivers Reflection

Robert Szerlong, OTCOWm Photo

Jacqueline France, Fresh, Oil

Gordon France, Spring Breeze, W/C

Sandra Wille, Pumpkin Time is Tops, Colored Pencil

Tammy Proctor, Sumac Meadow, Oil

Joan Settje, Summer Escape, W/C

June Padovani, Gusty Wind & the Autumn Dancer,

Stephanie Dalton, Harvest Moon, Pastel

Peter Young, Transition, Photo

Kerry Leibowitz, Otter Lake Dawn, Photo

BLICK AWARD

Marita Valdizan, Pachamama, Oil



ALVEAR



MUSCOW



WAHLGREN



VALDIZAN



ARAM



WHEELER

REMINDER:

NEXT GALLERY I SHOW: "VACATION SNAPSHOTS"

Drop off: Jan 6 & 7,

Pick-up: February 3 & 4

Listing of future shows is inside the front cover of the 2015-2016 Activity Schedule

Volunteer

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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Monthly Meetings: Our monthly meetings are on the **third Monday of each month (from September through April). Social hour is 7 p.m. and programs start at 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars and come!



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