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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,

Happy New Year. I hope 2016 brings you health, happiness, and prosperity.

Winter class begin January 4, and it is not too late to register. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as you sign up for classes and receive a member's discount.

Many thanks to Yvonne Thompson, her artists and helpers who participated in the Yuletide Treasures sale. This event is a major fund raiser for the League, and we truly appreciate all the time and effort that is needed for it to be a success. We would also like to thank Kay Wahlgren for the beautiful holiday window display.

Please be aware that it is time to nominate officers for board vacancies. We will need to fill the following positions: President (must have served on board at least one year), VP of Education, VP of Exhibits, VP of Office Management. We also need three members, who are not on the board and do not wish to be nominated, to serve on the nominating committee. Please contact Tanya Berley or Sally Hines if you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee or wish to be considered for a board position.

The DPAL is a wonderful organization. It is, however, strictly run by its volunteer members. The one exception is our part-time business manager. If you are willing to do your share, we would appreciate any volunteer time you can contribute.

Enjoy your winter classes,
Diana Mitchell, DPAL President



BOARD NOTES: JANAN HUDEK - SECRETARY

This month, the best for your DPAL Board is that you, our members, have completed & returned well above the expected number of our Survey. The Board thanks you for your many comments and compliments. The most benefit to you as members (and students).

The worst for DPAL was another roof leak. Previously noted faults had been repaired, but apparently, another developed. But, things aren't as bad as they could have been. Our roofing contractor was prompt to come and try to resolve the problem.... at no additional cost.

As you probably know by now, the roof will be an issue until its replacement sometime within the next three years. Friends and members of DPAL are lending support – donations, some quite generous, are already coming in. Still, we have a long way to go and it will take every member and friend we've got to reach our fundraising goal for the "Raise the Roof" project; and, the more volunteers, the quicker we'll be able to concentrate our efforts on more enjoyable improvements. Please contact Bob Wahlgren if you will help with this campaign.

The "Best of the Best" show, here at DPAL in May, is being well vetted for us by member/volunteer and our rep to Alliance of Fine Art, Christine Chlapecka. The BofB Show is a great time for us to show off our updated gallery space and DPAL will be at the forefront of all AFA member organizations in the planning and execution of this show. Volunteers, please!!!

Waiting 'til next year – adding a tagline to our name ('Art School & Gallery') – look for news about a new logo contest! Your board has also reviewed the By-Laws for DPAL – a few updates will be made, nothing major. Also coming up fast is nominations for the next Board Term (beginning May 2016). Your Board is eager to have more DPAL members involved in the nominating process (which will be a little more structured than in the past) and new members of the Board!

Your DPAL Board of Directors are grateful to be able to serve and wish everyone a delightful Holiday and a Happy, Healthy and wonderful 2016 for you, yours and the DuPage Art League!

Education News Tanya Berley— Winter/Spring Classes start Monday, Jan. 4th

The winter/spring schedules are available on-line and at the front desk. Be sure to sign up before your favorite classes are full. You know we have wonderful teachers, Check out our workshops too. Just a few choices:

- Ellen Rottsolk is offering a second pastel class to help make it available to all who would like to enroll
- New teacher Suzanne Wegener is teaching botanical art on Friday afternoons. She previously taught at the Morton Arboretum as part of their certification program
- Sean Shimmel will lead a half day photography -portrait workshop in mid January. that will help you get better results for those professional or family close-ups.

And as always, return for classes with your favorite teachers and ours, too many to list.

- **Wednesday Evening Drop-In Portrait Sessions**
- Pat Armbruster has graciously offered to return to lead the Wednesday night drop-in portrait sessions. While there is no formal instruction, Pat has taken a number of portrait classes and may offer suggestions if asked.

Happy 2016 Everyone!

ALAS, SWEET YULETIDE, I KNEW YOU WELL! (WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, FORGIVE ME!)

I misquote Shakespeare for Yuletide Treasures as it is a major production with many cast members! Thank you to everyone who played a part....and those of you who were "stand in's" for the many MIA's. I think you all will agree that the gallery looked *amazing* this year with the new slat board in place.

This year I was concerned though. Many of our regular high volume selling YT artists, did not have work to enter, or would not be around until December. If that was not bad enough, YT started a week later this year, At the beginning of December, sales hadn't even totaled \$4000, but we were not alone. Other retailers were reporting a "slow start" to the Christmas buying period. To assist all exhibiting members, I did allow items to be dropped off at 3 separate times.

Of course, as I write this, we still have 10 days till Christmas. Unfortunately my crystal ball is out of service, so I can't tell you what the final sales total, but in the last week I have noticed an marked increase in sales. So much so that we have sales hovering at twice what we had at the start of December! Watch next month's newsletter for my final report.

Work not sold will be packed into boxes and packages on December 28. They will be stacked in Gallery 2 awaiting your prompt pick up when were-open on Monday January 4. Your three letter code will be on the outside of the package. Items not collected by February 1, will become the property of DPAL. So start your New Year 's resolutions by making DPAL a priority.

Due to the gift shop being painted, we cannot accept new gift shop items until Monday January 11, If you have artwork that was in the Gift Shop before October, it is time to come and collect it and bring in something new.

If you have any questions or concerns about picking up your work, please contact me.

Happy New Year!

Yvonne : Gift Shop and Yuletide Treasures Chair **630-966-9616** dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net

ARTISAN AFTERNOONS.

There will be no Artisan afternoon in January. The next one will be **FEBRUARY 17, 2 - 3.30pm**

MEMBERSHIP VP- Yvonne Thompson

I am working on the membership rosters at the moment. A change this year is that all members who receive their newsletters via email will get a .PDF version emailed to them automatically. You can still pick up a physical copy from the front desk, but many members have asked to have a .pdf copy. I am hoping they will be available, from the front desk at the end of January for all current members. Front desk staffers will have a sheet for you to sign when you pick up your copy. Family memberships only receive one book. Extra's will be available for purchase should you want a second copy.....or lose yours! There will be no charge to email 2nd copies to members.

FROM THE LIBRARY: BARBARA GRABOWSKI LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

The following titles have been added to the library. You will find them in the library on the first floor. They are ready for you to check out:

- Aimone. Expressive Drawing; a Practical Guide to Freeing the Artist Within. (Drawing)
- Billups. Artist's Projects You Can Paint; 10 Experiments with Impressionism in Plein Air. (Painting)
- Couch. Watercolor Techniques. (Watercolor)
- Drochon. Painting Animals. (Painting)
- Franks. Drybrush Watercolor. (Watercolor)
- Harrison. Painting Solutions; Buildings. (Watercolor)
- Lewis. Watercolor Painting Techniques. (Watercolor)
- Penney. Painting Greeting Cards in Watercolor. (Watercolor)
- Warr. Capturing Texture in Your Drawing and Painting. (Painting)

Willenbrink. Watercolor for Absolute Beginners. (Watercolor)

ENJOY!

GALLERY II

The month of February the DuPage Art League will host a special show in Gallery II. Art teachers from 15 area schools will display their work and hold a reception Friday evening, February 5th. Come and meet the guardians of the next generation of artist and view their work.

(From Ann Pasteur: Hi Kay! These are the art teachers who will be exhibiting along with the school(s) they teach at and the town they're in. Fifteen teachers from eight different towns! Everyone is so excited!!!! I'm going to tell everyone to bring one or two pieces (maybe three, depending on the sizes of course...a few of the artists have larger pieces) I informed all the participants to have all art display ready and labeled with their names, contact info., school, medium of piece, title, and price (if there is one.) Sound good? And they have all been informed about the drop off dates. Just waiting on the info. in regards to the reception...whenever you have time...I know we're all crazy busy with the holiday season and all!!!! Thanks again Kay!!!!)

1. Ann Pasteur: IC Catholic Prep High School: Elmhurst
2. Chris Hodge: Naperville Central High School: Naperville
3. Janell Matas: Naperville North High School: Naperville
4. Frank Matas: Lake Park High School: Roselle
5. April Macatangay: Lincoln Elementary School: Glen Ellyn
6. Janet Taylor: Naperville North High School: Naperville
7. Emily Karavas: West Aurora High School: Aurora
8. Christopher Ness: Wheaton North High School: Wheaton
9. Jacqueline Daly: Wheaton North High School: Wheaton
10. Heather Lass: Liberty Elementary School: Bartlett
11. Christa Bellock: Ontarioville Elementary: Hanover Park
McKinley Elementary: Elgin
12. Renee Kuharchuk: Yor High School: Elmhurst
13. Amy Murphy: Naperville Central: Naperville
14. Rebecca Mancuso: Naperville Central High School: Naperville
15. Greg Padgett: Naperville Central High School: Naperville

NEW TEACHER: SUZANNE WEGENER

Suzanne Wegener has joined us from the Morton Arboretum where she was Manager of Botanical Nature Arts Education. The Arboretum has discontinued the certificate program in botanical art that was so popular for many years. In fact, Suzanne developed courses and worked with instructors to develop new classes for the program. We are fortunate to have Suzanne with us teaching the technique and principles behind botanical art. Suzanne is teaching all three sessions. Session A is "Nature's Details in Graphite," Session B will cover "Watercolor in Botanical Art" and Session C is titled "Advanced Watermedia Techniques in Botanical Art." The classes are appropriate for both beginners and those with more experience.

Prior to the Morton Arboretum Suzanne was a freelance instructor and illustrator for The Field Museum of Natural History, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Morton Arboretum, Westmont Park District, Peninsula School of Art in Door County.



WORKSHOPS

SEAN SHIMMEL JANUARY 16TH (1:00 TO 4:00 PM)

Our next workshop is with Sean Shimmel who will present a lesson on how to create memorable head shot photographs. This will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The student needs only to provide a digital camera and note-taking materials and should be prepared to learn the fundamentals of exposure, methods of classical portraiture and the dynamics of how to pose the subject. Be sure to check out his website at timestandstillstudio.com.



WILLIAM WORCHESTER— FEBRUARY 6-7 (9:30 TO 4:00 EACH DAY)

William Worcester will be teaching Acrylic Landscape Painting with Impact on Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. His paintings were recently exhibited at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. His website is williamworchester.com.



JACQUE FRANCE— APRIL 16 & 17 (9:30-4:00 EACH DAY)

Jacque France is conducting a workshop on power painting in either acrylic or oil paints on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 2016 from 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. Her paintings can be viewed at jacquefrance.com.



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Fellow artists and DuPage Art League members, I was recently made aware that an Amazon site called Home Décor Market was advertising prints of my paintings and some drawings. I ultimately found 30 different images on Home Décor Market, which does not have my permission to make these prints. I've gone through the process of lodging a copyright infringement complaint with Amazon. I would encourage all artists to check this site. I'm sure I'm not the only artist in this situation. If anyone would like more detailed information, please contact me at Suzanne@SPMassion.com or by phone: 847 683-0034.

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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