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NEWSLETTER

NOT-FOR-PROFIT SCHOOL & GALLERY—218 W FRONT STREET-WHEATON IL 60187
APRIL 2016

President's Letter Diana Mitchell, DPAL President

Dear DPAL Members,

Great news! On March 16 we reached \$10,000 toward our goal of \$20,000. The exact amount is \$10,183. This money has come mainly from members but also from the Tea at Three, annual meeting raffle, felting workshops, library book sales, and more. Remember an anonymous donor will match up to \$20,000. So, we need to keep adding to this fund until we reach at least \$20,000. Many of you have donated, but some of you have not. Please consider giving what you can. Remember your donations are tax deductible, and I acknowledge any donations of \$10 or more with a letter verifying your tax deductible donation.



Diana Mitchell

There are several members who have opted to bring in paper towels, toilet paper, soap, paper cups, printer paper, etc. Thank you! These supplies help us save money on operating costs. Savings from operating costs are also deposited in the Raise the Roof Fund. Your contributions are a big help. You can also donate your senior discount or member discount when you sign up for session c classes. It all helps.

Here are some important dates for your calendar:

April 18 Monday night program: Pan Pastels
Election of 2016-2017 Board Officers

President: Kay Wahlgren

VP Education: Nancy Anderson

VP Exhibits: Christine Chlapecka and Barbara Denny

VP Finance: Charles Showalter

VP Office Management: Ann Johnson

May 1 Open house for anyone thinking of joining the Friday Plein Aire Painters
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May 1-31 DPAL hosts the **Association of Fine Arts** "Best of the Best Show." This show will be "Best of Show" winners from all the art organizations belonging to the AFA....Addison, Naperville, Elmhurst, LaGrange, etc. Since DPAL is a member of AFA, our "Best of Show" winners from the preceding year have been invited to enter. Don't miss this exhibit.

Education News Tanya Berley—

Welcome to Spring and the prospect of attending classes without worries about weather.

I would like to remind you to:

Sign up for C session classes that will start Monday April 18th.

- Check out a new teacher to our league, Suzanne Wegener who will teach a Friday afternoon class titled *Advanced Watermedia Techniques in Botanical Art*. Her prior experience is with Morton Arboretum and we are happy to add her to our staff.
- Sign up for a workshop with Jacque France titled *Power Painting* on April 16th and 17th. The goal is for you to finish two paintings. Get more details in the schedule.
- Remember that our Life Drawing and Painting meets only on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1:30-4:30.
- Marge Hall will be back to teach oils on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evenings. She is one of our snowbirds who alternates sessions with Suzanne Massion. We're so lucky to have both of them.

We will be having a new VP of Education starting in May. Nancy Anderson has been coordinator of workshops and will now be on the board. I will share more about her in the next newsletter.

Thank you for supporting our league by taking classes.

BOARD NOTES:- Carol Kincaid, Secretary

- The Treasurer reported that we had good gallery sales during February. We have also had an increase in membership so we now number 413.
- The process of replacing our temporary truss supports has started. An engineer inspected our facility and will make drawings which will then go to the town for permits. If all goes as planned, we could see the actual work commence in between class sessions B and C which is the week of April 10th.
- Classes are going well and the Summer Schedule should be ready by the beginning of May.
- Members are urged to pick up their Membership Rosters which are located at the front desk.
- DPAL's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, June 12, from 2 to 4 and it will be an Ice Cream Social at the league. More details will follow but please save the date.

The proposed slate for DPAL officers is: Pres. Kay Wahlgren, VP of Finance--Chuck Showalter, VP of Education--Nancy Anderson, Co-VP's of Exhibits--Christine Chlapecka and Barbara Denny and VP of Office Management---Ann Johnson

DPAL Board 2015-2016

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DPAL Newsletter

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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.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Bits and pieces this month:

We're very pleased to report that 18 books were checked out in January and February. That means that you are finding the library's new location! And we know that sometimes you just sit in the library and browse which is great too!

Although there is no specific loan period, we suggest a month. You may keep books longer, but other members may want to check them out too! If you would like us to remind you of what you have checked out, leave a note with your name and phone number in the wooden box and we'll gladly remind you.

We also have a sale cart of books in the main gallery that have been donated that are duplicates of titles already owned, or for various other reasons, mainly space limitations, that do not fit the mission of our collection. The books find good homes and the proceeds go to the "Raise the Roof" fund.

Four titles on Vincent Van Gogh have been recently added to the library. You may want to look at them before or after you visit the exhibit at the Art Institute. Enjoy!

Exciting Gift Shop news!! Yvonne Thompson - Chair

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As you know, we are trying to raise money for a new roof. Some members have spoken me about donating a piece of artwork for sale. I think this is a GREAT idea! If you have a piece you would like to donate, please call me asap. Nothing old and tatty, remember we want people to buy it!! Everything will be displayed in Gallery 2 for April, with all proceeds going to Raise the Roof. There will be special entry cards for this...and yes you can donate more than one piece! You can donate a painting, sculpture, textiles, pottery, jewelry, in fact anything you would normally find in the Gift Shop. Call me...**PLEASE!!!!**

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT MEMBERSHIP Yvonne Thompson - VP Membership

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Half the membership rosters are still waiting to be picked up. I am wondering do members not need theirs? I know there are some of us, board members, committee members and member teachers that use them on a regular basis, but what about everyone else? To produce those booklets and mail them costs over \$1000! That is a LOT of money, especially if we are producing something you don't use. Also, many times those books only include ¾'s of the members. Members who sign up AFTER the book has gone to print are left out.

So here is what we are going to try. Everyone who has an email on file with us will get a .pdf copy of the roster, emailed to them. Those members who have no email, may request a copy. We will print for you in house. It won't be the fancy book it is now, but you will have the information. The other good thing is it can be updated regularly and so be constantly current, a BIG bonus, I think!

We also have some members who have asked to have their email addresses published, others don't. With printing "in house" we can do that. So, let's try this next year. If it is not a success we can go back to our normal way. Call or email me and let me know what you think.

ARTISAN AFTERNOON

Our April get together will be April 26, 2pm - 3.30pm. Everyone welcome, especially new members. More info call Yvonne Thompson 630-966-9616

WORKSHOPS NANCY ANDERSON

Spots are still available for Jacque France's workshop, "Power Painting." This workshop is for intermediate to advanced students of either acrylic or oil painting. She will teach techniques for allowing paintings to be finished in one session, including using fewer brush strokes, limiting your palette and enhancing lighting. These techniques would be especially useful for plein air painters, and that season is rapidly approaching! Sign up today.

Announcements:

FERMILAB ARTS & LECTURE SERIES

Arts Series and Lectures, Ramsey Auditorium—south end of Wilson Hall.
Art Series—Saturdays—reserved seating
Lectures—Fridays—general admission—open seating.

Gallery Chamber Series—Sundays—Wilson Hall—open seating

www.final.gov/culture

Box Office—Monday-Friday, 9-4, closed for lunch
Wilson Hall Atrium, 630-840-ARTS (2787)
P.O. BOX 500, MS 111, Batavia IL 60510-5011

IT'S TIME TO GET OUTDOORS!!

Spring has started and it's time to start thinking about getting outdoors and creating some art. Those of us who have ventured out with the Friday Plein Aire group want to encourage you to come and join us in the fun. Maybe you have joined us in the past. Maybe you have thought about joining us and wondered how to work outdoors. Maybe you have just scratched your head and asked yourself, "why do they do it?"

We invite you to come with your curiosity and all your questions to a PLEIN AIRE OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, May 1st from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, for an afternoon of "make-believe" plein aire sketching. Some of our regulars will demonstrate their favorite outdoor methods, all using the same scene. Ellen Rottsolk will demonstrate pencil. Nancy Anderson will demonstrate sketchbook with pen, ink and watercolor. Diana Mitchell, soft pastels; Robert Pennor, acrylic paints; Mary Goebel, oil paints; Susan Wilson, oil stick; Karlette Murray, watercolor sketching. We are a merry group and believe "the more the merrier". Come and visit us on Sunday, May 1st and consider joining us during the season.

Copies of the schedule for the Summer 2016 season of Friday Plein Aire will be available at the Open House if you have any questions about any of our locations.

The Summer 2016 Friday Plein Aire schedule will be available on April 15th.

For inquiries, call Mary Kent Goebel, 630-782-9577.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Addison Center for the Arts presents "Flowing Col-
orrs by Margaret Bucholz. 3/23-4/23. Reception
April 1—7-9pm Gallery hours Wed-Sat. 1-4 pm.
213 N. Lombard Rd, Door #4. Addison.
Www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/ 630-458-4500.

Four of **Annette Perone Leiber** watercolors were
accepted in the Watercolor exhibit at Norris Gallery.
She received an Honorable Mention Award in the
2016 Norris Watercolor Show.

Marilyn Peretti has a watercolor of barn owls juried
into the Wings & Water exhibit at River Arts Gallery
in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin for March and April.

Khrystyna Kosyuk - Meet the artist at Aloft Hotel,
500 N. Janes Ave, Bolingbrook IL Thursday, april 7,
5-8 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kasia Szczesniewski received Publisher Choice
Award at the Art & Beyond magazine and two pages
of March/April edition are dedicated to her art.

**"Contemplative Spaces" A New Art Exhibit by
Gail L. Kroepel**, PhD at the Oak Park Conservatory
March through April. 615 Garfield St., Oak Park, IL.
708-725-2400 / www.oakparkconservatory.org I
search out Contemplative Spaces to photograph and
paint; while painting, I am immersed in the scene
that caught my attention. This has become a spiri-
tual practice.

Bloomington Artists Association programs:
Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloom-
ington Rd, Bloomington.

April 13—Gelatin Printing Artist Nancy Staszak
May 11— Japanese Bookbinding—Artist Toni Fo-
garty

2016 Spring exhibit & Silent Auction, May 7—June
4.

Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com.

BEST OF SHOW

Cosette Kosiba, Garden Path, Pastel

BEST THEME

Cynthia Boudreau, Garden Party Shrug, Nuno Felt

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Marita Valdizan, Blossoming Princess, Wire Crochet

Joan Kalmanek, Afternoon At Cantigny, Digital Photo

Pamela Hamilton, Gilded Petals, Pastel & Goldleaf

MERIT AWARDS

Sue Thomas, Going to a Party, Pastel

Tom Phelan, Big Red Barn, Digital Photo

Joan Kalmanek, Blue Garden Chair, Digital Photo

Mary Kent Goebel, Plein Air, Pastel

Kerry Keibowitz, Field of Gold, Photo

Misty Alvis, Dancing Cone Flowers, Pastel

Theresa Miao, Party on the Pond, W/C

Kathi Kuchler, Pink Orchards, W/C

Marguerite Paris, Rock Garden, W/C

Sandra Wille, Perennial Farm, Graphite

Pat Young, Little Gardner, W/C

Laurie Alvear, Potting up Pansies, W/C



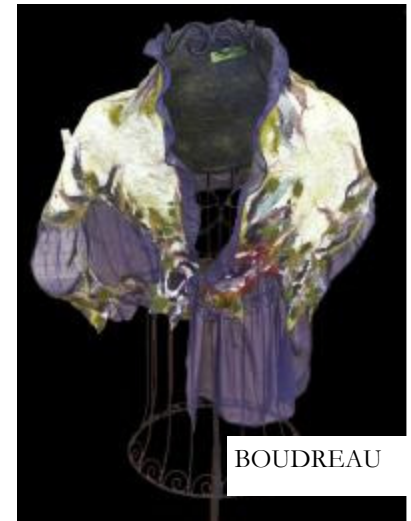
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UPCOMING GALLERY SHOW INFORMATION**APRIL: STORM WARNINGS**

Entry: March 30-31 Pick-Up April 27-28

Rain, wind, waves, blizzards, and tornados, weather at it's worst can also be its most beautiful. Capture the beauty and drama of the atmosphere around us.

MAY 2016, "BEST OF THE BEST"**An AFA Invitational Show**

featuring the Best of Show winners from area art leagues. There will be a special reception and significant prizes awarded to the winners.



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PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP BOOK AT THE FRONT DESK

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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"RAISE THE ROOF"**

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