



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Artisan Afternoons

Yvonne Thompson

The first Artisan Afternoon of 2018 will be held Thursday January 25 from 2 to 3:30PM at the Annex and will be a Gift Tag Workshop. **Save your Christmas cards!** We'll use the cards you received from friends and family this year to create fun tags for next year. Also, bring a sharp pair of scissors....I will supply the rest! Not only a great recycling project but a great way to save a little cash. The workshop is free (although donations are always welcome!), and you can also bring a friend.

If you are a recent new member, please try to make this workshop as I would love to personally welcome you to the League and tell you of your benefits.

Happy New Year everyone!

Gallery 1 News

Barb Denny

The New Year starts with the theme "White as the Driven Snow." Remember, don't be literal! Drop off dates are January 3 and 4, 2018. Please pick up your art work on January 31 or February 1. These are the same dates for dropping off work for the February exhibit. The February theme is "Red Letter Day" - what makes a great day? Hint: it doesn't need to be red to fit the theme.

Yuletide Pick Up January 3-26

The Gallery 2 season starts with our DPAL member, Khrystyna Kozyuk, as our featured artist this February. This talented artist has held solo exhibitions throughout the Chicagoland area and won many awards. Khrystyna's observations and emotions are found in all of her artwork and not to be missed.

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Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Monday Night Program at the Annex

January 15, 2018 | 7PM

Carrie Carlson | Travel Journals and Field Sketching
Keeping a sketchbook journal is a terrific way to document experiences in a way that is more intentional and reflective than simply snapping off hundreds of photos on our phones. Carrie will demonstrate her favorite pen and ink, watercolor, and field sketching techniques she uses to fill up sketchbooks while at zoos and museums, traveling abroad, or simply out in the backyard.



Dan Danielson's Monday Night Program Drew a Big Crowd



Dan generously donated one of his watercolors to the highest Silent Auction bidder. Congratulations Midge Anderson for your generous bid!



January Membership News

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Please remember to renew your membership, if you haven't already, or this will be your **last** newsletter... YIKES! Also, if you don't renew you'll lose any accrued points for a Gallery 2 show and your discount on classes.

We start the New Year with our New Activity Schedule. If you have furnished us with your email you will have already received a .pdf copy via Constant Contact. All members are welcome to pick up a printed copy at the front desk. To keep costs down, unless you live in another state, we no longer automatically mail these. Please contact me though if you need yours mailed.

We had three members become Life Members last year. Please welcome Cheri Gideon, Lori Pazar, and Vicki Liszewski. Thank you so much! You too can become a Life Member, even if you have already renewed this year, I can convert your membership. Life Memberships are a one time fee of \$350.

Please also welcome Valerie Lorimer back as our newsletter editor. Val has kindly offered to do the newsletter again and give Ann a well needed break! Please note the new email address for newsletter items: vlorimer@yahoo.com

Thank you Ann for doing the newsletter for the last "too many" years! Remember the cutoff date for items to be included is midnight on the 15th of every month.

Food for Thought

What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?

- Vincent Van Gogh

Color is my day-long obsession, joy and torment.

- Claude Monet

Will Kennan Sullivan Please Stand Up!

Dan Anderson, VP of Finance

As of mid-December the heart-warming response to the membership renewal letter from those choosing to renew at the Sustaining Member level is so encouraging that I'm tempted to run outside without a coat. With returns still coming in, we are at 24 Sustaining Members (at \$100), two new Life Members (at \$350), with another eight members chipping in \$155 in "added donations." What a nice Christmas present for the DuPage Art League.

And then there's Kennan Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan is a Wheaton resident who apparently came across a copy of last year's plea for help with rebuilding our failing roof. Over the transom comes a check for \$500 from him designated for the "contingency fund." This is both fantastic and mysterious. Neither Mr. Kennan nor his address show up in our membership records and nobody I've talked with will admit to knowing him. But he must be one heck of a nice guy. Our sincere thanks go to Kennan Sullivan.

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Board Notes

Treasurer Kandi Husarik was able to get a waiver so we do not have to conduct a certified audit. This is a big savings to the league. The requirement was triggered by our fundraising effort for the roof. She explained that this was an unusual circumstance, and we were allowed a one-time waiver. Our financial picture is strong although savings are much lower than we would like them to be.

Mary Dorrell has done some investigating about updating our website. She did a quick review of companies that utilize templates for designing websites and also host them. The board encouraged her to continue her analysis. Mary also proposed a meeting to tell artists how to promote their artwork. Arts DuPage is willing to do a training session on how to use their site to post events. It was decided that at that time the presentation should also talk about social media and other opportunities. More information will follow.

Yvonne reported that the Activity Schedule should be available soon and will be emailed to all members who use email; hard copies should be available in January. She is planning an Artisan Afternoon for January 25. We have already sold 264 classes for the Winter/Spring session and some classes are already filled. Yuletide Treasures is running ahead of last year.

Ann Johnson asked the board to say hello to the staffers and thank them for their hard work when we walk past the desk. The staffers are critical to running the art league. Without them we would have zero income. Maybe we should all let them know they are appreciated.




Kay Wahlgren presenting donation to Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center from the proceeds of the Sidewalk Sale.



Thank you to the many “elves” who worked tirelessly to make the League a beautiful winter wonderland!



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