



# DuPage Art League School & Gallery

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Front Desk Staffers Needed

**Ann Johnson**

Staffers are the first contact most people have when they call or come into the league, and your greetings, friendliness, and helpfulness goes a long way in setting a positive image to everyone who contacts the league. Volunteering as a staffer is a great way to meet people and give back to the league!

Qualifications include basic computer skills, good people skills, an outgoing personality, and being helpful. Staffers normally work a half day (4 hours) per week (except Saturday, which is a 5 hour shift). Staffers receive a discount on classes and/or membership fees.

If interested in becoming a staffer, contact our VP of Office Management, Ann Johnson at 630.939.9108 or call the league at 630.653.7090.

## Gallery 1 News

**Barb Denny**

2018 has gotten off to a beautiful start! Please stop by and see the wonderful art in the January exhibit. Fifty-eight pieces were submitted in the frigid first week of the new year, and two pieces sold in the first week.

February's theme is "Red Letter Day". This is a chance to commemorate a lasting memory or celebrate Valentine's Day! Drop off days are January 31 and February 1. Please refer to your Activity Schedule for exhibit rules. If you don't have your 2018 Activity Schedule it is available at the front desk. Submitted work does not need to be theme related. If you're thinking ahead, March's theme is "Once in a Blue Moon".

## Gallery 2 February Show

The Gallery 2 February show features Khrystyna Kazyuk. The show opens February 3. The reception is from 2-4pm on February 4.

## Gallery 1 January Winners

### BEST OF SHOW

Sue Thomas, *Lake Marmo*, Pastel

### BEST THEME

Dan Danielson, *ZZZZ*, Watercolor

### SPECIAL MERIT AWARD

Valerie Lorimer, *Under Cover of Snow*, Mixed

Paul Miller, *Midwest Winter*, Oil

Susan Wilson, *Winter Light*, Oil

### MERIT AWARDS

Doris Bettin, *The Grand Tetons*, Pastel

Joan Kalmanek, *Smile Please*, Photo

Bob Kapheim, *Snow Capped Cattails*, Photo

Robert Kapusta, *Untitled*, Oil

Judith Lazzo, *That Beautiful Sunrise*, Pastel

Pamela Lowrie, *Winter in the Woods*, Recomposed Watercolor

Suzanne P. Massion, *January Farm*, Oil

Terry Niccoli, *Tagliolini*, Pastel

June Padovani, *Bear Wolf Mountain*, Oil Pastel

Marguerite Paris, *High Desert Flower*, Acrylic

Peg Sindelar, *The Snowball*, Acrylic

Peter Young, *Snow White Petunia*, Photo

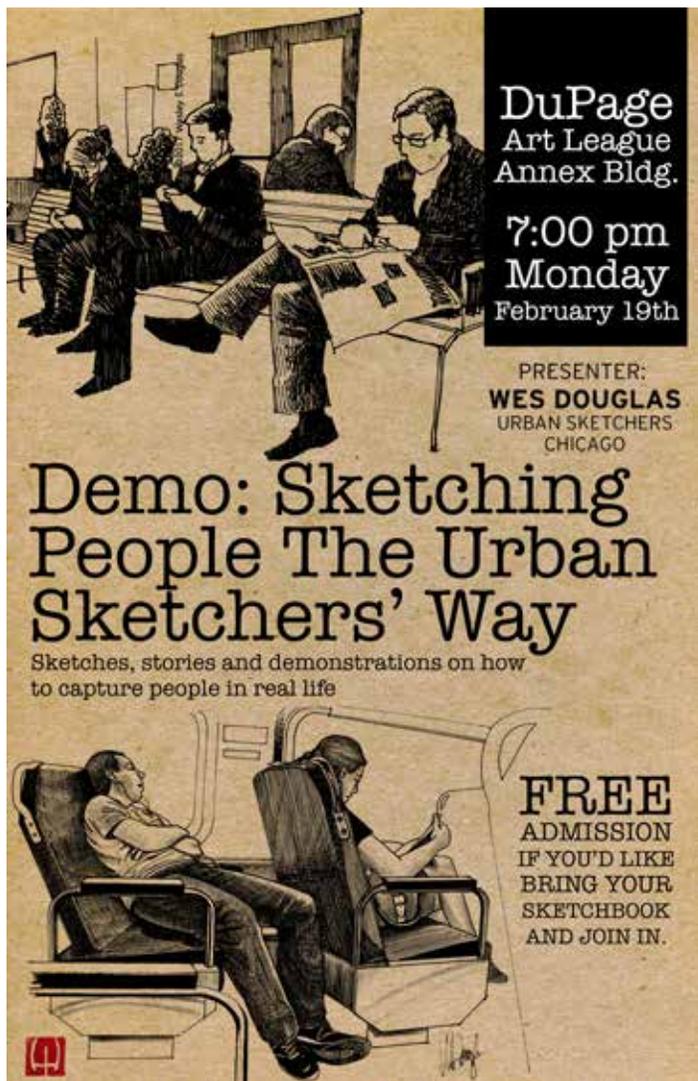
## NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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Acceptable formats for submissions include Word documents or PDF files for text and 300dpi JPG for images). Please proof/verify your information before submitting. **Use minimal formatting; send photos, flyers, images as attachments to your email (not as part of the email body).**

Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.



## Member & Membership News

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### Sad News

It is always sad when you lose a friend, but two within weeks of each other is especially difficult. Life member, great artist, long time staffer, and all round "good guy", John Cather passed away in December. A memorial and celebration of his life will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, 1 pm, at Danada House (3S 501 Naperville Rd., Wheaton). I remember John sweetly. He made me feel so welcome when I joined back in '93. I remember feeling a little out of place among all these proficient artists. John spoke to me during a Saturday Critique, put me at ease and paid me some lovely compliments about my work, a painting back then. He told me "Wow, you really can paint clouds!". When I look at clouds now, I will see his face.

Melody Bourland came to us through JVS, Jewish Vocational Services, a group that works to help people rejoin the work force by retraining them. When her six month period was up, Melody asked me if she could continue to work as a front desk staffer as she loved it so much. Those of you who visited DPAL on a Friday afternoon will remember her bubbly personality, and as the pastor said at her funeral, "She LOVED to talk". She passed away December 27 after a short hospital stay.

These two very special people will be deeply missed, and we extend our deepest condolences to their families.

### Membership Rosters

Those of you with an email address logged with us, will receive a PDF copy of the Membership roster at the beginning of February. After that, a list of new or renewing members will be printed in each monthly newsletter so you can update your files. We no longer have the rosters professionally printed, but if you don't have email and would like a basic membership list, please call me. I will print one, and you can pick it up at the desk.

### Artisan Afternoons

The next Artisan Afternoon will be Friday February 23 from 2-3.30pm. Nothing special is planned yet, other than good company and tea. No need to sign up, just turn up! If you are new to the art league, Artisan Afternoons are a great way to learn about what the art league has to offer and ask questions. Sometimes they are mini-workshops, a talk or a demo. Other times we just have a social time to chat or even show some of the things we are working on. I can, of course, always talk about packaging and presentation, needle felting, England, (for those of you that don't know me, I was born there!) bargains, or natural healing and essential oils, all the things I am passionate about! They are normally free, (although donations are always welcome!) but occasionally, the mini-workshops may have a minimal charge to cover supplies. Please come and have some fun with us!

## Monday Night Program for March 19, 7PM

Bob Green | DuPage Framing Center

Bob has graciously offered to do a demo at his store at 276 E. Geneva Rd in Wheaton. It's a small shop, so he feels he can accommodate 15 people comfortably. If those 15 people bring a piece of artwork 8"x10" or smaller he will pick out and cut a matt for your artwork free of charge. We may have to add a second date if there is enough interest.

Look for the sign up sheet at the DPAL front desk.

## Food for Thought

*Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is.*  
 - Jackson Pollock

*I often painted fragments of things because it seemed to make my statement as well as or better than the whole could.*  
 - Georgia O'Keeffe

## From the Library

### Barbara Grabowski, Volunteer

2017 was a great year for the DPAL Library! 107 books were checked out, and others were browsed through and used by teachers and students in classes. This count, which may really be higher, verifies how positive the Library's move from the second floor has been.

The Library volunteers also completed the transfer of the Biography section to the main floor; that being the last big project in the move.

A number of book sales helped the "Raise the Roof" fund, and we're grateful to all who purchased books or magazines. Materials in the sales are books that have been withdrawn from the collection, donations that are not added, or duplicate titles. The library's limited shelf space assures that the volunteers keep and add only titles that are relevant to the League's instructional mission.

Special thanks to Suzanne Massion and Georgiann Foley for their dedication and hard work.

## DPAL Board Nominations

The President and Vice Presidents of Education, Exhibits, Finance, and Office Management are elected in even years. The nominating committee, consisting of President Emeritus, and other board members not nominated for office, and two DPAL members who are not serving on the board, establish a slate of candidates which is announced at the March Monday night meeting and voted on at the April Monday night meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at either meeting or by contacting the committee.

At this time the slate of candidates is as follows:

President: Kay Wahlgren

Vice President Education: Nancy Anderson

Vice President Exhibits: no candidate(s)

Vice President Finance: Dan Anderson

Vice President Office Management: Ann Johnson

Anyone interested in serving in any of these positions should contact Diana Mitchell or Jennifer Schwab for more information and a job description.

For the last two years we have had Co-Vice Presidents of Exhibits. Thank you, Christine Chlapecka and Barbara Denny, for jobs well done. Both are willing to help a candidate(s) interested in the VP of Exhibits position to understand the duties.

## Emergency Contact Information

If you would like to have emergency contact information on file at the DPAL, please stop by the desk and the staffer will enter your information (contact name, phone, relationship) into your membership profile.

## Board Notes

The Treasurer reported that there's lots of activity in the membership renewal department. The Membership VP added that we had received \$16,000 by the date of the board meeting for a total at that time of 331 new or renewed memberships which is ahead of where we were last year at this time.



We received an additional \$5,000 from the Driehaus Foundation which is wonderful! A brand new laptop was purchased for the art league with Carbonite and Quickbooks on it that will be used by the treasurer.

Along with the good news, the board also learned that the water heater in one of the classrooms sprung a leak over the break and has to be replaced at a cost just over \$900. More good news though - The bank is going to have the people who clear the Annex sidewalk also shovel the sidewalk at 218.

The VP of Publicity has begun looking into revamping our website. She will be doing research over the next 6 months and plans to present options to the board in August or September. There will be an upcoming Artisan Afternoon on marketing your artwork with a speaker from Arts DuPage. The date has not yet been set.

Art in Gallery I has been selling really well. Fourteen pieces have been sold since May. Yuletide Treasures was very successful this year and brought in over \$13,800. Of course, we only get a portion of that amount but it was the best number we have seen for many years. The Co-VP's of Exhibits put together recommendations on how it can be made even better for next year.

The by-laws are being reviewed. A committee made recommendations and the board is in the process of reviewing them and reporting back.

## DPAL Board 2017-2018

President: Kay Wahlgren

Secretary: Sally Hines

Treasurer: Kandice Husarik

VP Activities & Community Exhibits

Jennifer Schwab & Sue Thomas

Nancy Morris - Community Exhibits

VP Building & Grounds: Chuck Showalter

VP Education: Nancy Anderson,

Workshops - Open Position

VP Exhibits: Chris Chlapecka/Barb Denny

VP Finance: Dan Anderson

VP Membership: Yvonne Thompson

VP Office Management: Ann Johnson

VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Dorrell

President Emeritus: Diana Mitchell

Yuletide Treasures: Chris Chlapecka | Barb Denny

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# A Special Thanks To Our 2018 Sustaining Members

## Dan Anderson, VP Finance

For the 2018 membership renewal cycle we created a new opportunity for Art League members to support the League with the introduction of a Sustaining Membership at the \$100 level. At least 35 members answered the call by becoming Sustaining Members. (I'm saying "at least" because there may be more than thirty-five. Our computer system was challenged by this change and we may have missed someone.)

A special thank you to the following 2018 Sustaining Members:

Midge & Dan Anderson	Kenneth & Janet Kloss
Nancy Anderson	Sue Krzyzanowski
Gayle Bartell	Susan McLean
Susan & George Bruce	Beverly Miotke
Margaret Bucholz	Diana Mitchell
Christine Chlapecka	Margaret Peterson
Susan Colton	Larry Pitts
Barbara Denny	Tammy Proctor
Mary Dorrell	Donald Purney
June & Fred Eaton	Jennifer Schwab
Anne Fines & Charles Welch	Maryann Staroscik
Jacqueline & Gordon France	Karla Van Der Molen
Barbara Grabowski	Mary Voegeli
Sally Hines	Jean Whalen
Vicki Hollingsworth	

And two members hit a home run by electing to become Life Members at the \$350 level. An especially big thank you to: Lori Pazar and Vicki Liszewski

Another we also want to thank the following nine members who included an added donation to their membership renewal:

Sharon Bigane	Peggy Schuda
Marilyn Karim	Judith Shepelak
Jan & Ken Kloss	Christine White
Gai & John Moodie	Joyce Whitehead
Beverly Petrosius	

And last, but certainly not least, there is the mysterious \$500 donation we received over the transom from Kennan Sullivan for our roof replacement fund. We still aren't sure who Mr. Sullivan is (he's not on the membership roster), but he has a special place in our hearts.

The DuPage Art League is grateful to each and every member for your continuing support as members, students, and donors. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of artists.

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