



# DuPage Art League School & Gallery

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Meet Kathy Szeszol

Nancy Anderson, V.P. of Education

Kathy Szeszol is the League's new schedule coordinator, working with teachers to set up class schedules. She is taking over from Sally Hines who has done an amazing job for the past several years. Sally is a great resource for the League, and her help has been invaluable to me. Thank you!

Kathy was an art and education major and taught art to students in grades 1-8 and later to high school students. Her education career also involved teaching English composition at College of DuPage and working as an aide in special education. Kathy is a founding member of ClaySpace and is involved with the Naperville Art League in addition to her involvement at the DuPage Art League. She'll be an excellent addition to the education department. Welcome!

## Gallery 1 News

Barb Denny

The month of February certainly has given us challenging weather and astronomical wonders. Hopefully, you all had your own "Red Letter Day"! The month of March brings the theme of "Once in a Blue Moon". Have fun with a rare event or feeling. Please pick up February artwork and drop off March entries on February 28 or March 1.

## Gallery 2 February Show

Step into a whimsical wonderland at the Gallery 2 March show featuring Valerie Lorimer's exhibit, *Imagination*. The show opens March 3. The reception is from 2-4pm on March 4.

## Our 2017 Volunteers

Christine Chlapecka

What would the DuPage Art League be like if our volunteers were not involved? First off, you wouldn't be reading this newsletter. From the people writing the articles to keep you informed, to receiving the newsletter, volunteers made this happen.

The desk staff are all volunteers who keep the doors open from 9 to 5. It would be hard to attend classes if they weren't there.

In need of refreshments? A volunteer made sure the refrigerator is stocked. Bathroom break? A volunteer made sure we are well stocked.

The Board members and the people who work along with them are all volunteers. They have made sure you have monthly gallery shows and classes to attend. They have organized outside opportunities supported by DPAL that you can take advantage of. The list goes on.

This May the DuPage Art League hold the second Invitational Volunteer Show! Invitations will be sent out shortly to those who volunteered in 2017. We have made Gallery 1 and 2 available for showing their creative endeavors. A reception will be held on May 6 from 2-4PM for all DPAL members. Mark your calendar and join us at the league.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to our volunteers. You have made it possible for the league to grow and be a place where the passion of art can be experienced.



## Monday Night Program

Bob Green, DuPage Framing Center\*

March 19 | 7PM

Bob has graciously offered to do a demo at his store at 276 E. Geneva Road in Wheaton. It's a small shop and he feels he can accommodate 15 people comfortably. If those 15 people bring a piece of artwork 8x10 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.

\*Note: This program is NOT held at the league but at DuPage Framing Center

## Carrie Carlson's Monday Night Program at the Annex

The cold and snow did not keep 25 brave souls from attending Carrie's field sketching program.



## Notice

Due to a scheduling conflict, Pat Armbruster will not be able to conduct her Monday Night Program "For the Love of Portraiture...a Demo and Conversation" on Sept. 17. Don Ryan will be taking her place. We will look forward to having Pat back next year.

## Board Elections

Following is the slate of candidates for DPAL Board Elections which will be held at the April 16, Monday Night Program.

President: Kay Wahlgren

VP Educ.: Nancy Anderson

VP Exhibits: Sue Jurkus and Marguerite Paris

VP Finance: Dan Anderson

VP Office Mgt.: Ann Johnson

If you would like to nominate yourself or another DPAL member for any of these positions, contact a member of the nominating committee (Diana Mitchell, Jennifer Schwab, Marge Hall, or Ellen Rottsoak).

## Alas, More Sad News.

Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership



We have heard the sad news that our dear friend, Cora Chin died at the beginning of February. Cora was a tiny woman with a huge heart when it came to supporting the Art League. Cora loved the League, and her many friends there, and supported us many times, in many ways. She

arranged a Pekin Duck dinner at Lu's that benefited DPAL and also secured a one year scholarship for a young student at DPAL through one of the many groups she worked with. Cora generously helped us financially too.

She was a big personality with an infectious laugh and a smile that could light up the room. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

A memorial service for Cora will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 11:30AM at the DuPage Cremation Chapel, 951 West Washington St., West Chicago, 630.293.5200. Cards and letters may be sent to that address.

In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made in memory of Cora May Chin to the following charities:

### Chinese American Service League of Chicago

2141 S Tan Court | Chicago, IL 60616 | 312.791.0418

### OCA National

1322 18th Street NW | Washington, DC 20036

### University of Michigan Scholarship Fund

Office of Gift Administrator

3003 S State St, Suite 8000 | Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1288

### Chinatown Planning Council of New York City

150 Elizabeth Street | New York, NY 10012

E-mails may also be sent to ENERI Communications for forwarding to the Chin Family at [info@enericom.net](mailto:info@enericom.net)

## Members in the News

**Kathie Kuchler** was accepted into three juried shows for the first quarter of 2018:

- Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, "Conexions", January 8-February 17
- Fine Line Education Ctr., St. Charles, "Hygge", February 16-March 24
- Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, "Watercolor", February 2-April 14

She will also participate in the Fox Valley Arts Ramble on April 21 and will show at the Geneva American Legion through the Greater Geneva Arts Guild. Kathie continues to show regularly at the Gallery 200 in West Chicago, and will teach watercolor classes this winter.

**Peter Hagerty** will have a portrait exhibit of his paintings at the Westmont Public Library from March 3 to April 1. The show is titled "Faith and Meaning - Chicago's Irish Heritage."

Artist member **Suzanne Poursine Massion** is featured in a *New York Times* article, published February 11, 2018 in the Business Day section. The story is titled "A Lifetime of Making Art, but New to Selling It Online" by journalist Amy Zipkin. Suzanne was interviewed in December of last year about the difficulties and challenges she's faced in the marketing and selling of artwork online. Suzanne says, "After consigning and selling my paintings with traditional brick and mortar fine art galleries since 1991, I was in a whole new world with all the online venues out there. My biggest success has been with only one site since 2015, but it's been a big learning curve. I'm still learning. It was exciting having a *New York Times* reporter contact me and conduct an interview by phone. Then the *Times* sent a photographer out to my studio to take a ton of shots. All very thrilling".

**Valerie Lorimer** received a Best Theme Award for her piece, *Divine Creative Spark*, in the Naperville Art League's "Lightbulb Moment" exhibit.

## Membership News

**Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership**  
630-966-9616

Well, who goofed? Yep, me! Those of you who receive your newsletter by email received the current membership listing at the end of January from me in PDF, but I forgot to add the phone numbers! So, at the end of February look for a new one in your email, with telephone numbers this time (I hope)! After this, I will print the new and renewing members in the newsletter so you can keep your list up-to-date.

For those members who have their newsletter mailed via USPS, you can request a simple copy by calling me. It will be available for pick up from the front desk. We no longer have these professionally printed.

## 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  
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    Jennifer Schwab & Sue Thomas  
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# 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



Sue Thomas, *Lake Marmo*



Dan Danielson, *ZZZZ*



Valerie Lorimer, *Under Cover of Snow*



Paul Miller, *Midwest Winter*



Susan Wilson, *Winter Light*

# Gallery 1 February Winners

## BEST OF SHOW

Shawn Russell, *Jack and the Fox*, Ink

## BEST THEME

Sue Thomas, *Misty Morning*, Pastel

## SPECIAL MERIT AWARD

Robert Pennor, *Starburst*, Acrylic

M. Kent Goebel, *Shall We?*, Oil

Don Ryan, *Cannon Ball*, Pastel

## MERIT AWARDS

Bill Baykan, *Lady in Red*, Watercolor/Charcoal

Mike Young, *Venice*, Watercolor

Khrystyna Kozyuk, *New Angle*, Acrylic

Pat Karczewski, *Natalie's Family Portrait*, Colored Pencil

Cathy Dunnigan, *A Day at the Zoo*, Acrylic

David Tigue, *Autumn Blaze*, Oil

Marguerite Paris, *Don't Go Barefoot*, Acrylic

Carol Kincaid, *Deep Purple*, Oil Pastel

Margaret Bucholz, *Red on Red Study*, Colored Pencil

Jan Baier, *Reflection*, Mixed Media

Chris Hughes, *Blue Heron*, Acrylic

Pat Armbruster, *Celebrating Her Polish Heritage*, Oil



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# March Artisan Afternoon – Let's Get Connected!

March 15 | 2-3:30PM at the Annex  
Yvonne Thompson, VP of Membership

Do you want to get your work “out there” on the Internet? Would you like to know how to use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to promote your work? Have you thought about having a website, but don't know where to start? Then this Artisan Afternoon is for you! Our own Mary Dorrell, VP Publicity is hosting this mini-workshop and will show you how to set up a simple inexpensive personal or artist website.

Also, Deborah L. Venezia from Arts DuPage (artsdupage.org) will give a short talk about how to join the website to promote your shows in the area.

Everyone is invited to this free, information-filled afternoon. Bring your laptops, iPads, and smartphones for a more “hands-on” experience. Email me, dupage\_art\_league@sbcglobal.net or call the front desk, if you would like to attend so we know how many tables and chairs to set up.

If nothing else, you can finally understand what your grandkids have been talking about!

## DuPage Art League Exhibiting Artists-

When you are out and about in town, you never know when you may be sitting or standing across from the artwork of a DuPage Art League Exhibiting Artist. Look for our current artists at these locations:

### Month of February

- Liesl Mann at Wheaton Public Library
- Thomas Phelan at Carol Stream Public Library

### February-April

- Marge Hall at Blick Art Supplies in Wheaton
- Carol Kincaid at Carol's Restaurant in Carol Stream
- Kasia Szczesniewski at DuPage Foundation in Downers Grove
- Diana Mitchell at Sushi Mono in Wheaton and Wells Fargo in Schaumburg
- Barb McCartney at Tasting deVine in Wheaton
- Marge Hall at Wells Fargo in Barrington
- Kathie Chicoine at Villa St. Benedict in Lisle

## Board Notes

- The financial picture is sound. Memberships have been coming in at a solid rate. There has been a substantial increase in gallery sales over the last six months. The Life Drawing class on Saturday afternoons has more than doubled in size. Operating costs are down.
- Mary Dorrell reported that the website has been updated with all the new information for 2018. Work continues on an Artisan Afternoon in March on how to market your artwork. Mary attended a workshop on grant writing that contained a wealth of information and has been working with Finance VP Dan Anderson on his project to pursue grants to upgrade our technology including our computer system and possibly our website.
- We have a new water tank and the faucet in the small classroom was fixed so there is now hot water on the right side. Chuck Showalter is getting a proposal for additional work.
- A new membership brochure is almost ready to print. The brochure features the artwork of several teachers and members and is bright and colorful.
- The new slate of officers will be announced at the next program. All slots are filled.
- The new chair of Community Exhibits, Nancy Morris, will be doing a survey of the artists in the program to get more information about how the program is working and what improvements should be considered.
- Twenty-five people attended the last program on a night when the weather was really bad. The presenter for the next program (Wes Douglas on Urban Sketching) has invited people who follow his work to attend and wondered how many people we could seat. After counting chairs, Sue Thomas determined we could handle 75. It would be great to have that kind of turnout.
- Adult classes are going well and many filled immediately when the schedule opened. Children's classes have more openings and there was discussion about what could be done to increase enrollment.

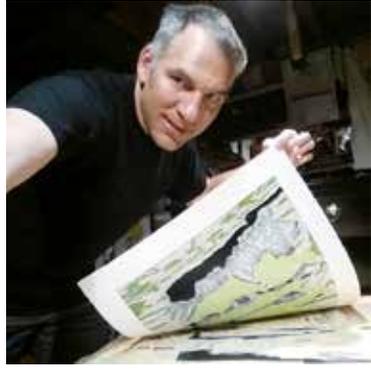
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Acceptable formats for submissions include Word documents or PDF files for text and 300dpi JPG for images). Please proof/verify your information before submitting. **Use minimal formatting; send photos, flyers, images as attachments to your email (not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

Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.



## Education News

Nancy Anderson,  
VP of Education

A new class will be starting in Session C: "Printmaking: An Introduction to Relief Printing." It will be on

Thursday evenings and taught by Benjamin Calvert, a printmaker whose experience with wood block prints has granted him admission to numerous solo shows including at the Addison Center for the Arts and the Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery. He will have a solo show at the Harold Washington Library Center later this year.

There is a \$15 fee payable to Ben at the first class that will cover the cost of all materials. You may check out examples of Ben's printworks at [BenjaminCalvert.com](http://BenjaminCalvert.com).

## Food for Thought

*The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery.*

- Francis Bacon

*Everyone discusses my art and pretends to understand, as if it were necessary to understand, when it is simply necessary to love.*

- Claude Monet

*Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art.*

- Leonardo da Vinci



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