



# DuPage Art League School & Gallery

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Yuletide Treasures Breakdown and Gift Shop News

Yvonne Thompson | 630.966.9616 or  
dupage\_art\_league@sbcglobal.net

Thank you to everyone who filled the Gallery with so many wonderful holiday treasures – you did us proud! Checks will go out toward the end of January.

Yuletide breakdown is Friday, January 3, starting at 9AM. We would love your help, and if you have items in Yuletide you can take them with you once the work is done. Items will be packed and boxed in Gallery 2 awaiting your pick up. Please do so ASAP as that gallery is going to be needed at the end of January and I have nowhere to store leftovers.

Sherry will be there to direct you. You know I don't "do" mornings, but I'll be in later to help and tidy the Gift Shop!

Also, it is time to change your Gift Shop items especially as there are **new barcodes** for the gift shop this year. Please order them now if you intend to exhibit in the gift shop this year. Any cards you want to leave will still need the barcodes changed and new inventory sheets filled out. No, we are not going to do that for you!

Happy 2020!

## Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus | VP of Exhibits

January 2020 will begin a new exhibit schedule with the theme, "Winter Activities". I hope to see a good turnout of artwork this month since there are so many fun possibilities with this theme! As you know, the theme does not have to be followed in order to submit your artwork. For those of you who have never participated in our monthly gallery exhibit, there are awards given for Best of Show, Special Merit (3) and Merit (12) besides Best of Theme. Please join in with your special artwork!

The entry date for January is the 8 and 9. The pick-up date for your January artwork will be February 5 and 6.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Good health and happiness to all of you.

## Food for Thought

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

*The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before.*

-Neil Gaiman

*We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth.*

-John F. Kennedy

---

The DuPage Art League does not discriminate nor tolerates harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, genetic information, or any other characteristic.

# Winter/Spring Registration Underway!

Nancy Anderson | VP of Education

Registration is underway for the Winter/Spring term, and classes begin January 6, 2020. I am delighted to announce that two new teachers will be teaching classes with us then.

Cherie Matousek has extensive experience teaching both children at public schools in the Chicagoland area and adults at Waubensee Community College. Her new children's class is 2-D Mixed Media, and it will be offered each session from 4 to 5:30PM on both Mondays and Thursdays. Children will have the opportunity to explore many different media including inks, colored pencils and watercolor crayons to create unique works of art.

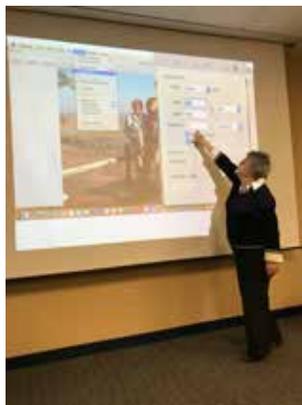
Andrew Thies, who has degrees in both fine art and design and illustration, will teach the colored pencil drawing class on Wednesday mornings Session A and Exploring Drawing, a graphite and ink class, on Wednesday afternoons Session C.

In addition, be sure to check out the mixed media classes of Kat Carolan, The Art of Paper Cutting and Creating Multidimensional Art with Mixed Media, and Wes Douglas's new offering, Word Portraits, in which students will create portraits with words and phrases about the subject pictured.

As always, please feel free to contact me, Nancy Anderson, VP of Education, to let me know of any questions, concerns or praise for our hard-working teachers. My email is Nancy8661@aol.com.

## Monday Night Open Programs

November's Monday Night Program with Mary Dorrell was inspiring and fun. Mary reviewed some of the basic things we need to be aware of as we move forward in competing, selling and exhibiting our work. Her discussion and enthusiasm about treating your art as a product got the audience excited when she reminded us to think in terms of what "buyers and collectors" want to see in our art. She brought wonderful samples to help broaden our thoughts and her review of things like gallery searches, pricing your artwork, using inventory numbers, the etiquette of frame or no-frame, as well as signature styles and locations was motivating.



## January Workshop with Will Blake

Please join us for this exciting opportunity to work with

Will Blake, a popular instructor from the LaGrange Art League, in oil, gouache or acrylic.



## Portrait Workshop January 25-26, 2020

Delve into painting the portrait! A course-worth of skills are packed into this weekend portrait workshop. Learn the fundamentals of oil painting from engaging demonstrations and directly painting from the model. You will measure facial structures, mix accurate colors, and create value shifts as you explore the portrait. This class is designed for beginner and advanced students alike. Space is limited.

Supply list available by contacting the front desk. Fee is \$200 for two day workshop, Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26 from 9-4PM with an hour lunch.

## DPAL Board 2019-2020

President: Kay Wahlgren  
Secretary: Sally Hines  
Treasurer: Patricia Thorson  
VP Activities: Sue Thomas  
VP Building & Grounds: Chuck Showalter  
VP Education: Nancy Anderson,  
Workshops - Jen Schwab  
VP Exhibits: Sue Jurkus/Marguerite Paris  
VP Finance: Dan Anderson  
VP Membership: Open  
VP Office Management: Ann Johnson  
VP Publicity & Promotions: Mary Dorrell  
President Emeritus: Diana Mitchell

Yuletide Treasures: Sherry Theilgaard, Liesl Mann,  
Yvonne Thompson  
Newsletter: Valerie Lorimer | vlorimer@yahoo.com

# Muse with A View

By Mary Dorrell

Join the Du Page Art League Volunteer Team!

As a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, we depend upon the support of our volunteers. Consider donating your talent by joining our corps of volunteers, our VIPs - Vitrally Important People. There are many ways you can become involved and join the fun.

- Front Desk - Get a discount on membership or classes. It takes a lot of people to staff the front desk and keep our doors open. There are many benefits and you will learn about the students, the teachers, the artists and their artwork.
- No task is too small - Be part of a task team to assist one of the VPs; there is just so much that can be done with a little help from our members.
- Be a Board Member - There is nothing like being on the board to help expand your understanding of how things work.

You are a member because you want to grow as an artist. You can grow even more by getting involved beyond your classes. Your League needs you! Remember that if you are exhibiting in the gallery you are required to donate four hours of volunteer time each year. Yuletide exhibitors are asked to donate an additional four hours each year.

Maybe it is just an hour a week or maybe its four hours a week. Whatever you can donate, we will all benefit from your input.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to build relationships and find new friendships at the league. To be involved at the DPAL as a volunteer, you can simply contact me (Mary Dorrell), and I will connect you to a person to get you started.

My email is [artbymaryd@yahoo.com](mailto:artbymaryd@yahoo.com).

## Members in the News

**Mary Lynn Sullivan** recently had her painting, "Tex the Red Boxcar," juried into the International Association of Pastel Societies 35th Juried Web Exhibition. Her painting won an Honorable Mention and she achieved Master Circle status with the IAPS. She also had two paintings juried into the Chicago Pastel Painters Seventh Biennial National Juried Open Exhibition at the Art Center in Highland Park this past November. Her painting "Red Bistro Chairs" was an award winner, and she received CPP Master Status for receiving 3 awards in 3 different CPP National exhibitions.

## Board Notes



- Strange noises from the vent pipes in one classroom had people puzzled for awhile, but it turned out to be a malfunctioning fan instead. That brought up the fact that the recent remodel somehow covered up the switch to turn the fan on and off in the large classroom. VP Chuck Showalter is going to investigate.
- Work is going to start right after the first of the year to find new people to fill open positions on the board. Our board has term limits and some members have served as long as allowed. We are always looking for people who are interested in having the inside track on what's going on and want to support the activities at this very special place.
- Dan Anderson supervised the recent mailing that went out reminding members to renew their memberships. As many of you know our membership year changed a couple of years ago and now begins in January.
- Sue Jurkus happily announced that she has a new photographer who will be taking over for Tom Phelan when he retires from the position. Wilda Kemp, Sue and Tom met to go over the details. Welcome aboard, Wilma!
- As of the date of the board meeting Yuletide Treasures had brought in \$6,600 which is slightly behind last year. The blocking off of the sidewalk because of the building construction may be partly to blame.
- Nancy Anderson, VP Education, reported that two new teachers will be joining us in the spring. One will teach 2D mixed media and drawing for kids and the other will be teaching colored pencil.
- The new trees are out in front to brighten our exterior. Yvonne (who is never satisfied unless things are perfect) has already decided to change the lights so they are brighter.
- Mary Dorrell demonstrated the new website which is almost finished. She received lots of kudos from the board who were very impressed with all the work she has done and with the overall appearance of the new site. It's all part of our very complicated upgrade involving the website and the computer system. It has been a bear of a project but we're seeing some impressive results.

### NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

**[vlorimer@yahoo.com](mailto:vlorimer@yahoo.com)**

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: [vlorimer@yahoo.com](mailto:vlorimer@yahoo.com) and [copy sallyhines@comcast.net](mailto:sallyhines@comcast.net) by the 15th of the month.

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).**

# Monday Night Open Programs

Sandra Bacon | Acrylics Galore | January 20 | 6:30-8:30P  
Wheaton Library Meeting Room "A" (225 N. Cross St.)

Join us for a fun, fast paced lecture/demo that covers the full spectrum of acrylic paints. We will look at the four lines of acrylic paints (High Flow, OPEN, Heavy Bodied, Fluids). We will also explore iridescent and interference paints along with gels and pastes that add texture and depth. Many new examples and free samples.



# 2020

## Happy New Year!



January 2020 Newsletter | Join us on Facebook 

218 W. Front Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.653.7090  
dupageartleague.org

dupageartleague