

### **DuPage Art League School & Gallery**

**AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER** 

## **Education Report**Nancy Anderson, V.P. of Education

The fall schedule will be released soon, and I am pleased to announce some new classes with new teachers. On Wednesday evenings, Nancy Archer will teach a class entitled Art Journaling: Exploring Your Creative Voice. This class is for everyone - not just those with art experience, and allows one to create art in a low-pressure environment in an enriching way. Examples of Nancy's imaginative art journals may be viewed on nancyarchersportfolio.wordpress.com. Also, Shawn Russell will instruct students to use ink as a medium to explore composition and storytelling in her new Thursday evening class, Visual Storytelling with Ink. Check out shawnerussell.com for examples of Shawn's artwork. These new classes are a welcome addition to our regular classes from our popular teachers.

Charles Welch, the Saturday morning children's cartooning teacher, has added a Session C class this summer. Don't let this opportunity slip by, and sign your children up now!

We are seeking new children's teachers with ideas and energy. Please let me know any teachers who might be interested.

#### Gallery 1 News Sue Jurkus

The gallery theme for August is "Purple Prose", the writing is extravagant, ornate and flowery drawing excessive attention. Turn it into your art!

The pick-up dates for your July artwork and the drop-off dates for the August Exhibit is July 25-26. I would like to remind everyone how important it is to sign out your artwork when picking it up. If a sign-out sheet is unavailable, please notify the person at the desk to leave me a message, and I will record it. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

#### The Super Sidewalk Sale!

Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership

Thank you to everyone who helped me with the indoor Sidewalk Sale...you all are superstars! Also, thank you to everyone who donated and those of you that bought items. We made just over \$1,000 and sold over 600 items! *That is so amazing*. Thank you everyone!

I am starting to put the Student Loaner kits together and hopefully these will be ready for the fall classes. What are these? These kits are for any beginning student to use for the first two classes. Hopefully, this will make it a little easier for students, especially those on a limited budget. These can be used for the first two classes. After that they will know which supplies they really need to purchase to continue as many times this is not everything on the teachers supply lists. I want to make taking an art class with us less prohibitive to many new students – and they'll be available to members too, especially if you are trying your hand at a different medium. Just request the use of a kit from your teacher on the first and second classes. Students will be expected to bring brushes and the paper or canvas they will be painting/drawing on though.

The People's Resource Center (PRC) not only will receive a \$500 check from us, (half the proceeds) but they received six boxes of the left over supplies! They were so incredible happy to receive these as many of their students have never had "real artist paper" to paint or draw on! Please remember PRC when you have art supplies to donate that you no longer use. Many DPAL members and teachers volunteer their time and talents with PRC. Check out their website at peoplesrc.org

#### Winner, Winner!

Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership

Congrats to Virginia McKeefery Reynolds who won last month's newsletter competition. Virginia chose a \$5 gift certificate from Blick as her prize.



Here I am with Dan Danielson, winner of the first competition, receiving his chosen prize of a set of brushes

The answer to the question "Who will be doing the Monday night demo in October?" was George Bruce…mark your calendars!

This month's competition is a little different. I want to know something about you that no one would know! Are you an avid knitter? Do you parasail? Have you sung at Carnegie Hall? What is the thing you are most proud of? I'll pick the one that makes me speechless! And no, I won't share your talent in the newsletter unless you give me permission! Email me by

midnight on August 10. Winner can chose a \$5 Gift Certificate or a bar of my handmade Goat's Milk Soap!

# Are you Ready for Yuletide Treasures?

August's Artisan Afternoon – Thursday, August 30, 2:30PM at the Annex Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership 630.966.9616 | dupage\_art\_league@sbcglobal.net

I know it seems we still are in the dog days of summer, but Yuletide Treasures drop off is only three months from now! This is a great time to come and just chat about all the ideas you have for Yuletide Treasures this year. Maybe you have ideas but are just stuck on how to move forward or are not sure if your project is something we would accept. Either way, just come for a "cuppa and a chat" and meet Sherry Theilgaard who is taking on the challenge of Yuletide this year. She'll have the criteria packets and sign-in sheets ready for you. Bring "works in progress" too!

If nothing else, let's get together and talk about all the ideas we've seen on Pinterest. Please, let me know that you are coming – I'll bring treats!

#### Gallery II

#### Marguerite Paris

Dan Danielson will exhibit his work in Gallery II during the month of August. Dan has recently achieved signature status in the Illinois Watercolor Society. He teaches two popular watecolor classes each week at DPAL. His reception will be held Sunday, August 5 from 2 to 4PM. Come and be inspired!

# Announcing a Watercolor Workshop with Peggy Macnamara

September 7 | 218 W Front St. Wheaton, IL 9AM-3PM | \$110

Peggy's workshop will cover simple drawing techniques, gesture, interior contour, measuring and locating. Anyone can learn to draw accurately, if they have a system. She will also demonstrate layering watercolor methods, as illustrated by the images below. (300 lb paper is necessary)

All levels welcome! A supply list is available at the front desk. To register, please call 630.653.7090 during office hours.



#### **DPAL Board 2017-2018**

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#### Gallery 1 July Awards

#### **Best of Show**

Carolyn Pennor, "Pinky", Acrylic

#### Best Theme

Diana Nawrocki, "Pink Waters", Textile

#### Special Merit Awards

Bernard Mensah, "To the Stream", Acrylic Barbara McCartney, "Coleus Carnival", Oil Cathy Dunnigan, "Colors of Burano", Acrylic

#### Merit Awards

KeNancy McGuire, "All That Jazz", Collage Susan McLean, "Private Party", Acrylic Anna Duff, "Jazz & Paint", Acrylic Joan Kalmanek, "Chicago Spring", Photo Cleo Manuel Krueger, "Pink Lemonade", Oil Sally Sharp, "Ladies in Waiting", Oil/Cold Wax Jim Hanna, "Watering Hole", Monoprint Karen Landry, "Old Bible", Photo Peter Sausen, "Serenity", Acrylic Robert Yurgaitis, "Seascape", Oil Kerry Leibowitz, "The Fire Wave", Photo June Padovani, "Crabapple Meadow", Oil Pastel



Carolyn Pennor, Pinky



Diane Nawrocki, Pink Waters



Cathy Dunningan, Colors of Burano



Bernard Mensah, To the Stream



Barbara McCartney, Coleus Carnival

#### **Board Notes**

 Treasurer Kandi Husarik reported that we have received our \$15,000 donation from the Driehaus Foundation. Kandi has been busy and has finished the



year end reports, completed the tax return and renewed the sales tax exemption. Classes are doing well and matched or exceeded expectations for the year.

- Nancy Anderson, the Education VP, was excited to tell us that Jen Schwab, who has taken over the job of procuring workshops, has finalized a Watercolor Workshop with The Field Museum's Artist Peggy McNamara on Sept. 7 from 9AM-3PM. Jen is also working on an oil pastel workshop with George Shipperley. Date TBD.
- Exhibitors and sites have been notified that Community Artists is officially on hiatus until further notice.
- Mary Goebel stopped by to tell the board about a barn that has been partially restored by the Forest Preserve District. The Plein-Aire group has painted at the site several times. The Forest Preserve is looking for suggestions on what the barn might be used for before undertaking a restoration of the interior. DPAL is going to contact the Forest Preserve and express interest in the building as a possible site for workshops or classes.
- Yvonne Thompson reported that the Sidewalk Sale was a big success and brought in more than \$1,000. The supplies that weren't sold were donated to People's Resource Center. We may partner with them on other projects.
- The computer in the second floor office has died and Buildings & Grounds VP Chuck Showalter has stepped in and donated computers from his office to replace that one and possibly others we have. Many thanks to Chuck for his generous aift.
- The fire alarm has been repaired, the damper for the air conditioner was to be installed on the day of the board meeting and the new water heater is in.
- There will be a reception for Dan Danielson's Gallery II exhibit on August 5.

#### **NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS** vlorimer@yahoo.com

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: vlorimer@yahoo.com

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.

#### Memories from the Annual Meeting

Here are some of the members at this years annual meeting and Ice Cream Social



Diana Mitchell introduces Kandice Husarik, our Treasurer to give our Annual Report



Ann Johnson (VP Office Management) Carl and Sharon Peters listen to the good news that we finished the year in good financial standing



Midge and Dan Anderson (VP Finance), Chuck Showalter (VP Building and Grounds) Carl Peters and Dan Danielson. Carol Kincaid in the foreground seems to have an attack of brain freeze from the delicious Kimmers Ice Cream!



Sherry Theilgaard (Yuletide Treasures Chair), Carol Krzyzak (staffer) and Marguerite Paris (VP Exhibits, Gallery 2)



Sally Hines (Secretary), Jamie Hanson, Carol Bruns and William Giblin

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