



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Gallery 1 News

Sue Jurkus

The monthly gallery shows are over for this year. The artwork submitted for October was fantastic! I would like to thank everyone for their participation this year. I hope we will see new artists next year along with those of you who regularly participate.

The artwork pick-up dates this month are October 23 and 24, but early pick-up on Tuesday and Wednesday is encouraged due to the set-up for Yuletide Treasures. We will start our gallery shows again in January with the theme of "Stillness", winter's quiet effect on the landscape and us. The entry date will be January 2 and 3.

Help Wanted

Mary Dorrell | 630.639.1887

Fulfill your volunteer hours at the league with one Saturday afternoon each month. The Live Figure Sessions have had to scale back this fall because I need help. As the coordinator, I arrange the model schedule, notify participants and ensure the model is paid. I have also been the weekly host over the last year. However, I cannot continue to do it all.

I would like for us to return to holding weekly sessions in January, so am looking for volunteers now. **You can help!** I need individuals willing to simply be present to oversee the set up and take down one Saturday afternoon (3 hours) each month. Your bonus is that you also get to draw or paint from life while you are there. Please contact Mary Dorrell at artbymaryd@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Monday Night Open Program

November 19 | 7PM | Lauren Peterson

The Annex (225 W. Front St.)

The use of powdered charcoal allows for a wide range of expressive techniques. Come and watch as artist Lauren Peterson demonstrates techniques such as subtractive drawing and how to use charcoal with water and brushes to get a painterly effect. Each participant will take home a small container of powdered charcoal to practice these exciting techniques at home.



Don Ryan brought in a model for his Monday Night portrait demo. Considering the streets were still being worked on he had a good crowd. Hopefully his audience picked up some good pastel tips.

NEWSLETTERS/E-BLAST SUBMITTALS

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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.

Yuletide Treasures 2018

Thank you to all the members who attended our two pre-show meetings. We were very excited to meet you and hear all the new exhibitors and items we will have this year. Of course, we can't forget all of you who have been with us for years. We are thankful you still support us by making wonderful "must haves" every year! Please remember to sign up to help, either for the breakdown or to assist the front desk staffers after Thanksgiving, by wrapping purchases, tidying and cleaning display areas and making up labels.

Unless you are called by Yvonne to replenish sold items, please do not drop off any more work until our second drop off on November 28 from 10-4PM.

There are flyers at the front desk advertising the show. Please take some to share with your groups, friends and family.

Of course, this is being written two weeks before the show will be installed, on the morning of Monday, October 29, but if all the new work you have shown us is just part of what we'll have to offer, it is going to be **the place** to start your holiday shopping! Yuletide Treasures officially opens on Halloween and runs until Christmas Eve. After Thanksgiving, we will stay open until 5PM on Saturdays and have some of the artists in the show doing demos of how they create their beautiful work. To name but a few of our lineup, we have Suzanne Massion (Nov 24) showing you how she creates her "Starry Nights", her delightful little pen and inks. On Saturday December 1, we have Lydia Crist and her spinning wheel, showing you how she creates the unique yarn she uses in her one of a kind knitting and crochet wearable art. Followed by Valerie Lorimer, showing you the magic she creates with color and pigmented inks. If you are in Yuletide and would like to do a demo in the gallery, please contact Yvonne Thompson (630.966.9616) to see what spots are still available.

Wheaton has its parade from 6-8PM on Friday, November 23 so we will be open late that day. Come watch the parade with us while you sip on hot drinks and nibble on goodies!

Muse With A View

Jen Schwab, Co-VP of Activities

Enhancing the Photo Reference Experience

Often, it seems we artists see things that other people don't. We may stop in our tracks in awe of the shadows seen in a grove of trees at sunset. When a scene strikes you enough to take a photo of it for future artwork, consider this extra bit of effort. Maybe you'll have more fun creating your painting, and it will be a better work.

In a small sketchbook, make a few quick and very simple shapes distilling the image you want to convey. Simplify the values you see. Then really open all your senses and take notes. What direction is the light coming from, what time of day and season is it? What sounds do you hear? Make note of the main two things that made you really appreciate this scene/shot. Possibly add some of the colors you would put in your palette since your impressions are fresh and true at the moment.



Some of the tools I keep in a small travel zip bag:

- sketchbooks, various sizes,
- fine point black pen,
- watercolor pencils,
- markers in a couple values,
- small watercolor pan and brush pens.

My little notebooks have made it possible for me to "re-live" the moment that I was enamored with, recall the subject and bring a little more joy to the painting experience.

What would you bring along? Pack that little "to go" bag and TRY IT!

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Gallery 1 October Awards

Best of Show

Dale Olsen, "Eagle Lake", Oil

Best Theme

Nancy McGuire, "Knights Entering Triumphant", Acrylic

Special Merit Awards

Pat Armbruster, "A Prayerful Moment", Oil

Vicki Wortley, "Summer Glory", Pastel

Gordon France, "Perkins Cove Bridge, Ogunquit, Mn." Watercolor

Merit Awards

Robert Koch, "High Noon", Oil

Carol Bruns, "Bucephalus", Acrylic

Peter Grass, "Autumn Totem", Photography

Moonen Mourad, "Woman with Beads", Ceramic

Dave Reichert, "Storm Warning", Watercolor

Joan Kalmanek, "Wild Horses of Namibia", Photography

Sue Thomas, "Donna's Dream", Pastel

Diane Nawrocki, "Horses of a Different Color", Textile



Dale Olsen, "Eagle Lake"



Nancy McGuire, "Knights Entering Triumphant"



Vicki Wortley, "Summer Glory"



Pat Armbruster, "A Prayerful Moment"



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Ogunquit, MN"

Board Notes



- Class enrollments for the A & B sessions are weaker than usual, probably because of the work on the street, but workshops are doing really well. George Shipperley's workshop has only one vacancy and there is a oil painting workshop on Jan. 26 and a collage workshop in February.
- Ann Johnson reported that The DuPage Foundation contacted us and said that six visitors from China have asked to visit the DuPage Art League. We will follow up and make arrangements for their visit.
- The blog in the newsletter has been well received and will continue in future issues so keep an eye out for it.
- The Little Friends reception generated a large crowd and some paintings were sold. The board passed a motion that the Art League will donate our portion of the sales back to the Little Friends organization.
- The last Yuletide Treasures meeting had more than 25 attendees including some new exhibitors. The Yuletide Treasures team is getting fired up with plans for a terrific show this year.
- We requested a handicapped parking spot in the center of the block but were turned down. Instead, the city has decided to put it near the corner in front of the bank where it is close to the crosswalk because they feel that is a safer location.
- We are still looking at bids for repairs on the front of the building and hope to finish reviewing them at the next board meeting.

Members in the News

Gordon France received the Award of Excellence in the WS Member Show for his plein air watercolor, Morning Coffee. This was painted in York, Maine outside the Bagel Basket on Route 1.

Robert Pennor won first place for his landscape, South Rim View, at the Danada Art Show.

Diana Mitchell, Sue Thomas, and Jennifer Schwab will be exhibiting pastel paintings at the Glen Ellyn Library during the month of November. Everyone is invited to the artists' reception on Sunday, November 11, from 2-3:30PM.

Robert Koch AWS/NWS was awarded "Best of Show" at he "Art in the Barn" show on September 22-23 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington.

Gary Chipman is the featured artist for the annual Holiday Art Exhibit of the Nature Artists' Guild of Morton Arboretum. The exhibit runs November 3-4 from 10AM-4PM daily in the Cudahy Room (near the Library) at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Membership News

Yvonne Thompson, VP Membership | 630.966.9616 | dupage_art_league@sbcglobal.net.

We would like to give a heARTy DPAL welcome to the following new or renewing members:

Crist, Lydia	741 Sheridan Avenue	Aurora	IL	60522	859-553-0709	CRL
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Zawacki, Edward	6809 Clarendon Hills Rd.	Darien	IL	60561	630-864-1660	ZAW

Special thanks to Rebekah Stoneberg for becoming our newest Life Member and to Janet Pearson-Strack and Judith Horsley for signing up early for their 2019 membership.

We will send out your official membership reminder letters next month, but you can pay your 2019 membership dues at anytime. Remember, they are due January 1. Upgrading to a Sustaining Membership is still available and is a big help financially to us!



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