



January 2025

newsletter

Comments from our 2025

Board of Directors

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!

I am a new voice greeting you in this new year of possibilities. Our board President, Mary Lynn Sullivan, decided that after having written many articles for this newsletter, this year will be one where you hear from a different board member each month.

And so I begin. There are many quotes to reflect on when beginning a new year. One that resonated with me is from Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams." Ah, that word "direction." If only a map could give an idea of what's ahead for us personally!

"Direction" signifies a plan, movement and action. For me, it is a better description than a word like "resolution." Resolution is a word that also can be goal-inspiring, but may not be welcoming to detours and side trips, a meandering towards a destination. So where are you going this year on your artistic journey? What is your exploration going to be? Will it be a new technique, or really veering off your past art and trying a new medium? We can help you and are excited in 2025 to offer classes as stops along the way.

We began as a destination for aspiring artists in 1957 and became official in 1959. This long-time gathering place for sharing skills, ideas and experiences has a volunteer-led board and is staffed by many volunteers. And needs come up.

An imminent transition is that I am ending my term as of April 30 after four years as treasurer. A treasurer can make dreams come true. So, when I get asked "can we afford this?" it has always given me great pleasure to say "yes, we can." With that, if you are someone who wants to make dreams come true, please let me know. Excel and accounting experience, attention to detail and willingness to learn new computer technology are preferred. And I can lead and teach you along the way, and provide that "direction." There is also a position open for a bookkeeper (please see later in this newsletter). Let me help you reveal a new skill in 2025!

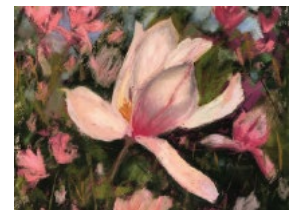
Until we meet again,

Jennifer Bayer, Treasurer
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The **2025 Activity Guides** are now available for pickup.

Get your copy today at the DuPage Art League. Ask the front desk?

Congratulations to the cover artists, Nancy Anderson for *Magnolia Blossom* (front cover)



and Katherine Jacobsen for the *Truck* watercolor (back cover).



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Board Meeting Notes - December

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Bayer reported The unrestricted cash increased by 1.3%.

Financial Activity: Income for the period was more than budget due to higher than budget gallery sales, summer classes, donations and interest from government securities. This positive difference was offset by lower than budget fall sessions A and B registrations and workshops. Expenses for the period were over budget primarily due to chimney repairs. The DPAL has 17 months of reserves.

Membership: Amy Tran reported the DuPage Art League now has 530 members, which is an increase from last year at this time.

Exhibits: Danielle Crilly said we will be closed December 24th – January 6th . The drop off for the January show will be Jan. 8-9.

Activities: Adele Dunn reported that the November demo featured Jill Stevens, Wood Artist – “Exploring Tools and Techniques to Create Wood Art”. The live presentation at Wheaton Library had 27 attendees and the virtual prestation was viewed in 58 locations The next demo will be January 20th **Artist Dorothy Bury Shaw** will present Mixed Media “Between the Lines”.

YULETIDE TREASURES unsold items will be ready to collect from Gallery II when we reopen on January 6th.



2025 DPAL Board Elections

Hello DuPage Art League Members,

I just wanted to give members a heads up that 2025 is fast approaching and there will be several Board positions to fill. Already we know we must elect a treasurer, secretary, and VP of membership. We also need a VP of Publicity and Promotions.

The Board meets at 1 pm on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings rarely exceed two hours. If you want to volunteer by serving on the DPAL Board, contact me in early January to discuss your interests and learn more about each position's duties.

Happy New Year!

Diana Mitchell, President Emerita, diamitc4@aol.com

Newsletter/E-Blast Submittals

To submit email blast information and newsletter articles, send your information to: dpalmembershipt@gmail.com by the the 15th of the month.

Acceptable formats include Word documents or PDF files for text and 300dpi .JPG form images. Please proof and verify your copy before submitting. Send photos, flyers and other images as attachments to email.

Help Wanted – A New Need for a New Year

Many of us may wonder how we can use our talents to give back to the DuPage Art League, which offers so much in the way of friendship, artistic growth and camaraderie. For those of you who would prefer to do your volunteer hours from home, please consider becoming the bookkeeper.

As bookkeeper, you will have the chance to discover more about how non-profit organizations work, hone your computer skills and work closely with Treasurer Jennifer Bayer and Business Manager Yvonne Thompson.

The position involves comfort with computer applications, working in Microsoft Excel, downloading data from the DPAL website, entering financial data into QuickBooks Online, preparing checks and supporting board members with data requests. Attention to detail and willingness to learn new computer technology are cornerstones for this role. Your personal computer and printer will be used. Accounting experience is a plus.



If you love to learn, want to use your talents to support the league and can devote 8-12 hours per month, please contact Jennifer at (630) 991-0309 or leave a message at the front desk.



DPAL Board 2025

President: Mary Lynn Sullivan
Secretary: Maeva Cook
Treasurer: Jennifer Bayer
VP Activities: Adele Dunn
VP Building & Grounds: Mark Galli
VP Education: Margaret Bucholz
VP Exhibits: Gallery I: Danielle Crilly
Gallery II: Mary Ann Staroscik
VP Finance: Carol Kincaid
VP Media: Mary Kate Venturini
VP Membership: Amy Tran
VP Office Management: Barbara Finn
VP Publicity & Promotions: OPEN
VP Safety & Security: Darlene Edwards
Presidents Emeritae: Diana Mitchell and Carol Kincaid
Yuletide Treasures: Yvonne Thompson and Wilda Kemp
Newsletter: Lori Tucker
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Activities and Exhibits

DPAL Members:

Please consider donating paper towels or toilet paper for DPAL. Look for a donation box in January!



Exciting Educational Offerings

New classes start on January 6, 2025

ADULT CLASSES

New teacher, Meaghan Green, is teaching Painting a Floral Still Life. Dutch painters in the 16th and 17th centuries created striking and vivid floral paintings that are still marveled at today. These elegant yet dramatic oil paintings are more than just beautifully arranged and executed botanical studies; hidden meanings reside in the details.

George Bruce will be teaching two classes on Thursday. He is adding an afternoon class, Mixed Media Abstraction: This class will provide an opportunity to approach abstract in a variety of mediums, using your choice acrylics, watercolors, oil pastels, or even a combination of all. We will concentrate on how to begin an abstract as well as how one develops and completes abstract work.

Mary Dorrell has added a new class, Painting with a Palette Knife: When it comes to painting with thicker paint, you don't have to stick with using a brush. Let's explore the use of palette knives to apply the paint to the canvas.

Ellen Rottsoik has a new offering, Graphite Pencil on Yupo Paper: Yupo is a plastic surface that is used primarily with watercolor paints and alcohol inks. In this class we will explore the use of this paper with graphite and water-soluble graphite pencils. Experience the unique and distinctive visual results of this combination, creating dramatic black and white images.

Carol Zack can simplify the Pastel Painting in 3 Steps. Step 1. Establishing a limited palette based on values. Step 2. Including a gestural underpainting as the first stage of the painting. Step 3. Developing the pastel painting with a focus on Shapes, Values, Edges, Colors and Textures.

Other adult class offerings include Ellen Rottsoik's Painting with Pastels; Kay Wahlgren's Watercolor for all Levels; Mary Dorrell's Color and Light Painting; Chris Hughes, Oil Painting, Fun Techniques; George Bruce's Traditional But Fun Small Paintings; and Margaret Bucholz' Colored Pencil Magic.



KIDS CLASSES

Rachael Corey is teaching a new kids' class, Art Without Limits. In this class, the possibilities for self-expression and artistic growth are endless! Together, we will explore mixed-media art, focusing primarily on drawing and painting while experimenting with both 3D and 2D elements. Young artists will have the opportunity to work with a variety of exciting materials, some of which may be completely new to them.

Janice Zeuch will be teaching a kids Sculpture class: Create a work of Pop Art with paper mache, cardboard & paint. Do you enjoy working with your hands? Not afraid of goopy paper mache and paint? This is the class for you! Get inspired by larger-than-life size works of everyday objects created by Claes Oldenburg (clothespin, ice cream cone, bike tire etc..) and create your own sculpture out of cardboard, paper mache and paint.

Other kids class offerings include Charles Welch's class, Cartoon Drawing & Storytelling; and Margaret Bucholz' classes, Color Pencil Drawing and Easy Acrylics.

Gallery I Exhibits to Start Again in January

January: Four-Legged Friends; All animals pets or wild. Drop off: Jan. 8-9

February: Shades of Winter; Let the cool colors and crisp air inform your palette. Drop off Jan 29-30

March: Women's History Month; Celebrate women past, present, famous, familia. Drop of Feb 26-27

April: Tell Me a Story; Art that tells a story inspired by favorite book or movie. Drop off Mar. 26-27



Safety Seconds

A few seconds can make a big difference!

Darlene Edwards, VP Safety and Security

As we welcome in the new year, please take a second to make sure the action or task you're about to implement is done with safety in mind – both yours and those around you.

Winter Road Safety Tip



Winter weather can make driving particularly dangerous, due to reduced visibility, and slippery or snowy conditions. When snow collects on vehicles, it not only blocks the driver's view of the road, but if it comes loose while in motion, it can create hazards for other drivers.

Take those extra few seconds to clean the snow and ice off your car completely—including the top of the vehicle—and be sure all windows, mirrors, and lights are clear.

Use a broom to reach the top or a long handle snow brush

Winter Road Security Tip

How to keep your car door locks from freezing.

The absolute best way to avoid frozen door locks is to keep your car from getting wet and cold. However, that's not always possible, the best way to keep door locks from freezing is to put something in there that won't freeze, but also won't gunk up your lock, like greaseless lock lubricants, and rust inhibitors like WD-40. Spraying either of those into your door locks before it gets down to 32 degrees should solve the problem.



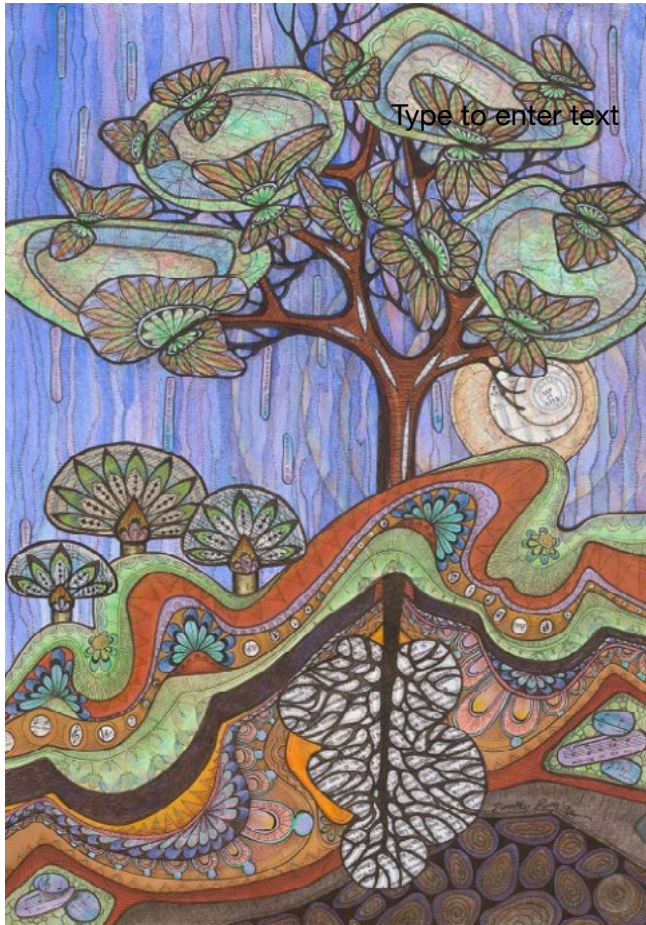


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Gallery, School & Gift Shop

Art Demo: **Dorothy Bury Shaw** Mixed Media / “Between the Lines”

Monday Jan. 20th 6:30 to 8:30pm / LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Dorothy is an award-winning artist and poet. She will speak about her artistic journey, and those who influenced her, all of which resulted in her current distinctive art. She will show her process, step by step, including her materials and techniques.



Register to attend in-person or via Zoom:

[https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/
events/upcoming?](https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/events/upcoming?)



Provided by the Wheaton Public Library in Partnership with DuPage Art League
225 N Cross St., Wheaton Meeting Room A