



THE VILLAGES ART LEAGUE NEWS - JUNE 1, 2009

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JUNE 1ST PROGRAM

The program for the June 1 VAL meeting will be a contest. The paintings should include some kind of flower in the red family and some kind of animal or insect. Painting are not to be framed or matted nor are they to be signed. There will be 2 categories for prizes: 5 for people who have never won a prize and 5 for people who have been previous winners.

AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS PLANNED FOR THE REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JUNE 1ST MEETING

A Message From Your President Diane Andrus



Just a short note. Congratulations to Sandra McNeil for her design being chosen for our new logo. Congrats, also, to Joal Litavsky and Bill Main for their 2nd and 3rd placements. Good works!

I joined Joal and the journeying artists on the trip to Bradenton to see the watercolor exhibits and Village of the Arts event. Got some inspirations for our 'art challenge' for this month's meeting. It was an enjoyable trip, tho a 'little warmish.'

Don't forget showcase sign up on June 13.

See you, Diane

ARTIST OF THE MONTH IRENE WANTROBA



Born in Lewiston, Maine, where she lived throughout her elementary education. She attended nursing school in New Haven, Conn. While living there, she met her husband, Vincent.

Irene began her career in earnest when she moved to The Villages eight years ago after retiring from her nursing career.

She has developed her skills as a watercolorist and progressed to additional media which include acrylics and collage. She has also developed a special interest, in the addition of textures, to her art by using an eclectic variety of substances that include oriental papers, joint compound and other textural elements. She finds her pursuit in art endlessly fascinating.

Irene is member of several art organizations and has attended many art workshops both in The Villages and those provided by the Florida Watercolor Society. She has received ribbons at several venues which include The Galleria, The Annex and Arts Round the Square.

Workshop Schedule for VAL

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon - Fox Glove Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Thursday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Arts & Crafts Room, Mulberry Rec. Center

Saturday - 8:30 am to 11:00 am - Charlie Chaplin Room. Paradise Recreation Center

Opportunity to be "Artist of The Month"

Gino DeLuca has openings for Artist of the Month for August, September and October. If you feel you are qualified, contact Gino at 753-6050.

Paint-In - Lake Sumter Pavilion - June 8.

VAA has reserved the Pavilion at Lake Sumter 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8. Let's get out and have fun and do what we love -- paint or draw. Bring a table cover and your supplies (no sales allowed). For questions, contact Carolee McReynolds at 751-6111.

Paris Trip - May 8, 2010

Check out VAL's web site www.thevillagesartleague.org for information on Joal's exciting trip to Paris May 8, 2010. This is a 9-day trip with Go-Ahead Tours (Paris Stay). For question, contact Joal Litavsky at 259-0459.

Operation Shoebox

Lee Asta reports that on 4/27 she presented Operation Shoebox with another batch of greeting cards to be included in their goodie bags they send to our troops overseas. She thanks members of VAL, VAA, LAA, OAG and outlying areas. She estimates she has delivered over 4,000 cards for Operation Shoebox.

Lee is continuing this effort and will collect cards at meetings or on her porch. She also welcomes ugly paintings and cardstock donations. Any questions, contact Lee Asta at 352-223-7687.

VAL Bank Exhibits

Val members who would like to exhibit their paintings at Colonial or Wachovia banks on 466 should contact Julie McGlone at 750-1608 (e-mail mzglone72@hotmail.com). To exhibit your paintings at Citizens on 466, contact Pat Claunch 259-9795.

Summer Classes with Sue Connor

Sue will teach six classes this summer on Thursday afternoons (1:00-4:00) at the Oxbow Community Center. Dates are 6/4, 6/18, 7/6, 8/6, 8/20 and 9/3. The watercolor "Not to Worry" classes are designed from those who have never held a brush but always wanted to try to more experienced artists looking to expand their skills.

The cost for all 6 classes is \$199. If you cannot attend all classes, find someone to share the expense (\$33 ea class). Send one check for \$199 (payable to Linda Hammons) to Bev Hennessy, 16902 SE 93rd Cuthbert Circle, The Villages, FL 32162. For questions, contact Bev at 753-1383.

"Floral Painting - The Real Thing" taught by Pat Ford.

A series of one-day workshops will be held at the Villages High School 9:30 - 3:30 dates are: 6/16, 6/23, 7/16, 8/6, and 8/20. At each session we will be painting a new floral set-up and will address different flowers and accessories addressing the questions; How do I start and what do I do next when painting flowers. Learn to incorporate techniques, color, design and creativity into your floral paintings.

To register: Call the Lifelong Learning College at 753-3035. (You may register for one or for all).

AHA WORKSHOP 6/17 - Pen & Ink Outhouse Drawing - with Char Meeker and Gordon Beale

The VAA announces that the next AHA (Artists Helping Artists) Program will be on Wednesday, June 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mulberry Recreation Center, Freedom Room. Char Meeker and Gordon Beale, who are award-winning artists in Central Florida, will be demonstrating the basic elements of pen and ink drawing. Supplies needed include black Micron pens sizes .005 and .01, Strathmore 400 Series Smooth Bristol paper, and a cover for the table. Please visit the VAA website for the reference sketch that should be transferred to the drawing paper prior to the AHA. A \$2 donation is requested at the door. Please note that there will be no AHA's in July and August.

Contact Frank Zampardi with questions: 352-753-8770.

For the schedule of workshops to be presented by the Lifelong Learning College this fall and next spring, check out the Web Site www.artworkshopsinthevillages.com

**Summer Art
Festival
Nancy Dias, Chair**



This month I will cover what you need to know to be a participant in the Summer Art Festival on July 11 at Lake Miona on Buena Vista Boulevard.

Registration for the Summer Art Festival is June 13, Saturday at Lake Minoa. This is a change from the normal place because of the remodeling being done at La Hacienda. If you have never been in this art show before you can take advantage of the chance to see where the rooms are and where you might want to be located.

As you enter the registration room, the card room Courageous, your Village I.D. will be checked and your membership will be checked. You then will be issued a number that determines when you will be called up to register. It is wise to make sure your name is on that list of paid up members. It will be too late to pay on that day and it will affect what your priority order will be.

The tables are \$20 and you may pay in cash or check. Make checks payable to the VILLAGES ART LEAGUE. That is another change this year.

Our new web site www.thevillagesartleague.org is a good place to go to find out all you need to know about this art show. There is a list of rules that make the art shows run smoothly and when everyone cooperates magic happens. The mood is just right for the public to really enjoy the art work displayed and talk to the artists. I spent a considerable amount of time planning where the tables and spaces should go with enough room for wide aisles and easy visibility to view the art. The table cloths that I insist on give a uniform look to the art show and hide all the clutter and boxes that everyone sticks under their tables. The spotlight will be all on you and your art. How you choose to display is entirely up to you.

The spaces are 12x5, the same as previous years. You will have 3 options. Your space may have one 6' table and 6' of open space for easels and browse boxes; you could have two 6' tables and everything you have will go behind or on top of the tables; or you can have the 12' empty and allow you to put up your art walls, easels and browse boxes. Any of the 3 choices gives you 12'x5'. You cannot go outside those perimeters.

Lunch will be catered, a salad bar and sandwich bar buffet that will be served from 11a.m. to 1p.m. It will be offered free to any participating artist and the volunteers. The day of registration you will be asked if you want to have a lunch and if you would like to buy a lunch for anyone else for \$12. You may pay for any extra lunches at registration by cash or check to VAL. Vouchers will be handed out the morning of the show for you to take advantage of lunch. It is served in the Courageous card room where you can sit, eat and relax "far from the maddening crowd." Hopefully there will be enough volunteers that can watch the artists' tables while they break for lunch. Call Peter Hawes at 753-2879 if you can help out during those hours.

Instead of a children's art room this year, we are opening the room to anyone who wants to come paint. We'll have an open workshop, just like we do 3x's a week and everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our 20th anniversary together. Bring your paints and brushes and come be a part of it all. The VAL started out 20 years ago with friends getting together to paint. It is still that same club now. It would be wonderful if all our members could join the celebration. Let's make that happen.

Happy painting,

Nancy

Dates to Remember
June 13 Registration at Lake Miona
July 11 Summer Art Festival
Nov 28 Artists' Showcase at Savannah

SUMMER ART FESTIVAL RULES

Parking is in a designated area. Place your parking pass on your car dash .You will be allowed to unload, then you must move your car to the designated parking area.

Doors will open at 7:30 for set up and all packing, carts, boxes, etc., must be removed from the premises or stored completely out of sight under the table by 8:30.

Tables must be covered with a cloth that will conceal any boxes or materials you store underneath.

Tables/spaces may not be moved or changed by participants. Names/numbers may not be removed from the tables. No exceptions.

Aisles can not be blocked. Nothing may be placed in front of the tables or against the walls or protrude outside of your designated space to either side or front, infringing on the space of another.

Spaces will be 12'x5' with 3 options. You may have 1 six' table and 6' of space; 2 six' table; or open space. Spaces without tables may have as many easels/browse boxes as will fit neatly inside the space of 12' by5', as shown on the floor plan.

All VAL members must have Village Art League labels with artist name and price.

All work must be your own original art. Painting, sculpture, photography, wood, glass, and china painting are permitted.

There will be a free lunch for the artist.

BREAK DOWN STARTS AT 3 P.M. AND NOT BEFORE. It is disruptive to others and we ask that you wait until the festival is over.

Calendar for Villages Artists for June

**June 1 - VAL meeting 9AM
June 4 - Sue Connor class
June 6 - Pick up paintings La Galleria
June 7 - Annex Show
June 13 - Sign up for SUMMER ART FESTIVAL
June 16 - Pat Ford workshop
June 17 - AHA - C Meeker and G. Beale
June 18 - Sue Connor class
June 19 - VAA meeting
June 28 - Pat Ford workshop**