



KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ART LEAGUE

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November 2008 Newsletter

NOVEMBER MEETING

Board meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

General meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 at the same location
Refreshments will be provided this month by Patty Raih & Carleine Straka.

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATOR

Our November demonstrator is our Program chairman, Linda Kluber-Byrum. Linda is also our Philanthropy chair. Linda's program will be on preparing and painting gourds.



Linda usually paints the gourds with an undercoat of Old World Peasant white paint, and then paints the design on the gourd in acrylic. In her program Linda also plans to show or explain how to drill gourds and how to build on to them to create unique shapes. She paints both large and small gourds, the small ones for use as Christmas tree ornaments.

Linda also paints in watercolors as well as painting in oil on canvas. In fact, she recently was awarded a blue ribbon and a \$200 prize at the Grand Detour Art Show for one of her oil landscapes. Linda also paints on glass, both decorating items such as wine glasses and bottles, and also on glass Christmas tree ornaments. For glass painting she uses a glass

enamel available from Dick Blick or at Michaels.

Linda has been painting for about fifteen years. Though, she says, she did a lot of drawing when she was younger. "I always had a pencil or pen in my hand, she says." Eventually, she moved on to drawing with pastels. When she got into painting, she took some adult ed workshops at Waubonsee College and has been painting ever since. Members can see her work on her website: home.comcast.net/~lindabyrum/index.html

CLUB NEWS NOTES

We still need someone to take Denise's job of recording secretary. Plus, we are still looking for someone to be the art show chair person. Volunteers?

A plan is in the works to develop a flyer for KVAL that will list all the demos from Feb. to June, 2009. We will need volunteers to post them where the public can see them: businesses, schools, etc..

TRAVELING EXHIBITS

The dates for the Egyptian Exhibit should be on the Egyptian website, if not now, sometime soon. **Don't forget Saturday November 15th at 9:00 am** for the hanging of the artwork. A date for KVAL reception needs to be determined. A list upcoming events should be on the theatre website at <www.egyptiantheatre.org>, in case we want to plan the reception around a certain event. Also, it is a good idea to have someone 'gallery sit' during events scheduled.

ALSO A REMINDER: To our traveling exhibitors to pick up their work at the Sycamore Golf Club house, soon! I think they will be closing by mid-November.

Website: www.kval.us

The website is up and running. Be sure to 'stop in' and visit!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership directory will be available at the next meeting. If you are not able to be there, it will be mailed to you.

Membership dues will be going up next year. Single will be \$20.00 and Family will be \$25.00. The board realizes this is an increase, but it is the first one in several years. By raising the dues it helps us cover the cost for our demonstrators. Where else can you see eight live demonstrations for such a small amount!

INFORMATION ABOUT WORKSHOPS

A Colored Pencil workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6, from 10am to 1pm. Diana Garret, who works for Sanford and promotes Prismacolor, will present this workshop;. All who have signed up to participate to please check to be sure they are paid up. We have no openings but are open for having stand-by's in case someone is not able to participate after signing up. Please contact Barb Grant.

BOOK REVIEWS

PENCIL MAGIC: Landscape Drawing Techniques by Phil Metzger (Submitted by Pam Bradford.)

A very worthwhile read! Not only does Mr. Metzger share valuable techniques using graphite pencils; but he also has excellent chapters on perspective and composition. There are several demonstration drawings to illustrate his teaching as well. I am planning to add this book to my art library.

If you have read any interesting art books that you would like to recommend to the Club; let me know and your review can be published in an upcoming newsletter. (email Pam at: murphybfd@aol.com)

KVAL VIDEO LIBRARY

NEW DVD'S

A poll was taken at the October 2nd meeting to determine interest in media for new DVD's. One new DVD will be purchased each month to add to the KVAL library overseen by Ken Ehrhart.

PAINTING MOOD & ATMOSPHERE in OILS by Carolyn Lewis is on order.

Be sure to see Ken at the meeting if you would like to borrow and view any of the Club's instructional videos. *Please remember to return any videos that you have checked out.*

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

FROM ERIN NOLAN: I would like everyone to know that I was accepted at the Norris Cultural Arts Center's "Vicinity 2008" Show and received an honorable mention. The show runs from October 4 - November 15th. and is located at 1040 Dunham Road in St. Charles.

The Vicinity show is a juried exhibition for artists in all media, residing within a 50-mile radius. The show includes painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art, and jewelry. Artists compete for the \$1,000 Lester J. Norris Memorial Award and four Awards of Excellence. (website: www.norrisculturalarts.com)

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FROM LINDA GROAT: I am writing to tell you that I have been nominated for a "Woman of Accomplishment Award" which is held in conjunction with the annual Athena Award given in DeKalb. I learned of this last week. It is an honor and I am excited about this. This award (WOA) is for retired women who are active in one way or another in their community. When I filled out my bio after learning of my nomination, I said that I was on the board of KVAL and listed some of the things that the group does, as well as other activities that I have and do participate in. The award ceremony is on Thursday November 6th.

FROM SUSAN EDWARDS: Introducing the Artist Gallery now open in the Art Attack - School of Art. Come and browse to see great local artist's work, all while watching artists doing demonstration in various mediums. Artists include Susan Edwards, William Gardner, Bob Holmes, Fae Lynch, Jacob Maxfield, Jim Smith, and Dan Ward. Hours are Friday evenings 4:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 to 4:00 pm with a special Holiday Craft day and artists showing on Saturday November 29 in conjunction with Sycamore's Chocolate weekend.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Artist Gallery or have other questions please call Susan Edwards 815-899-9440.

FROM SHERRY LEE PATTERSON: My contribution to the Huskies on Parade project at NIU was painting the set of a small dog and his large companion for Oak Crest Residences in Sycamore. "Oakie" is big dog's name.

A fun episode is that the little guy attended their yearly fund-raising event at the residence early on during the process, before he was even quite done. It was hard to convince them to let me have him back to complete and get the final clear coat! Oakie appeared in the NIU homecoming parade. His current place for viewing is at the west entrance to the main residence. They have also purchased little pup and hope to have an indoor or maybe a traveling spot for viewing.

I also have been working as one of the spearheading committee members for the NIU Founders Memorial Library memorial quilt project to honor the students killed Feb. 14th. I designed one quilt block and helped solve several technical problems. The project is almost complete and will be presented for public viewing. Date to be announced.



UPCOMING SHOWS/COMPETITIONS

The ART ATTACK GALLERY

215 Elm Street, Sycamore, IL

Open Fridays 4:00 to 8:00 & Saturdays 10:00 to 4:00

Participating artists are: Susan Edwards, Bill Gardner, Bob Holmes, Jim Smith, Faye Lynch, Dan Ward

TRANSFORMATION Jan. 17 - Feb. 28, 2009

(Art involving recycled materials and/or eco friendly themes, any medium)

Entry Deadline Nov. 17, 2008

Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL

www.norrisculturalarts.com

630-584-7200 ext.18

ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 25th ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION

Jan. 16 - Feb. 24, 2009

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org

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NATIONAL ART PREMIER (All Media) Feb. 14 - Mar. 18, 2009
Elmhurst Artists Guild Gallery in the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
www.elmhurstartistsguild.org

COLOR SHOTS 3-(Photography) Oct. 24 - Dec. 2, 2008
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL
www.TheNextPictureShow.org

RHYTHM & BLUES (Musical theme, New Orleans, Dec. 5 - Jan. 13, 2009
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL
www.TheNextPictureShow.org

TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA 33rd ANNUAL NATIONAL EXHIBIT
May 17 - July 26, 2009
Entry Deadline Jan. 15, 2009
www.info@watercolors.org

REGIONAL ART SURVEY 5 (All Media) Mar. 6 - Apr. 14, 2009
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Entry Deadline Feb. 24, 2009
www.TheNextPictureShow.org