

# KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ART LEAGUE

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The Kishwaukee Valley Art League (KVAL) was formed in 1972 to support the arts in the Kishwaukee Valley area. Our purpose is to encourage the practice and appreciation of the arts in all media and to educate people within the community.

## December 2009 Newsletter

### DECEMBER MEETING

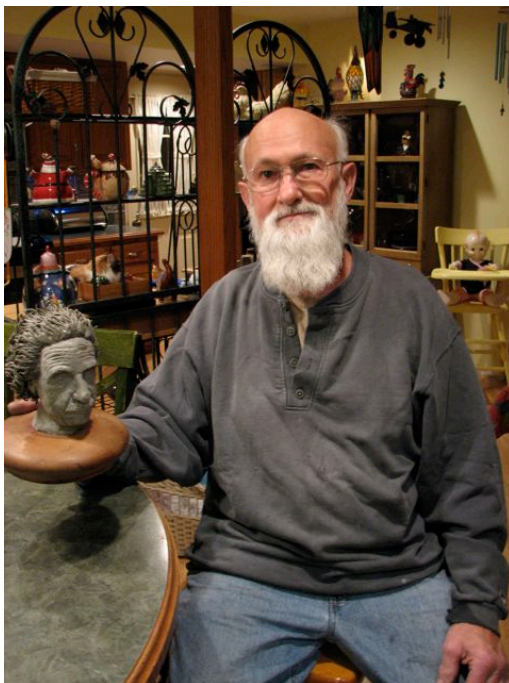
**Board meeting:** 6:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at the same location. **Holiday gift exchange party! You need to bring a gift to get a gift. Gifts should be in the \$15 range or your own art work.**

Refreshments will be provided this month by Barb and Wally Grant and Marian Swenson.

### DECEMBER DEMONSTRATOR

Our guest demonstrator for the December 3 meeting is very well known locally, and it is his annual snow sculptures in Sycamore that have brought him the most acclaim. Lynden Bute's first big piece was a large Santa in 1974, but his first national exposure was when CBS News publicized the Statue of Liberty he carved in 1976. He has won the People's Choice or Artist's Choice at state level competitions six times. And in 1973 or 74, he was chosen to represent the U.S. in an international competition in which he took third place.



He has traveled all around the U.S. and even done some sculptures in Canada. And this winter he will again compete at Grant Park in Chicago. And his competitive artistic performance has found a new outlet:

the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival! He and his wife have won the President's Award for the last four years running.

Lynden's large snow sculptures often start with a model carved from poly foam. He says he does this because it informs him of the challenges he may face when working with snow. For his KVAL demonstration he will use foam to show the use of his tools and his process in carving the sculpture.

A little known fact about Lynden is that he is also an accomplished pen & ink and oil painting artist. In fact, the piece of art he will donate for our raffle is a print of a pen and ink drawing. Join us for an unusual presentation.

## **JUNE SHOW (LETTER FROM PRESIDENT**

Here is some info about the KVAL show (formerly known as the "June Show"):

Because of a planned renovation of the Sycamore Courthouse and the adjoining property, I have had to make an executive decision regarding the weekend when we will be able to have our yearly Art show. Sycamore is planning to start construction as early as June 5th and 6th, 2010. The weekend before that is Memorial Day weekend and Sycamore is planning on using the lawn for a Memorial Day event. That leaves us with the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd, 2010. This will have to be our weekend for the Yearly Show.

I would have brought this before the full Board meeting and the General meeting, but Jerry had to know the dates before December 1st, in order to get them in publications that we advertise the show in.

Marian

## **CLUB NOTES**

***Remember - this is our annual Holiday gift exchange! You need to bring a gift to get a gift. Gifts should be in the \$15 or less range. Your own art work would be a great idea.***

**THE MEMBERSHIP HAS VOTED TO HOLD KVAL MEETINGS EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR SO 2010 WILL FULL OF INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE MEETINGS.**

A list of art information and product sources is available at meetings. If you know of a good art source to share, please contact Tammy Shriver ([tamarashriver@comcast.net](mailto:tamarashriver@comcast.net)) so she can add it to the list.

**WORKSHOP:** Barb Grant put together a great workshop Nov. 21st with the Caran d'Ache company! Kristy Kutch was the leader of the group and focused on water-soluble media by Caran d'Ache. There were wonderful product samples for each of the attendees. The workshop lasted from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the American National Bank Community Room. It was very interesting to see all the techniques available with the watercolor pencils, Neocolor II Aquarelle sticks, and Museum sticks. Kristy also introduced us to the new high end line of Caran d'Ache colored pencils: Luminance. We all had a chance to try out our samples as well as other sets that Kristy brought along.

**EGYPTIAN THEATER EXHIBIT:** The dates of the **Egyptian Theatre exhibit** are November 14th to December 19th. The reception will be Dec. 12, 2009 at 12:30 pm. Exhibiting artists should be there. Please bring either a little appetizer or dessert to share. The date and time for taking the exhibit down is: Saturday December 19th at 9:00 am.

**Linda Groat wrote: There were at least 100 people last week (on two days) from the Art Institute who toured the Egyptian Theatre. Our exhibit was up. Carlene told me she heard they were also going to Altgeld to the Art Museum. Nice that the Art Institute included the Egyptian Gallery on it's tour which included KVAL's artwork! Below is a link to a video that Alex Nerad did for the Northern Star. You will see in the lobby, the signs about KVAL's exhibit. I am sending it to you as maybe you would like to share it with others in the group!**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOfdnYYHsUA>

Last Saturday a tour was given to a class from the University of Chiago as well.

**TRAVELING EXHIBITS:** The new schedule for Traveling Exhibits are out and work should be changed the first week of December. Anyone at the DeKalb Clinic needs to pick up their work Saturday, November 28, 12 to 1 p.m. Speaking of the Clinic, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of Linda Tillis. She has donated (5) colorful acrylic pieces for permanent display in the pediatrics waiting area. THANK YOU LINDA!

**BORDERS:** I have had positive feed back from the manager at Borders and they would like us to return in the spring. I will be away for the winter, so Joanne will be scheduling the March traveling exhibit and the DeKalb Library small window exhibit. Happy Holidays Carleine Straka

## **FRAMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR KVAL EXHIBITS**

2D work must be framed and equipped with proper hanging devices. NO SAWTOOTH HOOKS! If work comes in with improper hanging hardware, the work will not be hung. All other work ( 3D ) must be ready to install. Artwork with damaged frames will not be hung. All artwork must be delivered on the specified due date and time or will not be included. Once the KVAL Committee has installed the work, it WILL NOT BE MOVED. Also, work is to be identified with KVAL cards, not personal cards.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As a reminder, if you wish to stay on the traveling exhibit and the static exhibits your membership needs to be paid by the December meeting.

If your address, phone or email has changed, please contact Barb Grant ([grayspet@yahoo.com](mailto:grayspet@yahoo.com)).

## **KVAL VIDEO LIBRARY**

The Art League has purchased several new videos for your viewing. If you have a video out and have had it for awhile, please return it so that other members can view it. You will receive a call from Ken to remind you if it has been a while. Lots of very good instructional videos to choose from. If you have any art video you think the club members would like to see, let Ken know.

## **MEMBER'S NEWS**

**Jerry Halloran:** KVAL member Jerry Halloran gave a colored pencil demonstration on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at a meeting of the Retired Teachers of DeKalb County. And he will do another demonstration for the residents of Oak Crest on Monday, November 30.

**Erin Nolan:** Three pieces were accepted into the 2010 Rockford Midwestern Show at the Rockford Art Museum. On Friday, January 22, 2010; there will be an artist reception from 6pm - 7:30pm with an awards presentation at 6:30pm. The public opening is January 23rd with a gallery walk at 11am. To find out more information or for directions, please visit their website at [rockfordartmuseum.org](http://rockfordartmuseum.org)

It was cool to find out that my photo of the Buckingham Fountain in Chicago was added to the Schmap Chicago Guide - Ninth Edition. The Schmap link is [http://www.schmap.com/chicago/sights\\_theloop/#r=none&mapview=Map&tab=Places&p=10849](http://www.schmap.com/chicago/sights_theloop/#r=none&mapview=Map&tab=Places&p=10849)

I was accepted to participate in the 9th International Print Exhibition and Exchange (2010) hosted by PROOF Studio Gallery. In previous years artists from China, Mexico, Germany, Japan, Australia, Romania, Scotland, Hong Kong and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario have participated in this exhibition and print exchange. Each artist creates a limited edition Year of the Tiger print using a traditional print technique such as etching, wood block, linoblock, embossing, lithographs, relief, silkscreen or mixed print media. Check out exhibitions & art from previous years on the blogspots: <http://yearoftheratprintexhibition.blogspot.com> <http://yearofthepigprintexhibition.blogspot.com> <http://yearoftheoxprintexhibition.blogspot.com>  
Confirmed Exhibition Locations for The Year of the Tiger International Print Exhibition include:  
PROOF Studio Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto; Ontario, Canada  
College of Art & Design, Toronto, Canada  
Ottawa School of Art, Ottawa, Canada  
Muskoka Art Gallery, Muskoka Ontario, Canada

In addition, a commission was received for a pen and ink drawing of a Lee County Farm.

**Patty Raih:** This past month I was asked to donate two of my paintings to worthy causes in our community. One of my paintings will be auctioned at the Holiday Fundraiser to benefit pediatric brain tumor research at Children's Memorial Hospital. A gift package which includes an oil painting, two reprints and note cards will be auctioned at the annual Benefit Dinner at Newman Catholic Student Center. I am deeply honored to be asked and included in these funding projects.

**Tamara Shriver:** I have watercolors juried into the Holiday Show at The Next Picture Show in Dixon.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS**

### **THE RICHESON SCHOOL & GALLERY**

**The Richeson 75: Landscape/Seascape & Architectural Art Competition** Oct. 16, - Dec. 31, 2009

[www.richeson75.com](http://www.richeson75.com)

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE EXHIBIT** Nov 14, - Dec 19, 2009

KVAL Members Only

**HOLIDAY SHOW - All media** Dec. 4 - Jan. 5, 2010

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL  
[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

**WHIMSY** Jan. 16 - Feb. 27, 2010

A fanciful device, object or creation. Any medium.  
Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL  
[www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)  
630-584-7200, ext. 14

**WATERCOLOR '10** Mar. 6 - May 1, 2010

Water based media on different surfaces Deadline Jan 11, 2010  
Norris Gallery, St. Charles  
[www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)

**SCULPTURE, CLAY & FIBER 2** Jan. 8 - Feb. 16, 2010  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline Nov 24, 2009

**EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES** Feb. 19 - Mar 16, 2010  
2 D including photography Deadline Jan 5, 2010  
Floral close ups or still life  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**REGIONAL ART SURVEY 6** Mar 19 -April 17, 2010  
All Media Deadline Feb 2, 2010  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**THE RICHESON 75: SMALL WORKS** Apr 2 -May 18, 2010  
Jack Richeson School & Gallery Deadline Jan 6, 2010  
Kimberly, Wisconsin  
[www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SHOW** May 7 - Jun 1, 2010  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline Feb. 15, 2010  
[www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org](http://www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org)

**TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY  
OF AMERICA 34th National Exhibition** May 1 - July 25, 2010  
Kenosha, Wisconsin Deadline Jan 15, 2010  
[www.watercolors.org](http://www.watercolors.org)

**TAKE ME TO THE RIVER** Jun 4 - July 6, 2010  
2 D No Photography Deadline Apr 13, 2010  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**TOM FRANCESCONI- WATERCOLOR** July 9 - July 27, 2010  
( One person show )  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**FARM & BARNS 6** July 30 - Sept 7, 2010  
2D including photography  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline June 8, 2010

#### **2010 ART FAIR DIRECTORY**

#### **ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL**

[www.state.il.us/agency/iac](http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac)  
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#### **WEB SITES**

[www.artcalendar.com](http://www.artcalendar.com)

[www.artdeadlineslist.com](http://www.artdeadlineslist.com)

[www.artfaircalendar.com](http://www.artfaircalendar.com)