



# KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ART LEAGUE

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## February 2009 Newsletter

### FEBRUARY MEETING

**Board meeting:** 6:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 at the same location

Refreshments will be provided this month by Anna Zantout and Joanne Toczylowski.

### FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATOR

Our guest demonstrator for the February 5 meeting is Hattie Sanderson, an artist and teacher who specializes in silver clay. She creates fine silver jewelry from metal clay, though she says that most of her time now is spent as a consultant facilitating workshops for the silver clay artist, working worldwide through the internet.

Silver clay is pure silver in clay form that can be shaped into beautiful jewelry. Silver clay is 99.9% pure. By comparison, sterling silver is only 99.25% silver. Silver clay is made by only 2 companies, both of them Japanese: PMC (Precious Metal Clay) and Art Clay. Hattie is certified to teach both, and teaches a variety of workshops at various locations throughout the year, and she has a reputation as an enthusiastic and clear teaching style.



Hattie's studio is located on the family farm outside Clare, IL. She has her own HattieS brand line of products for the silver clay artist including a set of instructional videos that can be purchased or rented from [smartflix.com](http://smartflix.com). Many examples of her work can be seen on her website: [hattiesanderson.com](http://hattiesanderson.com).



Join us for what promises to be a unique and lively demonstration.

### CLUB NEWS & NOTES

#### KVAL MEMBERS SHOW AT NEXT PICTURE SHOW!

We have the opportunity to exhibit at The Next Picture Show Gallery in Dixon, IL.

We would like to get artwork from each of our members for the show; you may submit either one large piece or two small ones. Your artwork must be framed with proper hanging devices, NO SAWTOOTH HOOKS. The exhibit will be hanging from March 6th through April 14th.

The art needs to be dropped off at the Egyptian Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 21st when we hang there. If you are unable to bring it to the theatre please contact Barb or Wally Grant (815.762.9939) by Friday, February 20th to make other arrangements. We need all of the art collected in one location by Tuesday the 24th. We need you to have your artwork labeled with name, title, media, and price on a card on the back. A reception is planned for March 6th.

## **CLUB NEWS & NOTES continued**

### **Library Display**

The display window at the DeKalb Public Library has been reserved for KVAL artists for March. There is limited space, but a great opportunity to get our art out in front of the public. More details to follow.

**KVAL is looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of Recording Secretary at meetings. A wonderful way to get involved with your club! Please contact any officer of the club if interested.**

**Upcoming Demonstrators: March: Paula White, oil & pastel; April: Marilyn Grenwalte, textiles; May: Erin Nolan, linoleum block painting; September: Charlotte Burgess, clay; October: Linda Hinklemann, weaving - basket beginnings; November: Pete Olson, drawing**

### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS ART SHOW**

KVAL's 38th annual art show will be held on June 6 & 7, 2009 on the lawn of the County Courthouse in Sycamore, IL. The entry forms have been mailed, so don't forget to turn yours in if you plan to have a booth. If you would like an entry form and did not receive one, you can get one at any regular meeting or you can go to [www.kval.us](http://www.kval.us) and download it there. You can also contact Barb Grant at 815.762.9939 to get one. There will be a club sponsored tent for members to bring their artwork. If you do, you will be asked to volunteer some time to be in the tent as a KVAL representative and to handle any sales.

### **EGYPTIAN THEATER EXHIBIT**

The date and time that we put up the exhibit is Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 am. Take down is Saturday March 28th at 9:00 am. No date as yet for the reception.

### **TRAVELING EXHIBIT**

Reminder for the traveling exhibitors: The new schedules will be in the mail early in February. Your work needs to be changed the first week of March. I hope everyone is having a creative winter and will have new work to exhibit at the Sycamore Park District, Sycamore Library, DeKalb Clinic and June show at the Courthouse.

Congratulations to Patty Raih on her one-woman show at the Palette restaurant in Sycamore. We are pleased to have a new member, Linda Tillis, take her place for this rotation. Contact Carleine Straka 815-758-5268 if you have any problems with your location.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Membership dues will be going up this 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!

### **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.

The new DVD, CAPTURING THE SEASONS IN OIL, with Tim Diebler is in!

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**

**THOMAS BROADFOOT:** Congratulations Thomas on the excellent article written about you that appeared in the January 14th MidWeek! The article, written by Diane Strand, a reporter for MidWeek, was on the front page of the second section of the paper. It included a photo of the book cover that used Thomas' artwork along with a series of questions from the reporter and Thomas' answers.

**FROM ERIN NOLAN:** Erin has just been interviewed for an online group called Printsy. The interview should go to live in February/March. Printsy is an international collaborative of printmakers on Etsy.com. Check out their homepage at [www.Printsy.blogspot.com](http://www.Printsy.blogspot.com).

In her Etsy shop she made two sales this month! Etsy sells all things handmade - some fine art, some craft. One sale was a silver Byzantine chain with charm and the other was the artist's proof of her latest print entitled "Raccoons Dancing on My Roof."

Erin finished a commission piece. It was for an 8x10 pen and ink of a home. Also, she's been asked to woodburn celtic patterns into a flat, non-spindled spinning wheel. This one will be interesting.

Lastly, she is in the process of completing 100 prints for the Artists in Cellophane and the Art-O-Mat. The Art-O-Mat uses refurbished cigarette machines to dispense small, original works of art. The machines are distributed throughout the United States. If you want to learn more about the Art-O-Mat, go online to [www.artomat.org](http://www.artomat.org).

**FROM MARIAN SWENSON:** Three of her paintings have been accepted for the Transformations exhibit at the Norris Cultural Arts Center in St. Charles. The exhibit will be from January 17th to February 28th, 2009.

**FROM TAMARA SHRIVER:** One of her watercolors was accepted into the Illinois Watercolor Society Show at The Next Picture Show in Dixon. (Listed in Upcoming Shows/Competitions)

**FROM CARLEINE STRAKA:** Carleine was thrilled to have sold a watercolor at the American Family Doctor's office in Geneva.

**FROM ROBYN WELLS:** Robyn was accepted to a curated website called Poppytalkhandmade.com. It is a virtual handmade market which links to online shops, hers being [robayre.etsy.com](http://robayre.etsy.com). Her virtual table will be up for the rest of this month until valentine's day next month and features Robyn's artworks as well as crafts.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

DARING COLOR by Anne Abgott

Mix and mingle watercolor on your paper.

Includes four pages of color charts to help you select the right pigment for your artwork and many demos to help you loosen up and explore exciting paint possibilities and mingling techniques. The color charts show the difference between pigments that are transparent or opaque, staining or non staining and granular or non granular. Excellent book for all levels of watercolor painting. (Submitted by T. Shriver)

COLORED PENCIL EXPLORATIONS by Janie Gildow

How to mix media for creative results.

The author explores many ways to use colored pencil with other media: ink, watercolor, acrylics, pastels, solvents and more. She also covers creative techniques and surfaces. The book has many excellent illustrations, is easy to follow, and most of all: it makes you eager to try out the methods! (Submitted by P. Bradford)

### **Welcome New Members!**

Please add to your Directory

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Watercolor, Pastel, Linoleum Cut

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Watercolor, Collage, Fiber Arts, Photography, Metal Work,  
Ceramics, Book Arts, Mailart, Acrylic, Drawing

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[zobiesartworks@verizon.net](mailto:zobiesartworks@verizon.net)  
Watercolor & Art of all Kinds

### **UPCOMING SHOWS/COMPETITIONS**

**TRANSFORMATION** ( Art involving recycled materials and/or eco friendly themes, any medium )  
Jan. 17 - Feb. 28, 2009  
Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL  
[www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)  
630-584-7200 ext.18

**PASTELS CHICAGO 2009** Feb. 5 - Mar. 27, 2009  
2nd Biennial National Juried Exhibition  
Koehnline Museum of Art, Des Plaines, IL  
[www.chicagopastelpainters.org](http://www.chicagopastelpainters.org)

**ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 25th ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION** Jan.16 - Feb.24, 2009

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

[www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org](http://www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org)

**NATIONAL ART PREMIER** ( All Media ) Feb. 14 - Mar. 18, 2009

Elmhurst Artists Guild Gallery in the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL

[www.elmhurstartistsguild.org](http://www.elmhurstartistsguild.org)

**TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

**33rd ANNUAL NATIONAL EXHIBIT** May 17 -July 26, 2009

[www.info@watercolors.org](mailto:www.info@watercolors.org)

**REGIONAL ART SURVEY 5** ( All Media ) Mar. 6 - Apr. 14, 2009

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

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( Entries: one large or 2 small pieces per artist )

**THE ART ATTACK GALLERY** Ongoing

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

**WATERCOLOR '09** March 7 - May 2, 2009

Traditional and contemporary water based media on different surfaces

Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL [www.norrisculturalartscenter.com](http://www.norrisculturalartscenter.com)

630-584-7200 ext.18

**16th ANNUAL NORTH LIGHT COVER COMPETITION** Entry Deadline Jan. 31, 2009

All Media - Must be a member

[www.artistsnetwork.com/cover](http://www.artistsnetwork.com/cover)

**38th ANNUAL NORTHERN IL ART SHOW** June 6 -7, 2009

Sycamore Courthouse Lawn Deadline Mar. 31, 2009

**THE XX CHROMOSOME: Women's Exhibit** May 1 - June 6, 2009

**2D / 3D Including Photography** Entry deadline Mar. 17, 2009

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** June 5 -July 7, 2009

**2D Including Photography** Entry deadline April 21, 2009

( Pays Homage To Midwestern Waterways )

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

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**ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL**

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