

# KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ART LEAGUE

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## March 2009 Newsletter

### MARCH MEETING

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

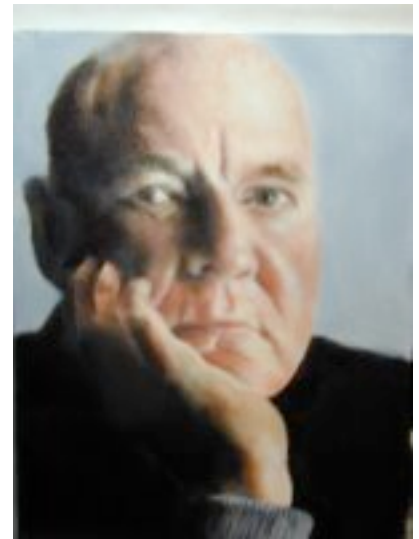
**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, March. 5, 2009 at the same location  
Refreshments will be provided this month by Marian Swenson and Jerry Halloran.

### MARCH DEMONSTRATOR

Our demonstrator for the March KVAL meeting is Paula Zoern, an oil painter who now paints mostly portraits, and does them mostly on commission. She painted a portrait of a pet of a co-worker, and so now also does dog portraits. Paula says her first love is art, but while her children were young, she started a sewing business and so did lots of fiber art. She got back to art about 6 or 7 years ago. She had always worked in pastels, but decided to try her hand at painting. She tried watercolors, went back to pastels, and then a class at a local art store introduced her to tonal painting in oils. In the past she had always drawn at least part of her subject. Now she produces oil painting with no drawing at all. With this technique, one just paints.



Members may remember her being referred to at our last meeting as Paula White, but after a divorce, she is using her maiden name. She has been doing art shows for two years, earning awards for excellence at the Mt. Prospect show. Paula still works full time as a library assistant in the Mt. Prospect Public Library, so her painting time is limited. Because she works slowly, much of her demo will be a power point presentation showing the carefully documented steps she has gone through working on her current portrait. Examples of her work and her working method can be seen on her website at [www.pzoern.com](http://www.pzoern.com). Join us for what should be an interesting presentation. Shown here are two examples of Paula's portraits.



### CLUB NEWS & NOTES

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

The exhibit of KVAL artists work will be hanging at The Next Picture Show downstairs gallery from March 6th through April 14th.

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: 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 KVAL exhibit is now at the Egyptian. The date for the reception is Sunday March 8th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Gallery staffing is needed for 4 more events. They are: The Wizard of Oz, Sat. March 7th at 7:00 pm, Cinderella Ballet (Beth Fowler School of Dance) Sat. March 14th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, also DeKalb County Candidates Night, Wed. March 18th at 7:00 pm. (Please be at the theatre at least 1/2 hour before performance.

We will take the artwork down on Sat. March 28th at 9:00 am.

### **TRAVELING EXHIBIT**

Reminder for the traveling exhibitors: 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.

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 following DVD's have been purchased and will be available soon:

Colored Pencil Landscapes by Kristy Kutch

Painting With Pastels by Aubrey Phillips

Figures in Pastels by Tom Coates

Telling Stories With Collage and Paint by Ann Baldwin

### **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**PATTY RAIH:** It is official that the months of March and April my oil paintings will be displayed in the main dining room at the Palette in Sycamore. I will be their feature new artist and my bio will be on display too. It is a very exciting exhibit for me and nerve racking too. I celebrated exactly two years of painting this month and it continues to be a joyful experience.

**SHERRY PATTERSON:** I just went on another Get-On -the-Bus trip offered by the NIU Art Museum. I belong to the Friends of the museum. Trips are offered to anyone that wants to go usually. There are prices for the friends, students, and non-members or community residents. You do not have to have NIU affiliation to participate.

In preparation for the trip there was a lecture by Prof. Jeff Kowalski prior to the trip on Thursday. The group then went to the Chicago Field Museum on Saturday to see the Aztec World exhibit. It is a well done presentation of the Aztec culture and will be there for an extended time this spring. The items on display are from the museums collection and borrowed from the Smithsonian and many items from Mexican museum sources. It is the first time many of these articles are being displayed outside of Mexico. This is not a traveling show. It is a one time only at the Field Museum.

You can go to the NIU Art Museum site to learn more about these trips and other exciting exhibits for the public.

<http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/>

**BARB GRANT & PAM BRADFORD:** On Saturday, February 28, they will be participating in Art 4 Arts Sake – An Affair for The Next Picture Show. This is a fun, casual evening that also supports The Next Picture Show, a non profit Fine Arts Community Center. Ken Nelson Auto Plaza, 1000 North Galena, Dixon, will convert their show room into an artist studio. They will join 46 other artists who will begin painting early in the afternoon. When the doors open to the public at 6:00 pm you will be able to stroll among the artists and watch them as they put the finishing touches on their paintings. All the paintings are auctioned off at the end of the evening with 100% of the proceeds going to The Next Picture Show.

The \$35 purchase price includes the excitement of watching 40 different artists with 40 different styles complete their painting, music performed by Jeff Kagay, hors d'oeuvres provided by some of Dixon's finest caterers, and a selection of fine beverages. It's just a very enjoyable, relaxed evening and they hope you'll come and take advantage of the opportunity to watch them work on their art. You can purchase tickets in advance by calling The Next Picture Show at 815/285-4924 or going to the website [www.thenextpictureshow.org](http://www.thenextpictureshow.org). You can also purchase them at the door.

**Barb Grant** also is pleased to have had artwork accepted to the Regional Art Survey 5 Show at the Next Picture Show in Dixon.

**MARION SWENSON:** Reports that she has work was accepted and is on display at the Watercolor Exhibit at the Norris Gallery.

**TAMARA SHRIVER:** She has work that has been accepted and on display at both the Norris Gallery and at the Regional Art Survey 5 at the Next Picture Show.

**LINDA BYRUM** has sold a painting that had been in the KVAL traveling exhibit. Congratulations!

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

WATERCOLOR FIX-IT BOOK by Tony Van Hasselt & Judi Wagner

This book includes demos on how to fix and improve your watercolors. The authors explain the eight building blocks of picture making and gives demos on how to use them. They also share how they analyze, make corrections, and improvements to existing work and how to avoid potential problems on future paintings. Some very good suggestions, one of which I have already put to use. (submitted by Tamara Shriver.)

### **UPCOMING SHOWS/COMPETITIONS**

**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)

**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)

**KVAL MEMBERS SHOW** Mar. 6 - Apr. 14, 2009

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**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

**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

**2009 ART FAIR DIRECTORY, ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL**  
[www.state.il.us/agency/iac](http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac)  
or email to: [iac.info@illinois.gov](mailto:iac.info@illinois.gov)

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**LEARNING & PRODUCT EXPO 2009** July 10-12, 2009  
Hickory Ridge Marriott, Lisle, IL Registration begins May 1  
( Art supplies at discounts, workshops, demos, juried art show )  
[www.LearningProductExpo.com](http://www.LearningProductExpo.com)

**FARM & BARN 5** July 31 - Sept. 8, 2009  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Entry Deadline June 23  
[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

**LINCOLN BI-CENTENNIAL SHOW** Sept. 11 -29, 2009  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Entry Deadline July 28  
[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

**PINK PALETTE** Oct. 10 - Nov 3, 2009, Entry Deadline Aug 18  
Painting only show - fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness  
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP:** A 4 day workshop with Jan Boelte to be held the first week in May in Freeport.  
Garden views and landscapes will be covered. If interested, contact Nina Stachewicz at 815-443-2530, for more details.