



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.

October 2009 Newsletter

OCTOBER MEETING

Board meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

General meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at the same location

Refreshments will be provided this month by Denise Funfsinn & Thomas Broadfoot, & Erin Nolan

Upcoming Demonstrators: November: Pete Olson, drawing

OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR

Our October demonstrator is a full-time practitioner of her art--basket weaving. Linda Hinkleman has her own business "Basket Beginnings" in Conover Square in Oregon, IL. Linda has 20 years of experience in basket weaving and has had her own business/store for the last four. A member of the Land of Lincoln Basket Weavers Association, Linda makes baskets for the store where she also sells basket weaving materials and supplies.

She also teaches classes in basket weaving, and often gives programs at churches and senior centers, just because she enjoys it. More examples of Linda's work can be seen on her web site: www.basketbeginning.com, and baskets can be ordered from her on the web as well. She offers a "basket of the month"--12 different themed baskets, one for each month of the year, some of which are signed and numbered limited editions. Join us for a different type of art experience on October 1.



CLUB NOTES

If your address, phone or email has changed, please contact Barb Grant (grayspet@yahoo.com).
You don't want to miss anything!

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) so she can add it to the list.

Erin Nolan spoke with Liz Hoppenworth, Director of Resident Services at the DeKalb Area Retirement Center (Oak Crest). KVAL members are taking advantage of the Visiting Artist Series! Thank you to everyone who is taking advantage of this opportunity! She is still accepting artists for demonstrations. If interested, please contact her directly at: P(815)756-8461, F(815)756-6515 lhoppenworth@oakcrestdekalb.org

Also she invites our members to the Oak Fest Saturday, October 10th from 9am - 3pm. There are craft booths available and she is wondering if our members would like to sign-up! Please contact her for a registration form. This is a great opportunity!

Notes from Sherry Lee Patterson (Friend of the NIU Art Museum): Check the NIU Art Museum page for the fall schedule of events at <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/>. The museum is doing the Get-on-the Bus trips for students, Friends of the Museum and the public. All can attend at a nominal fee. Also the Altgeld Museum is open to the public free of charge with special parking on Sat. and Sun. The current exhibits are of interest and will be up for the fall semester.

EXHIBITS

The dates of the **Egyptian Theatre exhibit** are November 14th to December 19th. Artwork should be hung by 10:00 am Saturday November 14th. It will be taken down 9:00 am Saturday, December 19th. Reception date yet to be decided.

BORDERS: We have been invited back for a group show for the month of October. Set-up will be on Saturday, October 17 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and take down Saturday November 14, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested who hasn't signed up already needs to contact Joanne.

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. 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 NEWS

If you have not renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter you receive. Please renew your membership by the October meeting, so that your information will be in the directory. The directories will be available at the November meeting.

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 you are a returning member you probably noticed that the membership dues went up to Single membership is \$20 and a Family membership is \$25. For the record a single membership is just one individual and a family membership is everybody in the family; such as spouse and all minor children living at home. High school students are free whether or not a parent is in the art league. Full time College students are free their first year as a member.

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

Erin Nolan reports: I have two commission pieces that I am working on: one is a print for a woman in Woodridge and the other is an acrylic painting on stretched canvas for the United Church of Christ in Shabbona, IL. I'll be entering the Norris Cultural Center's Vicinity Show - so wish me luck! New items have been added to my shop at <http://pejnolan.etsy.com> - take a peek if you have time! I also want to invite everyone to my relief print show entitled "Walk With Me" which will begin Monday, Sept. 21 and run through Oct. 10 at Bliss Beads, 161 E. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL

60115. (info@blissbeadstudio.com) Artist reception to be held Thursday, Sept., 24 from 6 to 8 in the evening. Hope to see you there!

Also, Erin designed the beautiful cover for the 2009 Corn Fest in DeKalb.

Sherry Lee Patterson: Sept. 11th the Get-On-The-Bus trip attended " First Friday," Chicago's big fall gallery openings. The first stop was the Museum of Contemporary Art <http://www.mcachicago.org/exhibitions/> to view Take your time: Olafur Eliasson which closed Sept. 13th, You can view a bit about it online. After the MCA we went to the River North Galleries. We took a side trip to the opening reception at Intuit: Gallery for Intuitive and Outsider Art <http://www.art.org/index.html> . There are three items of interest there. "Freaks and Flash" (tattoo art), "The Picture Tells the Story: The Drawings of Joseph E. Yoakum" both on exhibit until January 9, 2010 and Henry Darger Room Collection part of their permanent collection The West Loop Galleries were our final destination of the evening. I really had a nice time. Most of the work is not what I do, but it is cool to go and see what is going on. We had very pleasant weather for the outing so that made it even better.

Pam Bradford reports that her last two art shows were a success: Grand Detour, IL and Rockford Artists, IL. Managed to sell a total of eight paintings and get soaked during the rain in the last hour and take down at the Rockford Artists show.

UPCOMING SHOWS/COMPETITIONS

THE RICHESON SCHOOL & GALLERY

The Richeson 75: Landscape/Seascape & Architectural Art Competition Oct. 16, - Dec. 31, 2009
www.richeson75.com 920-738-0744

LINCOLN BI-CENTENNIAL SHOW

2D show, no photography Sept. 11 - Oct.6, 2009
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL www.TheNextPictureShow.org

BORDERS BOOK STORE October 17 - Nov. 14, 2009
KVAL Members only, see EXHIBITS for more details.

VICINITY '09 Oct. 3 - Nov.14, 2009 All Media
Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL 630-584-7200, Ext. 14, www.norrisculturalarts.com

UTRECHT ART SUPPLIES 60th ANNIVERSARY ART COMPETITION Oct. 16 - Dec. 31, 2009
Place: Online utrecht.com Deadline Oct. 1, 2009 800-223-9132

SHADES OF GREY 5 Nov. 6 - Dec 1, 2009
Black & White Photography
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL www.TheNextPictureShow.org

HOLIDAY SHOW Dec. 4 - Jan.5, 2010
All Media Entry Deadline Oct. 20
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

WHIMSY Jan. 16 - Feb. 27, 2010
A fanciful device, object or creation. Any medium. Deadline Nov. 16
Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL www.norrisculturalarts.com

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

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