



September 2008 Newsletter

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Board meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

General meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008 at the same location

Refreshments will be provided this month by Ken Ehrhart and Linda Byrum

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We need a chairman (Men/woman/women) for the June show. This is a very important money raiser for the Art League and we need someone who will take over this important role.

Dues are due. Please see Barb Grant to renew your membership.

We need a corresponding secretary. I have the materials, but I am not doing a very good job(!) A letter should have gone out to Jordan Galegar, thanking him for displaying our sign for the June show. Also, we should have sent out a letter of intent to the demonstrator for September by now (8/18/08) but we have not. I cannot do two jobs in the club, I can barely do the Presidents job. With my -paying- job and my personal life, I simply cannot be the corresponding secretary as well as be the President.

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KVAL MISSION STATEMENT

The board has been working on a mission statement for KVAL. It would be nice to have one to define the direction and purpose of the club and to include in the Directory and any news releases or other correspondence. Tammy Shriver will be forming a committee to discuss/or propose a statement. Contact her if you would like to help.

Website: www.kval.us

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It is time to renew your membership for the 2008-09 year. If you have already done so, thank you. To have your name in our directory, we would like your membership paid by the October general meeting.

Being a paid member entitles you to participate in the traveling exhibit and to hang your artwork in the static exhibits, as well as a discount in the June Show. Our static locations are the De Kalb Clinic, the Sycamore Library and the Sycamore Golf Club during the summer. With this in mind, the board has decided to enact a cutoff date for renewing your membership to receive these benefits. To participate in the traveling and static exhibits and to get the discount for the art show, we have selected the cutoff date to be the December general meeting. This does not mean you will not get to participate in exhibits after that date, it just secures your spot on the traveling and static exhibits. This policy was enacted to give renewing members the benefit of all exhibits and shows.

INFORMATION ABOUT WORKSHOPS

A Colored Pencil workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. Diana Garret will present this workshop; she works for Sanford and promotes Prismacolor. The workshop will only be a 3-hour workshop with limit of 16 people. All supplies will be provided, so this will be a good time to try out colored pencils without having to spend any money to give it a try. There will be more information later with cost and morning start time.

BOOK REVIEWS

SPLASH 10 - PASSIONATE BRUSHSTROKES

The Best of Watercolor

Explores PASSION through the work and words of 100 top contemporary painters. With each modern-day masterpiece, insightful, firsthand commentary taps into the psyche of the artists to explore where their passion comes from and where it leads them.

Add Pencil Drawing review

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)

NEW TO THE KVAL DVD LIBRARY

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.*

Four new videos have been added recently including the following:

WATERCOLOR IN MOTION

By Birgit O'Connor - Book plus DVD

SIMPLIFIED WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES

By Tom Jones - DVD

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

As our new year is starting in September we want to encourage new and old members to consider being part of our traveling or special exhibit artists. We currently have 13 artists exhibiting at business locations in DeKalb, Sycamore, Genoa and Geneva. We are happy to have recently added Arcadia Discount Book Store in DeKalb and NIU Speech and Hearing Clinic in the former Monsanto Bldg at Bethany and Sycamore Rd. A traveling exhibiter commits to having 5 or 6 pieces of framed art ready for hanging. You will be provided with a schedule and are responsible for moving your work every three months. . (Sept., Dec, March, and June.) If you are only interested in special exhibits, we have the Egyptian Theatre in Nov/Dec and Feb/Mar. and on-going shows at the Sycamore Library, DeKalb Clinic, and Sycamore Park Dist Golf Course (April thru Oct.) We are always looking for new venues for our members to express their creativity and share their artistic statement with the community. We can answer your questions at the Sept. 4th meeting or feel free to contact Carleine Straka, 815-758-5268 or Joanne Toczykowski, 815-756-2724 for more information or with new location possibilities or new ideas.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Denise Funfsinn won third place with one of her pieces at the I AM WOMAN show at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, IL. She and **Thomas Broadfoot** have artwork that has been juried in to the "Farms and Barns 3" Show at the Next Picture Show that will be on exhibit Friday, September 19 through Tuesday October 21st. Reception will be Friday, September 19, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Erin Nolan took part in the Huskies on Parade by painting two Huskies sponsored by the Foster & Buick Law Group

Tamara Shriver donated a watercolor painting to a silent auction fund raiser for the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra

If you have sold some art or would like to share news with the club members please contact: Pam Bradford (815)522-6261 or email at murphybfd@aol.com

UPCOMING SHOWS/COMPETITIONS

VICINITY 2008 (All Media) Oct. 4 - Nov. 15, 2008
Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL Entry Deadline Sept. 26, 2008
www.norrisculturalarts.com
630-584-7200 ext.18

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
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ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
25th ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION Jan.16 - Feb.24, 2009
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Entry Deadline Nov. 1, 2008
www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org

I AM WOMAN Aug. 15 - Sept. 16, 2008

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

FARM & BARNS 3 Sept. 19 - Oct. 21, 2008

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

815-285-4924

National Art Premier (All Media) Feb. 14 - Mar. 18, 2009

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

Entry Deadline Oct. 31, 2008

www.elmhurstartistsguild.org

COLOR SHOTS 3 - (Photography) Oct. 24 - Dec. 2, 2008

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

Entry Deadline Sept. 16, 2008

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

RHYTHM & BLUES (Musical theme, New Orleans, Dec. 5 - Jan. 13, 2009

all media) Entry Deadline Oct. 21, 2008

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY May 17 - July 26, 2009

OF AMERICA 33rd ANNUAL NATIONAL Entry Deadline Jan. 15, 2009

EXHIBIT

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