



# 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.*

## AUGUST 2010 Newsletter

### AUGUST MEETING

**Board meeting:** 6:30pm, Thursday, August 5, 2010, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, August 5, 2010 at the same location.

Refreshments will be provided this month by Linda and David Groat and Marian Swenson.

### AUGUST PROGRAM

Precious Metal Clay (PMC) artist, Michelle Erickson-Goettl, will be the guest demonstrator at this month's meeting of The Kishwaukee Valley Art League. Erickson-Goettl earned a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree in Ceramics from Minnesota State University, and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Ceramics from Northern Illinois University. She has been an Art Instructor at Kishwaukee College since 1998 and the Director of the Kishwaukee College Art Gallery since 2001. In addition, Erickson-Goettl began taking Precious Metal Clay classes with Senior PMC Instructor Hattie Sanderson in 2003, and in 2004 she became a Certified Artisan with the Precious Metal Clay Guild. Since that time, she has been developing, producing, and selling her own Precious Metal Clay jewelry, presenting PMC demonstrations, and teaching PMC jewelry classes both independently and through Kishwaukee College's Continuing Education Program.

Erickson-Goettl will be demonstrating techniques for creating earrings using Precious Metal Clay, also known as PMC. She will discuss the fundamentals of working with silver metal clay, and give a demonstration of techniques for creating and embellishing a pair of earrings, using a propane torch to fire, and finishing the silver clay jewelry.

Having invested herself in studying and working in Ceramics for the past eighteen years, Erickson-Goettl is always looking to expand her knowledge and understanding of new materials and techniques within the field, whether for application in the development of her own work or adaptation to the curriculum she teaches. She has also been enamored with jewelry and interested in learning to create her own designs for as long as she can remember. So when Erickson-Goettl began to hear about this new material that offered the working properties of clay, but once dried and fired became 99.9% fine silver she knew she had found the perfect opportunity to begin translating some of her ideas into metal clay jewelry. The similarity in the working properties of the materials, technical applications, and necessary tools and equipment made for a very easy, natural, and cost effective transition into making her own PMC jewelry.

Erickson-Goettl is a recipient of the 2005 Part-time Faculty Award of Excellence from the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees and a recipient of the 2003 University Fellowship from Northern Illinois University.



## CLUB NOTES

### **KVAL is having a contest!**

We are looking to our talented membership to come up with a logo for our NIAS (Northern Illinois Art Show). Next year will be our 40th Show! The logo should be fairly simple in design and be submitted by the October meeting. A hand drawn sketch is fine - it can be finished later. A \$50 gift certificate will be given to the winning artist.

**PROCEDURES MANUAL** - All board members need to send your "job descriptions" to Tammy Shriver for the Procedures Manual, if you haven't already done so.

### **MEMBERSHIP: *Time to renew!!!!***

Now that the league has switched to meetings all year, it has been decided that the membership dues for the year will still be June to May; with *new* members paying half price starting in January. If you are a renewing member it will be the normal membership amount. Please see the form at the end of this Newsletter. The September Newsletter will be the last one you receive if you don't renew by September.

**Upcoming Demonstrators:** September 2: MCR Framing, October 7: Al Stark - Asian Fiber Kites, November 4: Lori Tolliver - Traditional Beading Techniques, December 2: Denise Funfsin - Mixed Media, Encaustic Painting & Collage

## EXHIBITS

**Exhibits:** We have had a busy year and I want to say thanks to all the exhibiting artists who have stayed on schedule and made our presence as artists known in the DeKalb area. I was especially proud of our showing for the first time at the "Art At Ellwood" show. Everyone's work is getting better and better! Lots of positive feedback from the public. Thanks for making my job easier. I also want to welcome Chris Myroth as a new traveling exhibitor. She will take Cheryl Toth's place as Cheryl will be moving to KY. We will miss her. We welcome Al Stark who will hang at the DeKalb Clinic as a new member and first time exhibitor with us. I am getting the new traveling schedule ready and will have it to you soon. We will rotate the first week of September. Also, I am looking ahead to fall shows. Keep creating and keep cool! Carleine Straka 815-758-5268 Please call with any questions or concerns.

**ART EXPO** - Agreri Gallery in Sycamore. The Art Expo was held on July 17 & 18 at the newly renovated Regale Center on California Street, behind the MVP Sports Bar. The building is beautiful but in an obscure location so guests had a difficult time finding it. Snacks and drinks were served free of charge. A dozen exhibitors displayed their work. There was very little traffic on Saturday, however, Sunday had a steady flow of patrons all day. Pam Bradford and Tamara Shriver had side-by-side booths and shared a common table displaying the KVAL sign and brochures. Several people expressed an interest in coming to the KVAL meetings.

The gallery has great potential and, with more advertising and proper signs, will be a great place for future shows.

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE EXHIBIT:** Set up for the exhibit will be Nov. 6th and take down Dec. 18th. Date of a reception will be announced at a later date.

### **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.

## KVAL VIDEO LIBRARY

The Art League has art 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.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### SPLASH 2 - New Directions - The Best of Watercolor

The spirit of experimentation leads artists outside their comfort zones. Fifty-four artists share new painting techniques and ideas. You'll be pleased to see some works of local, familiar artists. *(submitted by Tamara Shriver)*

### COLOR HARMONIES - Paint Watercolors Filled With Light by Rose Edin & Dee Jepsen

The artists explore many ways to experiment and create different textures going beyond the tried-and-true techniques. They explain how to create dynamic compositions and use brilliant, spontaneous looking color. Excellent book for all levels of watercolor painting and great reference book for your library. *(submitted by Tamara Shriver)*

## MEMBER'S NEWS



**Sherry Patterson:** If you are looking for a summer jaunt, it is not too late to take advantage of the two tours I just went on. This outing was sponsored by NIU Art Museum which does art related programs and tours that are open to the public several times each semester. A great art resource to stimulate your artistic interests. For upcoming information check out the web <<http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/>>

The Chicago Architecture Foundation <[www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org)> has tours by boat, bus or walking. This time I did the walking tour "Historic Downtown (South Loop) Rise of the Skyscraper." in the morning and the river tour in the afternoon. It was great to look up and have someone explain what you were seeing on both venues. Summer tours go through October.

**Mirror building - example of contextualism at 333 West Wacker Dr. - my view from on the river.**

**Linda Mekshes:** Linda Mekshes will resume China Painting classes in Sept.

Information handouts will be available at the Aug. meeting or call 815-895-6805. There will also be a class offered through Kishwaukee College.

## UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

**THE RICHESON 75: Still Life & Floral** Jun 30 - Aug 23, 2010  
Kimberly, Wisconsin [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

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

**SMALL WATERS - Watercolor Exhibit** July 25 - Aug 27, 2010  
The Elmhurst Art Museum, Prospectus [www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org](http://www.illinoiswatercolorsociety.org)

**PINK PALETTE/WOMAN SHOW** Oct 1 - Nov 2, 2010  
Fund raiser for breast cancer. Public to vote for \$1 a vote. Includes Photography, Deadline Aug 31, 2010  
[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org) Dixon, IL

**THE RICHESON 75: Figure/Portrait** Sept 2 - Oct 25, 2010  
Kimberly, Wisconsin [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY Juried Show** Sept. 3 - Nov. 17, 2010  
Promotes local artists in Sauk Valley Deadline Aug. 2, 2010  
Sterling, IL 815-626-4278 [dweeks@woodlawnartsacademy.com](mailto:dweeks@woodlawnartsacademy.com)

**THE RICHESON 75: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural** Nov 10 - Jan 10, 2011  
-Kimberly, WI Deadline July 14, 2010, [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**SHADES OF GREY 6 - All Mediums**, Nov 5 - Jan 3, 2011, The Next Picture Show - Dixon, IL, Deadline Oct 5, 2010  
[www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

**LAKE COUNTY HERITAGE FARM FOUNDATION, The Farm: Images From the Heartland** Aug 21 - Nov 14, 2010  
art @lchff.org for a prospectus

**THE GRAPEVINE, A Quarterly Directory of Arts & Crafts Shows**, ( \$29 for 4 issues ), [www.grpvne.com](http://www.grpvne.com)!

**CRAFTER'S BLUE BOOK**, Lists Arts & Craft Fairs and Fine Arts Festivals in 14 states in the heartland  
1-888-206-6311 [www.craftersbluebook.net](http://www.craftersbluebook.net)

**WEB SITES**

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

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

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

**2010 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)

**WORKSHOPS In The Area**

**BLISS BEADS STUDIO & GALLERY**, Jewelry Making

DeKalb, IL, Contact Allison Johnson 815-517-0164 [www.blissbeadstudio.com](http://www.blissbeadstudio.com) for schedule

**THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW** Variety of Workshops Available, Check schedules at [www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

Dixon, IL

**DILLMAN'S CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION**

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