



# 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.*

## May 2010 Newsletter

### MAY MEETING

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

**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the same location.

Refreshments will be provided this month by Cherie Hauptman and Sherry Lee Patterson.

### MAY DEMONSTRATOR

Like a TV show that gets preempted or a ball game that is rained out, our January meeting demonstrator has been rescheduled for our May 6 meeting. Allison Johnson, whose January presentation was cancelled because of a snowstorm, will show her art at the May meeting instead. Johnson is the owner of Bliss Bead Studio and Gallery which opened in downtown DeKalb in January 2009. Through her shop, Johnson operates a bead school which offers classes in bead stringing and wire warping and soldering as well as a state of the art framework studio where classes, workshops and open torch time happen daily.



In her KVAL demonstration, Allison will explain the process that she uses to create her art. She plans to bring a portable torch to the meeting and demonstrate some basic glass bead making. She has a Masters degree in art from NIU, and as a graduate student taught at Wright Elementary School. She also taught in an after school program in Rockford before she decided to open her store. She has been making glass beads for ten years, and before that she worked in metal--silver and copper as well as enameled glass. Learn more at the Bliss Beads website on the internet and join us for an unusual and creative program!

## CLUB NOTES

### **From the President:**

May 22 and 23 are the days for the Art Show on the courthouse lawn. We will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for people who want to bring art to hang in the group booth and a sign up sheet for sitting with the booth. We need to have at least two people sign up for each 2 hour time period.

April 30th is the day for the reception at the Border's store, from 5 PM to 7 PM. We do not have to bring any food or beverages - Borders is going to provide that. Just come and enjoy - there will be a book signing at the same time.

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### **KVAL NEEDS A NEW TREASURER**

Wally Grant will not be continuing as treasurer as of the June meeting. The league needs someone to step up and take over. The checkbook is in the Quicken database so keeping it balanced is very easy. The job of the treasurer consists of: Maintaining the KVAL checkbook, writing checks for KVAL expenditures, depositing income in the checking account, preparing the monthly treasurer's report, running the monthly meeting raffle, tracking the KVAL certificates of deposit, filling-out and filing the annual State Non-Profit report, and attending KVAL board meetings

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

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.

**Upcoming Demonstrators:** June 3 - Salad Supper - Book & art supply swap, July 1 - Barb Bernstein - soft Pastels, August 5 - Michelle Erickson-Goettl - Precious Metal Clay, September 2 - MCR Framing, October 7 - Fae Lynch - Encaustic Wax Transfer, November 4 - Maureen McKee - Oil Pastels, December 2 - Denise Funfsin - Fused Collage or Encaustic Collage

### **ART SUPPLY & BOOK SALE / SWAP MEET**

June 3rd at the KVAL Salad Supper

Clean out your studios! Bring any unwanted art supplies, books, videos, etc., to the Salad Supper on June 3rd for a sale. A special table will be set up for these items. Be sure to put your name and a price on each item! Books and supplies that you no longer need may be of use to a fellow artist. Any questions? See Tammy Shriver

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](mailto:tamarashriver@comcast.net)) so she can add it to the list.

## EXHIBITS

### **TRAVELING EXHIBITS: ARTISTS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS!**

**MAY:** If you have not signed up to exhibit in our booth at the **NORTHERN ILLINOIS ART SHOW, MAY 22 & 23** please do so at the next meeting. There is a \$5 exhibit fee and each artist will be expected to pick up their work at the end of the day and return it the next morning. We will try to help if anyone needs special arrangements.

**SYCAMORE PARK DISTRICT, GOLF CLUBHOUSE.** 4 or 5 artists needed to exhibit from the end of May thru September. Please sign up at the May meeting or contact Carleine Straka, 815-758-5268 for more information.

**DEKALB CLINIC ROTATION:** 4 artists needed for June, July, August

Dermatology/Ophthalmology: 7 pieces

Allergy/Psych: 7 to 9 pieces

Cardiology: 6 pieces

Mammography: 4 pieces

This is a great opportunity for artists with large inventories or artists who do not want to commit to a yearly rotation.

**ART AT ELLWOOD HOUSE: JULY 4TH** 9a.m. to 4p.m. This is our first opportunity to exhibit at this juried show. It gets a lot of public exposure and we would like to make a good showing of what we do at KVAL. I need to know if you are interested in having your work at this exhibit. There will be a very minimal fee and drop off and pick up arrangements are still being worked out.

**BORDERS:** Pick up artwork 8 to 10 a.m. May 1st.

**I want to thank Joanne Toczylowski for all the time and effort she has put in as the co-chair for the traveling and group exhibits. She will not be continuing after this June but her efforts have been greatly appreciated. Please contact Carleine Straka if you would be willing to co-chair and help organize our future exhibits. 815-758-5268 or [doncarstraka@hotmail.com](mailto:doncarstraka@hotmail.com)**

**NEXT PICTURE SHOW:** The league will be exhibiting again this year in the lower gallery. We have limited space so you can either exhibit one piece larger than 18x24 or two smaller ones. The exhibit will be hung on Tuesday, May 4th at 9am. If you are unable to get your piece to the gallery in Dixon, please contact Barbara Grant at 815-762-9939. I need to know what the title is, dimensions and price of the artwork you are going to exhibit as soon as possible. I have to get the list of pieces to Bonnie at the gallery so she can make labels. Reception to be held May 8, 2:00- 7:00, in conjunction with Illinois Watercolor Society Show that will be upstairs.(Watercolor demo at 2:00) Exhibiting KVAL artists should attend.

#### **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 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.

#### **KVAL WEBSITE**

Just a reminder the new KVAL Website is up and functioning. It is broken into two distinct and separate environments a message center for communicating information and exchanging of ideas and an Online Gallery for those who wish to share their art to the world. Just a note, once you have registered on the forum you still will not be able to post any new topics or reply to any topic till your user id is removed from hold status by an administrator. This is to ensure no spam bots get through the cracks.

#### **MEMBER'S NEWS**

**Erin Nolan:** Three prints by Erin Nolan will be at the Venus Envy Show at the Bucktown Center for the Arts in Davenport, IA May 1-May 28, 2010. As a featured artist Erin's work was included in the press package offered to area media outlets and was included in a 30 second spot on WHBF CBS Channel 4. Venus Envy is a celebration of female creativity, empowering women through the arts of music, dance, theatre, visual arts, multi-media installations, written and spoken word.

Your Resource for Living magazine asked Nolan, along with her brother Al Stark, to be the featured artists for their Spring, 2010 issue which came out in March. Highlighted in the article was the harmonious union between using modern technologies to create, market and find community though hand created woodblock prints.

The 60" w x 41" h acrylic painting, Christ Praying Before the Cross, by Nolan was completed and installed at the United Church of Christ in Shabbona, IL in time for Easter week.

**Tamara Shriver:** Tamara Shriver has received Signature Status from The Illinois Watercolor Society and had a watercolor juried into the IWS show from May 7 - June 1 at The Next Picture Show in Dixon.

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS**

**WATERCOLOR '10** Mar. 6 - May 1, 2010

Water based media on different surfaces Norris Gallery, St. Charles, [www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)

**THE RICHESON 75: SMALL WORKS** Apr 2 -May 18, 2010

Jack Richeson School & Gallery Kimberly, Wisconsin, [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**BORDERS SHOW FOR KVAL MEMBERS** April 3 - May 1, 2010

Take down May 1st at 8:00 a.m.

**KVAL MEMBERS SHOW** May 7 - Jun 6, 2010, **THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW, DIXON, IL**

IWS reception May 8, 2-7:00 with watercolor demo

**THE RICHESON 75: Still Life & Floral** Jun 30 - Aug 23, 2010

Kimberly, Wisconsin [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SHOW** May 7 - Jun 1, 2010

The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL [www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org](http://www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org)

Reception May 8, 2-7:00. WC demo at 2:00

**TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA 34th National Exhibition** May 1 - July 25, 2010  
Kenosha, Wisconsin, [www.watercolors.org](http://www.watercolors.org)

**KVAL 39th ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW** May 22 & 23, 2010, Courthouse Lawn, Sycamore, IL

**TAKE ME TO THE RIVER** Jun 4 - July 6, 2010  
2 D No Photography Deadline May 4, 2010, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, [www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

**THE RICHESON 75: Figure/Portrait** Sept 2 - Oct 25, 2010  
Kimberly, Wisconsin Deadline May 30, 2010, [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

**TOM FRANCESCONI- WATERCOLOR** July 9 - July 27, 2010  
( One person show ), The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**BALTIC MILL FINE ARTS FAIR**, Aug. 21-22,2010, Deadline April 30, 2010  
Belvidere Park, Belvidere, IL, Prospectus and application: [boonecountyarts.com](http://boonecountyarts.com) or email [jerome@boonecountyarts.com](mailto:jerome@boonecountyarts.com), or 312593-4925

**FARM & BARNS 6** July 30 - Sept 7, 2010  
2D including photography Deadline June 29, 2010 The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

**ART AT ELLWOOD** July 4, 2010  
KVAL Members only, Sign up at next meeting

**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)

**SMALL WATERS - Watercolor Exhibit** July 25 - Aug 27, 2010  
The Elmhurst Art Museum Deadline May15, 2010 Prospectus [www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org](http://www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org)

**EVANSTON ART CENTER'S 20th EVANSTON & VICINITY BIENNIAL 2010** Deadline April 1,2010  
[www.evanstonartcenter.org](http://www.evanstonartcenter.org), Paula Danoff 847-475-5300 ex 206, [pdanoff@evanstonartcenter.org](mailto:pdanoff@evanstonartcenter.org)

**A WHOLE NEW MIND 2010 BRAINSTORM** May24 - Jun 24, 2010  
All 2D Work Deadline Apr 23, 2010  
Jeff Stevenson 773-398-5765, [www.govst.edu/brainstorm](http://www.govst.edu/brainstorm)

**AARP 2011 CALENDAR** Deadline June 4, 2010  
[www.aarp.org/foundation](http://www.aarp.org/foundation) 1-888-687-2277

**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

**WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP With Jan Boelte**  
Freeport, IL May 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2010, Contact: Nina Stachewicz 815-443-2530 or email: [paintwithnina@yahoo.com](mailto:paintwithnina@yahoo.com)

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

**DILLMAN'S CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION**  
715-588-3143 [ART@DILLMANS.COM](mailto:ART@DILLMANS.COM), [WWW.DILLMANS.COM](http://WWW.DILLMANS.COM)