



# 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.*

## SEPTEMBER 2010 Newsletter

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Board meeting:** 6:30pm, Thursday, September 2, 2010, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

**General meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday, September 2, 2010 at the same location. Refreshments will be provided this month by Cathy Schneider and Ken Ehrhart.

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

MCR Framing owner and framer Carolyn Canon, will be the guest demonstrator at this month's meeting of The Kishwaukee Valley Art League. Canon will be talking about ways to professionally frame original artwork. She will discuss proper treatment of different types of media, types of frames, conservation treatments, methods, and materials. Canon will also discuss the importance of presentation when showing and selling your artwork.

While Canon was a student at Northern Illinois University, she worked in the art supply area at the Holmes Student Center Bookstore. During her job, Canon learned to cut mats for students and enjoyed it so much that she pursued it as a full-time career. She eventually opened her own frame shop called MCR Framing which is located at 137 E. Lincoln Highway in DeKalb, Illinois.

Canon's frame shop was named one of the top 100 frame shops in the country for 2 years in a row. Search for MCR Framing on Facebook to get connected and see what is happening. Also, be sure to visit her shop for your future framing needs.



### CLUB NOTES

#### President's Letter:

September is here! It is part of an artist's psyche to continually learn and this "back to school" time brings this aspect to the forefront. In the same spirit, we are hosting MCR Framing during our September meeting who will educate us on proper framing techniques for a variety of media. It will be an excellent demonstration with practical, useful information.

It was great to see all the new faces at the summer meetings! Please continue to invite anyone you know that has an interest in art. Our group is here to promote art to all skill levels and interests. Invite them to join our growing group.

Our art league would not be possible without YOU! Thank you for being a member! If your membership has lapsed or you are not currently an active member, we invite you back to the group. There are many opportunities to be involved: from helping set up a show, to being part of the traveling exhibit, to organizing and assisting with administrative duties, or helping with the website. We are a volunteer organization, and we all work together in both small and large ways to get the job done. Just speak with one of the board members and let them know you are willing to help out! Thanks again!

Erin Nolan

### **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 during September.

**Upcoming Demonstrators:** October 7: Al Stark - Wood Block prints, November 4: Lori Tolliver - Traditional Beading Techniques, December 2: Denise Funfsin - Mixed Media, Encaustic Painting & Collage

***Congratulations to Chris Myroth! She was the lucky raffle winner at the August meeting - winning a lovely pair of PMC earrings made by our demonstrator, Michelle Erickson-Goettl.***

### **EXHIBITS**

**Traveling Rotation:** All art work should be moved the first week of September. I am one artist short for the December to May rotation. Please call for details.

**Borders Books**, Sycamore Rd, DeKalb: All artists are invited to exhibit 2 or 3 pieces of 2 dimensional art, properly framed and tagged on Saturday, September 11th. We will receive work between 8:30 and 10 a.m. Work should be picked up at 10 a.m. on October 9th. If anyone has problems making these times, let me know. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, September 24th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Participating artists should plan to attend at least part of that time to be available to meet the public.

**DeKalb Clinic**, 1850 Gateway, DK: Old work should be picked up and new art hung on Saturday Aug. 28 at 12 noon. Artists participating this quarter are Eileen Botic, Larry Bond, Tamara Shiver and Al Stark. Every quarter we feature different artists and this is NOT part of our regular rotation. Please let me know when you would like to exhibit at this location. I need (4) artists for Dec-Feb and (4) for March to May. It's a great way to gain recognition without committing to a yearly schedule. Contact; Carleine Straka 815-758-5268 or [doncarstraka@hotmail.com](mailto:doncarstraka@hotmail.com)

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE EXHIBIT:** Set up for the exhibit will be Nov. 6th at 9:00am and take down Dec. 18th at 9:00am. 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.

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Denise Funfsinn** invites you to attend the exhibit: "Encaustic : Hot Art", at The Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL. The show runs from September 3 through October 1, with the Opening Reception on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

"Encaustic: Hot Art" is an exhibit of work by Denise and 24 other FusedChicago members showcasing work created in encaustic. Encaustic artwork is created by painting with a medium of melted beeswax, tree resin, and pigment. Denise is secretary and a Board member of FusedChicago, a professional group for artists who use encaustic. For more information, please visit The Art Center's web site: <http://www.theartcenterhp.org/exhibits.asp>

**Erin Nolan & Al Stark:** Erin Nolan has been accepted into Plum Bottom Gallery in Egg Harbor, Door County, Wisconsin. ([www.plumbottompottery.com](http://www.plumbottompottery.com)). She will be one of four artists represented by the gallery owned by Chad Luberger and will be the only 2D artist.

Black Oak Presents magazine ([www.blackoakmedia.org/blackoakpresents/](http://www.blackoakmedia.org/blackoakpresents/)) is packed full of opinions, artistry, and writing from America's heartland. It showcases independent art and culture of middle America. Two woodblock prints by Erin Nolan will be featured in its September, 2010 issue.

The Art of the Land art show and sale at the Starline Gallery in Harvard, Illinois will benefit The Land Conservancy of McHenry County. Erin Nolan will show her woodblock prints and Al Stark will have kites as well as woodblock prints at the benefit. The event begins Thursday, September 23 through Saturday, September 25th. Activities include an artist's reception, an evening of folk music, poetry and storytelling; and a silent auction with wine and hors d' oeuvres. For more information, please visit <http://www.conservemc.org/2010AOTL.htm>

**Tammy Shriver** has artwork on the art website [dekalbgallery.com](http://dekalbgallery.com)

**Carleine Straka** will be featured at a solo show titled "From Taos to Tuscany, a creative journey" at Bliss Beads Studio and Gallery, DeKalb from September 13 to October 2nd. You are invited to an artists' reception Friday, Sept 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. Carleine will be exhibiting watercolors, soft and oil pastels. Hope to see you!

**Pam Bradford** had a pastel painting juried into the "Through These Doors" 9th Annual Show put on by Zion Development of Rockford. It will be auctioned off Oct. 16th.

## UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

**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, Sterling, IL 815-626-4278

[dweeks@woodlawnartsacademy.com](mailto:dweeks@woodlawnartsacademy.com)

**BORDER'S ART EXHIBIT - KVAL Members** Sept. 11 - Oct 9, 2010

Set up on Sat., Sept 11, 8:30AM. Take down on Oct 9, 10:00AM. Artists' Reception: Sept. 24, 6-8:00PM.

Artists can bring 2-3 pieces - Carleine Straka handling

**THE RICHESON 75: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural** Nov 10 - Jan 10, 2011

Kimberly, WI [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

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE EXHIBIT - KVAL Members** Nov 6 - Dec 18, 2010

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See Linda Groat for details

**THE GRAPEVINE, A Quarterly Directory of Arts & Crafts Shows**

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**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**

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**WORKSHOPS In The Area**

**BLISS BEADS STUDIO & GALLERY**

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