



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.

APRIL 2011 Newsletter

APRIL MEETING

Board meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

General meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the same location.

Refreshments will be provided this month by Chris Myroth and Cliff Golden.

APRIL PROGRAM

Collage artist, Laura Lein-Svencner, will be the guest demonstrator at the next monthly meeting of The Kishwaukee Valley Art League. Laura will be demonstrating the process of creating your own collage papers, assembling a collage with the tack iron and how to include clean clear image transfers.

Primarily a self taught artist with some college level education, Laura has been working in the medium of hand paper making and collage for over 16 years. For the last 10 years, Laura has put her focus into the fine art of collage and formed the Midwest Collage Society to educate the public on the aspects of collage as a fine art. Laura teaches and shares her techniques through classes and workshops.

Composition, color and the ability to create depth, makes Laura's collage artwork style unique.

Laura Lein-Svencner has won many awards for her mixed media collages in gallery exhibits and art fairs, both nationally and internationally. Her work has been published in the Art Calendar, now called the Professional Artist magazine, Watercolor Artist magazine, National Geographic Educational Publishing, Creating Collage in all Dimensions, National Collage Society and recently Flavors for Mixed Media. Her website is www.lauraleinsvencner.com and her blog is www.lonecrowart.blogspot.com



CLUB NOTES

Letter from the President:

The Northern Illinois Art Show (NIAS) is coming up fast! We need you! Please volunteer for one or both days. We will need people to layout the booth spaces, help with artist registration, assist our artists when setting up, man the KVAL booth, run errands for our artists, and clean-up. There will be emails going out with specific dates, times and locations detailing how, where and when to help as the show nears. Please help make the 40th Anniversary NIAS the best one yet! Let's work together to make this happen!

Last month we learned more about oil sticks from Susan Wilson. If any of you are interested in having a workshop in order to learn more about this medium, please email me at: president@kval.us. If there are a number of people who are interested, then I will set this up!

I'm loving the warmer weather and would also like to set up a plein air session for our members. This would not be a demonstration, but a hands-on activity for our members to enjoy together in the media of their choice. If you are interested in this type of activity, again, just let me know by emailing me at president@kval.us.

There is a life drawing session at NIU's art building for anyone interested. Bring your own paper and your choice of drawing medium. Most people choose charcoal, graphite, ink, conte crayons or pastels to work with. The group meets Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. on the fourth floor of the art building room 407 or 410 (it varies). The model is paid \$30 and the cost is divided among the artists.

Thank you for your continued support of your art league!
Erin Nolan, President

Applications are available for KVAL's Northern Illinois Art Show and a limited number of booths are available. So be sure to get your application in.

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATORS

May: Barbara Lipkin - oil painting, June: salad supper, July: Mike Montavon- metalwork & jewelry, August: Glory Fraulein Wolfe - landscape painting, September: Phil Cuthbert - polymer clay figure artist, October: Vicki Crone - wall murals

KVAL 'ON-LINE'

The Member Gallery section of the KVAL website needs member info and photos. Please provide your name and title of each piece for no more than 10 pieces. Optional info you can provide is: contact info, prices, artist statement, artist bio, links, or artwork stories. Please email info and photos to publicity@kval.us or give a CD to David Wennemar at the next KVAL meeting.

KVAL is on Facebook, so please click the like button if you have a Facebook account to connect with KVAL. If you do not have a Facebook account, check it out anyway by clicking the Facebook icon on the KVAL website!

EXHIBITS

SMALL WORKS PICK-UP

The Small Works show at the DeKalb Public Library is a hit! Just a reminder that the artwork will be removed from the display window on Thursday, March 31st at 5:15 p.m. If you can be there to pick up your artwork, that is great. If not, then I will carefully remove and package your artwork in a protective wrap and get it back to you during our April KVAL meeting. Tamara Shriver will have it for you to pick up at that time since I will be unable to attend this meeting.

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW EXHIBIT

The art exhibit at The Next Picture Show will be from May 6th to June 4th. We have a limited amount of space, so each exhibitor is limited to either 1 large piece over 18x24 or 2 pieces smaller than that. Each piece of art must have wire hangers on it. If you wish to exhibit in the gallery, please let Barbara Grant know at 815-762-9939 or sign up at the April general meeting.

TRAVELING EXHIBITS: Thanks to Eileen Bosis for her help with the traveling exhibits and DeKalb Clinic, which moved early March and all of you who filled in in my absence. If you are new to the league or are ready to exhibit more please contact me! We always have room for new work and it is a great way to validate your need to create. As you probably know, Borders in DeKalb is closing so there will be no spring show. It was a great venue for KVAL and we will miss them. I am always on the lookout for new locations to present your work and I am always open to suggestions. Hope you are creating some new things for the Northern Illinois Art Show sponsored by KVAL in downtown Sycamore, May 21 & 22. I will be collecting all the art work at my house, 141 Greenwood Acre Dr, DK prior to the show.

Details in the next newsletter. Mark your calendar for July 3rd for our next group show at the Ellwood House. I will be home by April 24th and hope to see you all at the May 5th meeting. You can always reach me at doncarstraka@hotmail.com or 815-758-5268 CIAO from the "heart of art" in Naples,....FL Carleine Straka

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

LOOKING FOR NEW DVD's FOR KVAL: We are adding to the KVAL library in 2011. Don't forget to give Ken Ehrhart your recommendations for new DVD's at the meeting. Here are some sources to help you: www.CCPVideos.com, www.NorthLightShop.com, www.cheapjoes.com, www.artist-videos.com

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

The Kishwaukee Valley Art League is very sad to learn of the passing of one of it's pioneer members: Bev Plant. Also, Charles Fierz, a past member, recently died. Our sincerest condolences to the members of both families.

Erin Nolan: I will be giving a demonstration of Japanese woodblock printmaking techniques for NIU's Asian American Studies at the Newman Center, Christ the Teacher Parish at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th during their Asian Foods Evening.

Tammy Shriver Tamara Shriver has three paintings in WATERCOLOR '11 at the Norris Gallery in St. Charles, March 12 - April 30. Reception is Sunday April 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. She will also be exhibiting in DEKALB GALLERY.COM at Bliss Beads

Pam Bradford will be participating in "Unforgettable Art" on April 9, in Rockford, IL. It is a benefit for the Alzheimers Association, where several artists paint during the day and have their work auctioned off to the public the same evening.

Greetings to new members: Mary Wilson, Dr. Shu Sheng Phung, and Richard Born. All are residents of DeKalb.

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW - KVAL Members May 6 - Jun 4, 2011
Dixon, IL See Barb Grant for details. www.TheNextPictureShow.org

REAGAN & HIS RANCH International Show May 6 - Jun 4, 2011
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

REGIONAL SURVEY OF ART 7 - All Media Mar 4 - Apr 9, 2011
The Next Picture Show - Dixon, IL www.TheNextPictureShow.org
Reception March 4, 6:00PM

WATERCOLOR '11 - Norris Gallery, St. Charles March 12 - May 7, 2011
Water based media on different surfaces, Reception Sun. April 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM www.norrisculturalarts.com
630-584-7200 Ext. 14

THE RICHESON 75: Still life & Abstract 2011 April 18- June 10, 2011
Kimberly, WI, www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html

BLISS BEADS - DEKALB GALLERY.COM April 11 - May 7, 2011
Local Artists Exhibit, Reception Apr. 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

27th ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SHOW Jun 10 - Jul 16, 2011
The Next Picture Show Gallery Deadline Apr 9, 2011, Dixon, IL www.TheNextPictureShow.org, Reception & Demo, Sat., June 11

THE RICHESON 75: Landscape 2011 June 24 - Aug 26, 2011
Kimberly, WI Deadline Mar 28, 2011, www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html

35th TWSA NATIONAL EXHIBIT May 7 - July 31, 2011
Transparent Watercolor Exhibit, TWSAEXHIBITION @aol.com

INFLUENCES/ART HISTORY MADE EASY Aug 5 - Sept 10, 2011
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline, July 5, 2011, www.TheNextPictureShow.org

FARM & BARNS 7 - All Media Sept 16 - Oct 22
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline Aug 9, 2011

THE RICHESON 75: Figure & Portrait 2011 Sept 9 - Nov 4, 2011
Kimberly, WI Deadline June 10, 2011, www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html

SHADES OF GREY - All Media Oct 28 - Nov 26, 2011
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline Sept 27, 2011, www.TheNextPictureShow.org

THE GRAPEVINE
A Quarterly Directory of Arts & Crafts Shows
(\$29 for 4 issues), 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

WEB SITES

www.artcalendar.com

www.artdeadlineslist.com

www.artfaircalendar.com

2011 ART FAIR DIRECTORY, IL ARTS COUNCIL
www.state.il.us/agency/iac or email to: iac.info@illinois.gov

WORKSHOPS In The Area

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP with Jan Boelte, Freeport, IL May 11-14,
\$70 per day, \$280 for all four days. Limit of 15 people. For information contact: Nina Stachewicz 815-443-2530

BLISS BEADS STUDIO & GALLERY - DeKalb, IL
Contact Allison Johnson 815-517-0164 www.blissbeadstudio.com for schedule

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW - Dixon, IL
Variety of Workshops Available www.TheNextPictureShow.org

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ART@DILLMANS.COM or www.dillmans.com 715-588-3143

TWSA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS
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THE ART ATTACK - Sycamore, IL
Susan Edwards 815-899-9440 www.sycamoreartattack.org