



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 2011 Newsletter

AUGUST MEETINGS & PROGRAM

GENERAL MEETING: 7:30pm, Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL.

Refreshments will be provided by: Carleine Straka and Cathy Schneider.

BOARD MEETING: 6:30pm, Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

AUGUST DEMONSTRATOR

Glory Fraulein Wolfe, a Naperville Artist, will be a demonstrator for our Thursday August 4th meeting. She teaches in workshops, where she enjoys teaching people who have little experience in painting. Some of her students have been housewives, fathers or even grandfathers who have never touched a brush in their lives. Glory teaches everything, from the creative composition to recognizing and painting values and various brush stroke techniques.



Glory was primarily self taught. She has been doing portrait drawings since she was ten, and she has been painting for over 20 years now. She taught at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, and she was a sponsored teacher for Grumbacher Products. In 2003, she confirmed her skills at the Art Instruction Schools, in Minnesota.



When asked the question, What personally makes my style unique, she answered "Because I was initially self-taught, I was able to find my own technique and this has helped me to relate my techniques to my students. The technique is a short cut to learning how to paint in a matter of few sessions or practice. Its simplicity allows a student to find his or her own technique or signature while understanding the basic components in painting such as the values, composition, and basic strokes. In addition this technique transcends most mediums such as tempera, acrylic, or oils. This lesson is easily applied by any student, regardless of age. It has been proven by all of my students who are now exhibiting and selling their works". (con't next page)

Glory received the Blue Ribbon for Most Outstanding Achievement from the Art Instruction Schools of Minnesota. Her works have been published, galleried and exhibited every year and can be found at private residences throughout America. Some of her works can be found at fineartamerica.com where a reprint copy can be ordered. She also is an accomplished author, having recently published a fiction ebook by Wild Child Publishing Company. She is currently working on more upcoming books.

President's Message:

Can you believe that August is almost here? Wow, the summer is speeding by at a rapid rate. Speaking of speed, your Board of Directors is moving along with decisions that will affect our organization. At the June 14th meeting they approved **Jim Dester** as Treasurer, **Christine Myroth** as Traveling Exhibits chair, **Marian Swenson** as Web Master, **Cathy Schneider** as Social chair and **Betty Albrecht** as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws. They also approved the purchase of "Pro-Panels" to exhibit our art at the group shows. The attractive panels can also be used for group shows at banks, hospitals, offices foyers, and various other locations. So, while the Board is moving forward we still have some vacancies to fill. We still need a Northern Illinois Art Show chair, a Group Exhibit chair, and a Publicity chair. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to take on one of these openings please let any officer know ASAP. That's all for now, so keep on creating and we will see you at the August meeting.

-Larry Bond, President Home 815-895-9648, Cel 815-790-6111

CLUB NOTES

Upcoming Demonstrators: *September: Phil Cuthbert - polymer clay figure artist, October: Vicki Crone - wall murals*

BEGINNING WITH THE AUGUST ISSUE, THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE EITHER EMAILED OR SENT BY REGULAR MAIL TO YOU. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE BOTH ANYMORE IF THAT IS WHAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR. IF I HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU, THAT IS HOW IT WILL BE SENT. WE WILL BE SAVING MONEY AND HELPING THE ECOLOGY! THANKS, PAM

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) so she can add it to the list.

EXHIBITS

Thirteen artist's and 42 pieces of art, representing oil, acrylic, watercolor, oil and soft pastel, colored pencil, photography and even needlepoint made ART at ELLWOOD a success! HI FIVES to Chris Myroth, Pam Bradford, Jim Dester, Betty Albrecht and Tammy Shriver for sales of original work!!! We still need a leader for our group exhibits. With the purchase of our own display racks we will have more opportunity for bigger and better displays of KVAL art. TRAVELING EXHIBITS: Rotation- first week of September. Time for me to say "good-by" and turn the scheduling over to Chris Myroth. I have told her how responsible you all are and how much I appreciated your cooperation. Feel free to contact her at 815-756-2568 or blkwhtgry@hotmail.com The new schedule will be available at the August 4th meeting or in the mail. Welcome to our new traveling artist, Dr. Shu Phung 312-613-1306 or gladebrode@hotmail.com We have put the Sycamore School Administration back on the rotation and art will be displayed in the entry corridor. I have another location for 5 pieces in a doctor's office in Sycamore but I need one more artist to commit to the year's rotation (Sept., Dec., March, June) Let Chris know if interested. ***Three artists needed for DeKalb clinic*** 7 to 9 pcs allergy/psych 6 pcs cardiology, 4 pcs mammography. Sign up at the meeting or call Chris. Tentatively will hang 8-27 at noon. Will confirm. STAY COOL. 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

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Time to renew your membership! A short membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please renew before the end of August - if not renewed by then, you will be dropped from the email/snail mail list.

KVAL WEBSITE

Just a reminder the new KVAL website (www.kval.us) 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 NEWS

Betty Albrecht sold a picture after the Ellwood House Show and also one at Am Family Dr. Exhibits do work! Yeah!

Larry Bond had two of my paintings accepted to the Next Picture Show's "Influences/Art History Made Easy" exhibit running August 5 - September 10.

Denise Funfsinn's encaustic paintings hung in two FusedChicago shows in the Chicago-area. FUSEDChicago is an organization of Midwest artists who share an interest in encaustic, a method of making art using pigmented wax fused to a surface by heat. Funfsinn's encaustic collages are in the "New Encaustic Explorations" show at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center in Evanston, IL. This all encaustic exhibit of 28 members' work hangs through August 30th.

During the month of July she also had four encaustic paintings in another FusedChicago exhibit of members' work, "Fused", at Chicago's Black Cloud Gallery, located in the Pilsen neighborhood. <http://www.fusedchicago.org/blog-2/>
Pam Bradford and **Tammy Shriver** will be exhibiting at the 63rd Annual Grand Detour Arts Festival, September 11, 2011, on the John Deere Historic Site, Grand Detour, IL, from 9:00AM to 4:00 PM. The show features a large variety of artists and crafters and a great student art show. Please stop by and say hello!

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

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

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

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

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

MIDDLEWEST FEST ART MARKET 2011 Sept 9 & 10, 2011
Music & Art - 12:00 - 8:00 PM www.middlewestfest.com, Contact Allison at Bliss Beads 815-517-0164, allison@blissbeadstudio.com

THE RICHESON 75: Figure & Portrait 2011 Sept 9 - Nov 4, 2011
Kimberly, WI, 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

PASTEL 100 COMPETITION Deadline Aug 15, 2011
www.artistsnetwork.com/pasteljournalcompetition

THE ARTIST'S MAGAZINE OVER 60 Deadline Oct 15, 2011
ART COMPETITION, artistsnetwork.com/over60

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

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WEB SITES

www.artcalendar.com
www.artdeadlineslist.com
www.artfaircalendar.com
www.artistsnetwork.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

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

DILLMAN'S CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION
ART@DILLMANS.COM or www.dillmans.com 715-588-3143

TWSA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS
www.watercolors.org or Suzanne Hetzel 847-372-5622

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

KVAL Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by (Please check one):

Mail _____ E-mail _____

Dues: (Check One) () Single Membership \$ 20.00

Check Number# _____ () Family Membership \$ 25.00

Send to: Barb Grant, 1972 Paw Paw Rd., Steward, IL 60553