

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.

DECEMBER 2011 Newsletter

GENERAL MEETING: 7:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL. Social: Diane Strand, Linda & David Groat.

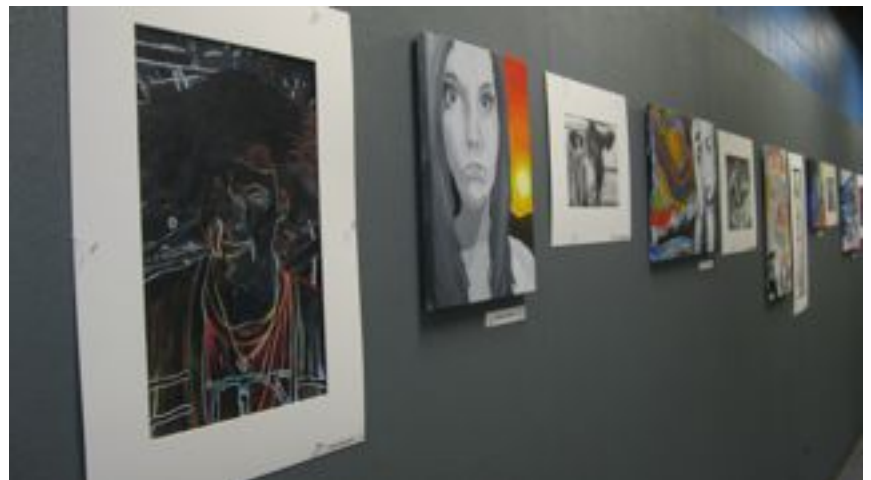
BOARD MEETING: 6:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Unitarian Universalist Church library.

DECEMBER MEETING

To kick off the holiday season Kishwaukee Valley Art League invites you to join us at our December 1st meeting “The Art of Giving”. Part of KVAL’s purpose is philanthropy to various organizations involving art. This year’s recipients are “emerging artists.” We will recognize six outstanding 4-H visual arts winners who will share their projects with us. They are: Ryan Balentyne, Sycamore, Joe Dombek, Sycamore, Jaylene and Justene Jennings, DeKalb, Mitch Mears, Malta and Grace Schweitzer, Geneva.

In addition, KVAL this year, has donated funds to the art departments of the DeKalb and Sycamore High Schools. Pictured below are students from Sycamore high School preparing an area for a mini art gallery to be used for student art as well as critiques. Track lighting is being provided by KVAL. Art director, Dawn Cavanaugh will present student art and a visual presentation of the Sycamore High School art program. The other recipient of KVAL’s philanthropy is DeKalb High School art department. Tricia Schumacher, art coordinator will present highlights of her department and how their gift will be used.

Members also get to enjoy the “art of giving” by donating art and craft supplies for children and young adults to be distributed to local charities. We will be doing this instead of the gift exchange as in the past. So, be sure to pick up something appropriate for the beginning artist. Please, no wrapping paper.



CLUB NOTES

Upcoming Demonstrators: *January: no meeting, February: Timothy King - painting, March: Jeff McAvoy - mural painting, April: TBD, May: Michael Latala - oil portraits from a live model, June: Salad supper*

For our December 1st meeting, "The Art of Giving" . Instead of the member gift exchange, we are asking you to join in the spirit of giving by bringing an art related gift for a child or young person which will be distributed to Hope Haven and Safe Passage. Some suitable and appropriate items might be crayons, markers, paint sets, coloring books, craft sets, bead sets, stamping or anything to make a less fortunate child happy. Any questions call Carleine Straka, 815-758-5268

For members exhibiting in the Egyptian Theater Lobby Holiday Art Show & Sale, details and assigned spaces will be available at the December 1st meeting. Please try to come to the meeting 10 minutes early so we can give you the information. Be sure to mail/email the flyer to your friends and family and post a copy when you visit public places. The more advertising, the better!

Volunteers needed! KVAL is still looking for people to chair the group exhibits, NIAS and publicity committees. Jerry Halloran is temporarily helping out with publicity. If interested, please contact Larry Bond.

BE SURE TO READ THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS INCLUDED IN NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER. WE WILL HAVE A MEMBERSHIP VOTE AT THE DEC. 1 MEETING.

EXHIBITS

Egyptian Theater: Thanks everyone who volunteered to be present in the upstairs art gallery at the Egyptian Theatre during open hours in November and December. While hanging our artwork I was able to fill all the time slots on the weekends. If anyone cannot make their time, they can call me, Patty Raih at 815-758-6323 and I will see that it is covered. Thanks, Patty

Ellwood Visitors Center Gallery - KVAL Group Show - March 16 - April 22, 2012

Just a reminder for members to be working on some new pieces for the group show coming up next March. The theme is subjects found around DeKalb County and the Ellwood grounds. You may show 3 to 5 pieces of artwork each. There will be glass cases available for small pieces as well as the walls and KVAL Pro Panels.

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 will not be responsible for any damages incurred to artwork at any KVAL exhibit.***

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 subject you think the club members would like to see, let Ken know. Recently added titles:

MEMBERSHIP

The membership directory will be emailed/mailed in January.

KVAL WEBSITE

Marian is working on the website. Members may bring camera memory cards of their artwork to the meetings and she can transfer that to media that can be put in the member's gallery on the website. Photos should measure about 2 inches by 4 inches.

MEMBER NEWS

Larry Bond: I had four watercolor paintings juried in for The Next Picture Show's "Architecture and More" exhibit that runs December 2 through January 7, 2012.

Rich Born will be showing a work entitled "My Refuge" at the *Architecture and More* juried exhibition at **The Next Picture Show** in Dixon from December 2 through January 7. A reception will be held on Friday, December 2, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The media for this piece is digital color photography on metal.



HANGING THE EGYPTIAN SHOW, NOV. 12TH. Top left: Jim Dester and Laura McPherson, top right: Cathy Schneider, bottom left: Wally Grant & Tamara Shriver, bottom right: Barb Grant & Ken Ehrhardt

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

SHADES OF GREY - All Media Oct 28 - Nov 26, 2011, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, www.thenextpictureshow.com

ARCHITECTURE AND MORE - All Media Dec 2 - Jan 7, 2012, www.thenextpictureshow.com Deadline Nov 1, 2011
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

EGYPTIAN THEATER KVAL GROUP SHOW Nov 12 - Dec 17, 2011. Reception Sat., Dec 3, 2011, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

KVAL Artists in Lobby for Holiday Show, Sat., Dec 3, 2011, Egyptian Theater Lobby, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

THE ART BOX - Frame Shop & Gallery Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2011, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL Gingie Noe, Watercolors
815-761-2618 dan@dekalbgallery.com

URBAN VISIONS - All Media Jan 14 - Feb 25, 2012, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL, 630-584-7200
www.norrisculturalarts.com

RICHESON 75- SMALL WORKS Feb 6 - Mar 30, 2012, www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html

GREAT EXPECTATIONS - All Media Jan 13 - Feb 28, 2012, Common themes found in books & movies Deadline Dec 13, 2011
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, www.thenextpictureshow.com

REGIONAL SURVEY OF ART 8 - All Media Mar 2 - Apr 7, 2012, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Deadline Jan 31, 2012
www.thenextpictureshow.com

ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW May 4 - Jun 1, 2012, Deadline Mar 5, 2012
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, www.illinoiswatercolorssociety.org

ELLWOOD GALLERY - KVAL Group Show Mar 16 - Apr 22, 2012, Ellwood Visitors Center, DeKalb, IL
Reception Mar 16, 6:00 -8:00PM

WATERCOLOR '12 - Water based media Mar 3 - Apr 21, 2012, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL

Deadline Jan 9, 2012, 630-584-7200 www.norrisculturalarts.com

TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA May 5 - July 29, 2012- Kenosha, WI Deadline Jan 13, 2012
www.TWSA watercolors.org

WEB SITES

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

2012 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

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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 \$ 25.00 () Family Membership \$ 30.00

Check Number# _____

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