



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.

MARCH 2011 Newsletter

MARCH MEETING

Board meeting: 6:30pm, Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL

General meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the same location. Refreshments will be provided this month by Barb Grant and Denise Funfsinn.

MARCH PROGRAM

Lisle, Illinois painter, Susan Wilson, will be the guest demonstrator at the March meeting of The Kishwaukee Valley Art League. Wilson will demonstrate painting a landscape with oil sticks on masonite using no brushes or solvents.

Since receiving a BA in Fine Art and a BA in Communications from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, Wilson has been juried into over 70 exhibits and mounted dozens of solo shows. She has had the good fortune to paint in many countries and experience the local beauty of the people and the landscapes. Wilson travels to southern California several times a year to paint the beaches, coastline, and captures the tropical feel in many of her paintings. The flat land of the midwest is a major influence in creating her paintings which show the beauty of our everyday surroundings. Wilson still learns new ways to manipulate paint to show the viewer her perspective.

The unique style of Wilson's paintings comes from her love of hard lines, intense, high key colors and many textures in the paint. Also, she does not do beige!



Wilson's artwork has been exhibited all across the nation, in juried shows, solo exhibitions, and publications with many awards and honors. To learn more about Wilson's artwork, visit her website: www.susanrwilson.com

CLUB NOTES

Letter from the President:

The Snowmageddon may have cancelled our February meeting, but it just gave us an extra day to work on our art, right? Our February demonstrator, Phil Cuthbert, polymer clay figure artist, has rescheduled for the September meeting. His work is worth the wait! The groundhog has predicted an early Spring, let's just hope that little critter is right! This cabin fever is getting the best of me!

The KVAL show at the Egyptian Theatre is up and running. Be sure to check out the phenomenal work by our league membership.

We have a number of shows for you to partake of this Spring: The Small Works show at the DeKalb Library, the KVAL show at Borders, the upcoming KVAL show at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, and the 40th Annual Northern Illinois Art Show. Be sure to read all about them in the rest of this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone after the long winter hiatus! Erin Nolan

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

April: Laura Lein Svencer - collage with heat fusion, May: Barbara Lipkin - oil painting, June: salad supper, July: TBD, 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 Show: ANNOUNCING the brand, spankin' new Small Works Show! Each year in March, KVAL has the opportunity to display member's artwork in a display window at the DeKalb Public Library. This year I would like to limit it to artwork that is 8"x8" or smaller. This way many members will be able to exhibit.

At this small size, you can create something special just for this show. I can't wait to see what you can come up with! All skill levels and abilities are welcome. If you have never exhibited before, this is the perfect show to try it out. If you have shown your work with KVAL before, then you know how easy it is and I hope you will sign up!

Since the February KVAL meeting was cancelled, I would like everyone with artwork for the KVAL Small Works show to drop it off at my office, 1600 East Lincoln Highway, Suite A, DeKalb, IL. Many of you may know it as the old Farm and Fleet Building. I will be there 9-5, M-F. Please be sure to have a KVAL show tag with the title, your name, your contact information and the medium of the work. If you do not have a card, please write down the information and I will fill out a card for you.

My preference is to have all artwork in advance so I can plan placement, but if you can't drop your art off during work hours, I will be setting up the show Tuesday, March 1st at 5:15pm at the DeKalb Public Library. You can meet me there.

The show will run from Tuesday, March 1 through Thursday, March 31. There is no reception for this exhibit. After the show I will bring work to the April KVAL meeting for pick-up. If you have any questions, please email me at president.kval.us Thanks! Erin

The **exhibit at the Egyptian Theatre** is up until March 26. Reception will be held on Saturday March 12th from 11 am to 1 pm. There are a few times in March where a gallery staffer is needed. This can be addressed at the March meeting.

The dates for the **exhibit at The Next Picture Show** is now May 6 to June 4th. This gives us all a chance to create something new, since we are required to have pieces that have not been exhibited there before. So get the creative juices going because you also need artwork for the Northern Illinois Art Show which will be happening in May as well. There will be more information on the gallery exhibit as it gets closer. The exhibit on the main floor is a Ronald Reagan exhibit.

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

Pam Bradford will be participating in "Art 4 Art's Sake" on Feb. 26 in Dixon, IL. It is a benefit for 'The Next Picture Show Gallery' where several artists paint during the day and have their work auctioned off to the public the same evening.

Erin Nolan: "Coy Pond" was accepted into the 23rd Annual Women's Works Show at the Old Courthouse Gallery in Woodstock, a national juried show of all media. Dates: March 4 through May 2, Gala Opening, March 13.

• My work, "Year of the Rabbit" was accepted to the Year of the Rabbit International Print Exhibition which celebrates the Chinese New Year. The prints will be shown at the PROOF Studio Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto; the Ontario College of Art & Design University, Toronto; the Ottawa School of Art, Ottawa; and the Muskoka Art Place Gallery, Port Carling, Ontario.

• The print, "Hive Mind: US Politics" is featured in the McClain's printmaking supply catalog, page 34.

Tammy Shriver has artwork juried into the Regional Survey of Art 7 at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, March 4 - April 9, and the Norris Gallery show Watercolor '11, March 12 - May 7.

Marian Swenson: As I mentioned last month I had 4 pieces accepted in the Norris Gallery's "Surface Variations" show. One of the pieces won an "Award of Excellence". The Norris Gallery gave this award to three other people for their art pieces. I am very grateful for the award and the recognition of my artwork by the Norris Gallery. The piece that won this award is entitled "Orchid Twins".

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

SURFACE EXPLORATIONS Jan 15 - Feb 26, 2011

2D & 3D Explorations of surface variations

Norris Gallery, St. Charles, IL

www.norrisculturalarts.com

EGYPTIAN THEATER EXHIBIT - KVAL Members Feb 12 - Mar 26, 2011

Take down Mar 26 -9:00 AM

Reception Sat. Mar 12, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

DE KALB PUBLIC LIBRARY EXHIBIT Mar 1 - Mar 31, 2011

KVAL Members - Small window exhibit

See Erin Nolan for details

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW - KVAL Members May 6 - Jun 4, 2011

Dixon, IL See Barb Grant for details

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

REGIONAL SURVEY OF ART 7 - All Media Mar 4 - Apr 9, 2011

The Next Picture Show - Dixon, IL

www.TheNextPictureShow.org

WATERCOLOR '11 March 12 - May 7, 2011

Water based media on different surfaces

Norris Gallery St. Charles

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

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

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

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

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A Quarterly Directory of Arts & Crafts Shows
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www.artcalendar.com
www.artdeadlineslist.com
www.artfaircalendar.com

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www.state.il.us/agency/iac
or email to: 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 for schedule

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW - Dixon, IL
Variety of Workshops Available
Sunday, March 6 , 11:00AM - 2:00PM FREE demos, watercolor, collage, oil, pastel
Check schedules at www.TheNextPictureShow.org

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

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

THE ART ATTACK - Sycamore, IL

KVAL 2011 CALENDAR

2/19/11

- JANUARY.....** No general meeting
Applications for The Northern Illinois Art Show mailed
- FEBRUARY.....** General meeting Feb 3 - Cancelled due to weather
Egyptian Theater - Feb 12 (set-up 9:00AM) thru Mar 26
- MARCH.....** General meeting Mar 3 - Susan Wilson demonstrates Oil Sticks
Egyptian Theater - Take down exhibit Mar 26 at 9:00AM
Egyptian Reception Sat., Mar. 12 11:00AM - 1:00PM
DeKalb Public Library small window exhibit - Mar 1 - 31
Traveling Show Rotation
- APRIL.....** General meeting April 7 - Laura-Lein-Svencner demonstrates
Collage with heat fusion
- MAY.....** General meeting May 5 - Barbara Lipkin demonstrates Oil Painting
The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, KVAL Exhibit May 6 - Jun 4
Northern Illinois Art Show - May 21 & 22 in Sycamore
- JUNE.....** Salad Supper June 2 at 6:30 - No general meeting
Pick up art at The Next Picture Show, Dixon after June 4
Traveling Show Rotation
- JULY.....** General meeting July 7 - Mike Montavon demonstrates
Metalwork & Jewelry
Art At Ellwood - July 3, 9:00 AM to 4:00PM
- AUGUST.....** General meeting August 4 - Glory Fraulein Wolfe
demonstrates Landscape Painting
- SEPTEMBER.....** General meeting Sept 1 - Phil Cuthbert demonstrates clay sculpture
Traveling Show Rotation
- OCTOBER.....** General meeting Oct 6 - Vicki Crone visual presentation of
wall mural paintings.
- NOVEMBER.....** General meeting Nov 3 - Demonstrator TBD
Egyptian Theater Exhibit & Holiday Art Show - TBD
- DECEMBER** General meeting Dec 1 - Demonstrator TBD
Egyptian Theater Exhibit & Holiday Art Show & Reception TBD
Traveling Show Rotation