



# 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.*

## NOVEMBER 2011 Newsletter

### NOVEMBER MEETINGS & PROGRAM

**GENERAL MEETING:** 7:30pm, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL. Social: Marian Swenson & Patty Raih.

**BOARD MEETING:** 6:30pm, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Unitarian Universalist Church library.

### NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATOR

Maureen Gasel, our demonstrator for November as a young person pursued her creative tendencies, by taking several odd jobs in an effort to pay for the art supplies that she needed. When she graduated from high school, she studied at the University of Wisconsin, Stout and graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Art, concentrating in Graphic Design along with painting, metals, photography and English. From there she went on to a career in that included marketing, graphic design, and advertising. She currently owns Epsilon Design & Consulting.

Maureen's passion for creating art includes the mediums of clay, metal and paint. Her current paintings have earned her Best of Show, second and third place awards in 2008 and 2009. She has been published twice in American Art Collector and is the exhibit coordinator for several public gallery spaces in Aurora. Maureen uses her talent to donate work to various charitable organizations, and has participated in the Alzheimer's Unforgettable Art Live Paint for the past four years raising over \$5000 at auction for her work. Maureen also teaches art classes in her home studio and is currently the marketing manager for the Freeport Art Museum part-time.



## President's Letter

Hello Everyone! Well another month has slipped by and we have sure been busy. The Plein Aire sessions have been running with good attendance...October 8 at Hopkins Park, 2 attendees; October 9 at Ellwood House, 8 attendees; and October 16 at Ellwood House, 4 attendees. The last Plein Aire session for the season is set for Saturday, October 22 at Ellwood House. The Board of Directors examined the "Bylaws Committee" report and made some modifications. The Board's recommended changes to the Bylaws will be included in this month's newsletter. Those recommendations will be voted on by the general membership at our December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Future Board meetings will concentrate on the "Northern Illinois Art Show" for November, and "Long Range Plan" for the December meeting. Remember if you have any recommendations, comments, or criticisms of the Bylaw recommended changes and/or any of the topics of KVAL please contact me or any of the other officers. Thanks. Continue to create!

Larry Bond,

KVAL President

(editor's note: There were also 4 attendees on Oct. 22nd at the Ellwood House plein aire session.)

## CLUB NOTES

**Upcoming Demonstrators:** *December: "The Art of Giving", 4-H gift certificate winners' presentations & art supply donations to area high schools, January: no meeting, February: Timothy King - painting, March: Jeff McAvoy - mural painting*

**Mark your calendar 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**

**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 THIS MAILING. MEMBERSHIP VOTE WILL BE AT THE DEC. 1 MEETING.**

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](mailto:tamarashriver@comcast.net)) so she can add it to the list.

## EXHIBITS

### **Sign up for the Egyptian Theater Holiday Art Show!**

All members may exhibit 2 or 3 pieces of artwork free in the upper gallery, November 12 through December 17. Drop artwork off at the Egyptian at 9:00AM on the 12th, properly identified with KVAL exhibit cards. Reception will be Dec. 3rd in the upper gallery from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Also, on Dec. 3rd, KVAL members have the opportunity to exhibit and sell artwork in the main lobby of the theater from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. The cost for the space will be up to \$30 per member depending on how many sign up. The KVAL racks as well as Pam's & Tammy's, will be available for your use. There will be a limited amount of tables so you may want to bring a portable table. Set up will be at 8:30-9:00 on Dec. 3rd and we must be out of the theater by 5:00PM. A reception will be in the upper gallery from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the November 3rd meeting for both the group show and the individual show.

### **DeKalb Clinic:**

The rotation for the DeKalb Clinic will be Saturday, Nov. 19th at noon. (I wanted to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend and all that goes with it.)

Still need someone to volunteer for 9 pieces in Allergy/Psych at the DeKalb Clinic. Schedule for the Traveling Exhibit will be sent to the participants via email/US mail or in person in November. Contact Chris Myroth for further information.

## **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:

Garden Painting 1 - by Joe Anna Arnett

Garden Painting 2 - by Joe Anna Arnett

Snow Painting 1 - by Kevin Macpherson

Exciting Color in Everyday Paintings - by Frank Francese

Luminous Watercolor with Sterling Edwards, The Wooded Landscape

Capturing Radiant Light & Color ( oil painting) by Susan Sarback

*KVAL will be using only DVDs for the video library. The old VHS tapes will be available for members to take home at the next meeting (donations accepted). If you had a favorite and want it, contact Ken before the meeting.*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership directory will be emailed/mailed in January.

### **KVAL WEBSITE**

Marian is working on the website. She said that 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 have one watercolor painting that will appear in The Next Picture Show's "Shades of Gray 7" exhibit. The Opening Reception will be Friday, October 28, 6 PM to 8 PM.

**Rich Born** will have two *digital images on metal* displayed in the "Shades of Gray" show at *The Next Picture Show* in Dixon from October 28 through November 26. The are titled "The Bench" and "Foggy Lagoon".

**Lanair Greer:** (one of the newer members). I have an event that the other artist may be interested in. Its the Sofa show, in Chicago, [www.sofaexpo.com/](http://www.sofaexpo.com/) . If you haven't heard of it or gone to see it, it's one of the most interesting, inspirational art shows around. A must see! My daughter and I are catching the train to go check it out.

**Chris Myroth:**I had two pieces accepted at The Next Picture Show's Shades of Grey exhibit.

**Tamara Shriver** has a watercolor that was juried into the Shades of Grey show from Oct. 28 - Nov. 26 at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, IL.

### **UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS**

THE RICHESON 75: Figure & Portrait 2011 Sept 9 - Nov 4, 2011, Kimberly, WI, [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html)

SHADES OF GREY - All Media Oct 28 - Nov 26, 2011, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, [www.thenextpictureshow.com](http://www.thenextpictureshow.com)

VICINITY '11 - All Media Sept 24 - Nov 5, 2011, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL  
630-584-7200 [www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com), Reception Sun Oct 23, 2:00-4:00

ARCHITECTURE AND MORE - All Media, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL Dec 2 - Jan 7, 2012  
[www.thenextpictureshow.com](http://www.thenextpictureshow.com) Deadline Nov 1, 2011

EGYPTIAN THEATER KVAL GROUP SHOW Nov 12 - Dec 17, 2011, Reception Sat., Dec 3, 2011, 11:00am-1:00pm

KVAL Artists in Lobby for Holiday Show, Egyptian Theater, 10:00am - 3:00pm

THE ART BOX - Frame Shop & Gallery Features new artist each month, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL  
815-761-2618 [dan@dekalbgallery.com](mailto:dan@dekalbgallery.com)

URBAN VISIONS - All Media Jan 14 - Feb 25, 2012, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL Deadline Nov 7, 2011  
630-584-7200 [www.norrisculturalarts.com](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)

RICHESON 75- SMALL WORKS Feb 6 - Mar 30, 2012, [www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html](http://www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html) Deadline Nov 4, 2011

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

ILLINOIS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW May 4 - Jun 1, 2012, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL

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](http://www.norrisculturalarts.com)

TRANSPARENT WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA May 5 - July 29, 2012, - Kenosha, WI Deadline Jan 13, 2012  
[www.TWSA](http://www.TWSA) [watercolors.org](http://watercolors.org)

#### WEB SITES

[www.artcalendar.com](http://www.artcalendar.com)

[www.artdeadlineslist.com](http://www.artdeadlineslist.com)

[www.artfaircalendar.com](http://www.artfaircalendar.com)

[www.artistsnetwork.com](http://www.artistsnetwork.com)

2011 ART FAIR DIRECTORY, IL ARTS COUNCIL

[www.state.il.us/agency/iac](http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac)

or email to: [iac.info@illinois.gov](mailto:iac.info@illinois.gov)

#### WORKSHOPS In The Area

BLISS BEADS STUDIO & GALLERY - DeKalb, IL

Contact Allison Johnson 815-517-0164 [www.blissbeadstudio.com](http://www.blissbeadstudio.com) for schedule

THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW - Dixon, IL

Variety of Workshops Available [www.TheNextPictureShow.org](http://www.TheNextPictureShow.org)

DILLMAN'S CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION

[ART@DILLMANS.COM](mailto:ART@DILLMANS.COM) or [www.dillmans.com](http://www.dillmans.com) 715-588-3143

TWSA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

[www.watercolors.org](http://www.watercolors.org) or Suzanne Hetzel 847-372-5622

THE ART ATTACK - Sycamore, IL

Susan Edwards 815-899-9440 [www.sycamoreartattack.org](http://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 \$ 25.00 ( ) Family Membership \$ 30.00

Check Number# \_\_\_\_\_

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