



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.

OCTOBER 2011 Newsletter

OCTOBER MEETINGS & PROGRAM

GENERAL MEETING: 7:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL. Social: Tamara Shriver & Pam Bradford.

BOARD MEETING: 6:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Unitarian Universalist Church library.

OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR

Vicki Crone is the demonstrator for October. She will be demonstrating and talking about making murals. One of the murals she did was in Ottawa, Illinois. Her educational background and organizational background are: B.S. in Art Education (WSU-Platteville), B.S. in Biocommunication Arts (University of Illinois), Member of Rockford Area Arts Council and Member of Rockford Art Guild.

Vicki has worked in a variety of mediums, including oils, acrylics, Watercolor, Gouache, Pencil, pastels, Ink, mixed media, and wire. She has created many different pieces of art for individuals and businesses over the years. Her art ranges from realism to pure design, 2D and 3D, in a variety of mediums. Art reflects her background and education. Raised on a farm she gained knowledge and appreciation of animals and nature. Additionally she taught art and worked as a graphic designer, as well as a freelance artist. She currently resides in Rockford, IL. As a person of faith, wife and mother, she is dedicated to producing works of quality. Her website is <http://www.croneartanddesign.com/index.html>

Pictured here are a couple of her murals.



President's Letter

Hello Everyone! We got some great news for you. Based on the results of the recent "Member's Questionnaire" we forged ahead making some decisions and arrangements. The consensus from the questionnaire were to offer more group shows, and resume the plein aire sessions started late fall and early last spring. A small group (Tammy Shriver, Pam Bradford, and I), set up an appointment with Brian Reis, the new Executive Director of the Ellwood House Museum to discuss the use of the Ellwood House Grounds and Art Gallery. We had a good group discussion and agreed on some dates not only for some Plein Aire sessions but also for a KVAL Member Group Exhibit in the Ellwood House Gallery. The Plein Aire dates are set for Sunday, Oct. 9, Sunday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011. Each day the Plein Aire Sessions will start at 10:00 AM and continue until about 3:00 PM. You can come and go within that window of time, and the washroom facilities will be open for our use. The group show at the Ellwood House will feature the art works created at the Plein Aire sessions, as well as art representing sites around the DeKalb County area. The Group Show will run from March 16 through April 22, 2012. We are really looking forward to this new partnership with the Ellwood House Museum. So, please participate in the Plein Aire Sessions and the Group Exhibit. Additionally, the Board of Directors has made other decisions based on questionnaire results. I'll report on those at the October General Meeting. Keep on creating!

Larry Bond,
President

CLUB NOTES

Upcoming Demonstrators: *November: Maureen Gasek - acrylic painting, December: Christmas gift exchange, 4-H gift certificate winners' presentations & art supply donations to area high schools, February: Timothy King - painting, March: Jeff McAvoy - mural painting*

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.

Plein Aire dates: As Larry mentioned in the above **President's letter**, KVAL will have plein aire painting (or photography) dates on Oct. 9, 16, and 22 on the grounds of Ellwood House. Also, on Oct. 8 there will be a plein aire session at Hopkins Park in DeKalb starting at 10:00. We will meet at the Shelter House. Bring your own lunch (applies to all sessions).

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

DeKalb Clinic:

December, January, and February are coming up soon, so please think about displaying your work at the clinic, either 4, 6, or 9 pieces. 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.

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

Beginning Oct. 1, 2011 the membership rates have been raised to \$25.00 for a single membership and to \$30.00 for a family membership. This action was taken at the board meeting after the results of the recent questionnaire.

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

Tamara Shriver won the Ronald Reagan Centennial Award at the Grand Detour Art Fest on September 11, 2011 and an Honorable Mention at the Farm & Barn Exhibit at The Next Picture Show on September 16th.

Pam Bradford reports decent sales at both the Grand Detour Art Show in Grand Detour and at the Rockford Artists' Fair in Rockford in September.

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

FARM & BARNS 7 - All Media Sept 16 - Oct 22, The Next Picture Show, Dixon, IL, www.thenextpictureshow.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.com

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

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

ART ATTACK ART WALK Sat., Oct 1, 10 - 5:00, Contact Susan Edwards 815-899-9440

DE KALB AREA ARTISTS SALE Sat., Oct. 1, 2011, Egyptian Theater Lobby - 10:00 - 4:00PM

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, (KVAL Artists in Lobby for Holiday Show TBD)

THE ART BOX - Frame Shop & Gallery Features new artist each month, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL, 815-761-2618
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

RICHESON 75- SMALL WORKS Feb 6 - Mar 30, 2012, www.richeson75.com/callforentries.html Deadline Nov 4, 2011

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

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 - Kenosha, WI Deadline Jan 13, 2012 May 5 - July 29, 2012
www.TWSA watercolors.org

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

Paint with Nina Workshops presents Elizabeth Pruitt Robbins: Still life painting in oil workshop. Oct. 26, 27, 28, 29, 2011. A few spaces remain for this exciting workshop. Freeport, IL. Contact Nina Stachewicz: Home 815-443-2530, Cell 815-541-2248, PaintwithNina@yahoo.com

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 \$ 25.00 () Family Membership \$ 30.00

Check Number# _____

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