



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.

SEPTEMBER 2011 Newsletter

AUGUST MEETINGS & PROGRAM

GENERAL MEETING: 7:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 North Fourth St., DeKalb, IL.

BOARD MEETING: 6:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, at Larry Bond's house.

SEPTEMBER DEMONSTRATOR

Our demonstrator for September is Sycamore artist Phil Cuthbert, who sculpts very lifelike figures in polymer clay. He will be demonstrating the use of ProSculpt polymer clay to form a sculpted human head over a wire armature by showing us the creation of the armature, covering it with the polymer clay, and sculpting it using various tools. Phil's background includes a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois. He has been painting for over 30 years and sculpting for over 6 years. He has won several awards for his art and he has exhibited at numerous shows nationwide. Pictured here are two examples of Phil's work.



CLUB NOTES

Upcoming Demonstrators: *October: Vicki Crone - wall murals, November: Maureen Gasek - acrylic painting, December: Christmas gift exchange, 4-H gift certificate winners' presentations, more TBA*

New Vice President: Marian Swenson decided to resign from the Vice President position as she already has two other jobs with KVAL: programs and webmaster. Wally Grant was nominated at the board meeting and voted in as Vice President.

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.

Questionnaire results: Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaires! Because of the answers, the board decided to raise the price of memberships to \$25.00 single and \$30 family. This will be effective Oct. 1, 2011. Also, because of the questionnaire results, it was decided to offer the VHS tapes to the membership at the next meeting for free will donations.

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

Traveling Exhibits:

Rotation for the traveling exhibits is the first week of September. You may want to contact the business prior to installation to make sure the exhibitor before you took down their work. Note: We were unable to secure the Sycamore School Administration as an exhibit location.

If you wish to be included in the traveling exhibits, we do strongly request that you plan on committing your various works for one year. Total number of pieces does vary depending on the location, anywhere from 4 pieces to 9/10.

DeKalb Clinic:

Rotation for Sept/Oct/Nov is Saturday, August 27, at noon. Incoming exhibitors are Wally Grant, Ken Ehrhart, and Shu Pheng. Thanks to Linda Peterson, Shu Pheng, and Jim Dester, our outgoing exhibitors, for representing KVAL in June, July, and August. December, January, and February are coming up soon, so please think about displaying your work at the clinic, either 4,6,or 9 pieces.

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 will be 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

Jim Dester received a 'Special Recognition Award' for one of his photographs in the June 2011 Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery 'Abstracts' Art Competition

Barb and Wally Grant both had 2 pieces accepted into The Next Picture Show exhibit "Farms and Barns 7".

Chris Myroth has 3 pieces that have been accepted into The Next Picture Show's Farms and Barns 7 juried exhibition.

Tamara Shriver will have watercolor paintings in the Farm & Barns 7 exhibit at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, IL from Sept. 16 - Oct. 22, 2011. The reception will be from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, Sept. 16. She will also have paintings at The Art Box Frame Shop & DeKalb Art Gallery, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL. Grand Opening is Sunday, Aug. 28, 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

Annual Art Attack Art Walk 2011: Saturday, October 1st from 10 - 5pm, be a participating artist, many places for you to set up, there is no charge - we just ask when you sell something that you donate 10% to us. We also ask that you are demonstrating some form of work, maybe not your most elaborate pieces but something, the public loves to watch us work and will buy faster if your demonstrating. We have an organizational meeting Wednesday August 24th at 7pm, your are invited to attend and help.

You can contact Susan Edwards if you need to ask more questions, email or call 815-899-9440.

For those of you on the email list that are not artists, I would also invite you to participate by volunteering. If you do you get a free ticket to the event!

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
Reception Aug 5, 6:00 - 8:00PM, www.thenextpictureshow.com

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

MIDDLEWEST FEST ART MARKET 2011 Sept 9 & 10, 2011, www.middlewestfest.com
Music & Art - 12:00 - 8:00 PM, 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.com

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

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 Artwork delivery Sept 16
630-584-7200 www.norrisculturalarts.com

ART OF THE LAND - Art Show Benefit, Art & Photo Sept 25, 2011, Starline Gallery, 306 Front St., Harvard, IL Reception
6:30-10:00, Land Conservancy of McHenry County - \$20

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

THE ART BOX - Frame Shop & Gallery Features new artist each month, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL, 815-761-2618
dan@dekalbgallery.com, Grand Opening - Sun., Aug., 28, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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

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

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

FINE LINE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER - St. Charles, IL, Sept. 15- 17, watercolor workshop with Tom Lynch
For more information go to www.finelineca.org or call 630-584-9443.

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 *

*dues will be increasing Oct.1, 2011 - \$25.00 Single, \$30.00 Family

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