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 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**GENERAL MEETING:** Thursday, 7:00pm, October 2, 2014 at the Club Room in the Hy-Vee Food Store, 2700 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL.
Refeshments: Karen Mitchell & Tamara Shriver.
Social Chair: Terry Borrett
**BOARD MEETING:** 7:00pm, Thursday, October 9, 2014, at the Jane Fargo Hotel, Sycamore, IL.

**OCTOBER MEETING**

The October 2nd meeting Create With KVAL theme is "Think Out Of The Box". Members have been challenged to expand their creativity and do something they don't ordinarily do that they have always wanted to try. At the meeting the results of the challenge will be presented.

Featured here is an “out of the box” idea of member Bob Coleman. It is a face carved into the inside of a baseball.

It will exciting to see what our members come up with!

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**KVAL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Fall, provides us with the lowering of temperatures, and most significantly the change of green leaves/foliage to a multitude of glorious colors. Mother Nature is awesome and provides all of us with an artist’s palette of colors. The bright colors of Fall signals an exciting time for KVAL members to display their talents by participating in the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, November 22, at the Old Train Depot in Sycamore. KVAL members can “show their stuff” by either renting a display area, or using the “group exhibit space” provided for members at the show. Do not miss out on this opportunity to display your talents! Simply sign up for the “group exhibit space” at the October 2nd KVAL meeting, or contact Chris Myroth, or contact Tammy Shriver, (or me).

Remember that people in our community may not be aware of your talents, but this can provide an opportunity to share your talents with everyone. Please do not sell yourself short, you have talent and it is wonderful to share that talent with others. So, until we meet October 2nd, keep on creating because “life with out art is not living”.

Larry Bond, KVAL President

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Thank you
Hy-Vee Food Store

KVAL Patrons!
Waste Management
HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET: November 22, at the Old Train Depot, Sycamore. Members can exhibit with the KVAL group by signing up at the October meeting or contacting Chris Myroth.

Clear Bags: "Do you still want to purchase any of the clear bags we have remaining at highly discounted rates from the manufacturer? Generic sizes available are 4x6, 5x7, 8x10, 11x14, and 16x20, but they are a little larger to accommodate matted prints mounted on foam board. If you want some bags, send an email to Rich Born at richb46091@aol.com or call him at 815-756-9005 to let him know the sizes and quantities. He will then bring your bags to the upcoming KVAL general meeting. If you need them sooner, you can make arrangements to pick them up at his home in DeKalb."


EXHIBITS

Traveling exhibits: If you wish to participate in the traveling exhibit, keep in mind that you will need to have approximately 5 pieces of artwork to commit to one location for a period of 3 months, hanging two dimensional artwork only.

If you wish to participate in the group exhibit at the Sycamore Public Library please contact me. Usually larger pieces are needed, though some smaller ones can be placed there. If you no longer wish to hang there, please let me know so that we may fill in the space. To exchange a newer piece for one that's been hanging there for a while, make sure to call the library to see if there would be conflicts with library activities. Length of time you would show your artwork is at the discretion of the artist, anywhere from 1 to 3 months.

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!

MEMBERSHIP

Very important reminder to membership.

It is that time of the year to renew your membership. Single memberships are $25 and Family Memberships are $30. Please inform us of any changes to your personal information so updates can be made to the directory. Just fill out and mail in the application in this newsletter or bring dues to our next meeting. Dues should be paid by October 1, 2014 to continue attending meetings, receiving the newsletter, and participating in KVAL activities. Thank you in advance for your quick response.

Not sure if you have paid? Give me a call at 815-758-6323. I would be happy to check, and will have that information at next month’s art meeting too. Patty Raih

KVAL WEBSITE

KVAL’s blog is made for members! Do you want additional publicity for your artwork? Perhaps you have a local show, won an award, or want to share your knowledge with others? Or did you recently visit an art exhibit or read an art book you want to talk about? Talk to Laura McPherson and let’s share your ideas! Visit the blog at www.kval.us/kval-blog and subscribe to have updates delivered straight to your e-mail.

Are you in the website member gallery yet? The member gallery is at www.kval.us/member-gallery. Send photos of your work to webmaster Laura McPherson at lauralmepherson@gmail.com and she will set up a gallery for you. Don’t be shy – new members are also invited to participate! If you’re interested in selling work, this is the place for you; we’ve had several recent inquiries about purchases coming through the website.

Please refer those you know who may be interested in joining our group, exhibiting at NIAS, or just learning more about us to www.kval.us and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kval.us!
Jim Dester is the September KVAL Artist of the Month!

Congratulations Jim Dester, who won our latest drawing for Artist of the Month.

Two of his photographic compositions have won special recognition awards in the Light, Space & Time Online Art Gallery in the “Abstracts” art competition. And two more have been accepted in “Artists Gone Wild” exhibition hosted by The Next Picture Show in Dixon, Illinois.

In addition to photography, Jim also makes and carves collectable duck and goose calls, which have won several national awards. Please see www.quackcalls.com.”

The KVAL Artist of the Month is selected at each general membership meeting. The winner and winner’s work will be featured on the KVAL website and KVAL Facebook page and in the newsletter.

**MEMBER NEWS**

**From Barb Staffeldt & Bob Ogle:** We will not be able to attend any more meetings before we move in early October. Barb Staffeldt and I wish a heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your help and friendship.

The last couple of years, I've learned much from many of you to make me become a better artist. Although my perception and vision of color may be a little different, learning to utilize and retrain the other side of my brain to perform like it did before my strokes in 2006 has been most difficult. Patience was never one of my stronger virtues but determination with God's strength has brought me so far in my journey.

I will seek out those in the Champaign area to give me the info I need to surround myself with those who are willing to teach. Our wish and prayer is for great health to all, beautiful creations and continued growth to KVAL.

**Dorothea Bilder** was juried into the Norris Center Gallery, St. Charles, IL for the Vicinity 2014 exhibition from Sept. 12 until Nov. 1 2014. The exhibit includes painting, printmaking, drawing, photography sculpture, ceramics, fiber art, jewelry and mixed media. My accepted work was a large stone lithograph entitled ---BRASIL'S HALLEY. The piece is based on the comet as it flew over Brazil at night.

**Larry Bond**'s watercolor painting "Cotswold Farm 1" was juried in to the Norris Cultural Arts Center's "Vicinity Art Show". That show runs until the end of the month. Larry also won Third Place at The Next Picture Show's "River Reflections Show" with his "Pink Dingy" watercolor. That same painting (Pink Dingy) was re-entered into the Illinois Watercolor Society's "Member Show" and was given an "Award of Excellence" award. The IWS Show runs until the end of month at the Bloomingdale Historical Museum, Bloomingdale, Illinois.

**Pam Bradford** participated in “Captured on Canvas”, a plein air benefit event at Anderson Japanese Gardens, Sept. 7th. Paintings created that day by the 9 artists were auctioned off that evening to support the Gardens. Fun & challenging!

**Bob Coleman** won a First place Blue ribbon for best 3-dimensional art and a purchase award ribbon at Grand Detour Art Festival.

**Linda Thornton Peterson**'s illustration of the poem, OAK LEAVES was chosen to be published in the book, WORLD OF ART. The illustration, a painting of a fall oak tree, was part of the contest for writers and artists sponsored by the IN PRINT PROFESSIONAL WRITERS' ORGANIZATION.

**Tamara Shriver & Pam Bradford** both report good sales at the Grand Detour Art Festival on September 14, 2014, on the John Deere Historic Site, Grand Detour, IL.
UPCOMING SHOWS & COMPETITIONS
THE ART BOX - Frame Shop & Gallery, 308 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL, 815-761-2618 dan@dekalbgallery.com
Renie Adams “Dreams Caught” Oct 5 - Nov 8, 2014
Internet gallery group exhibit Nov 14 - Jan 15, 2015, Reception Friday, Nov 14


VICINITY 2014 - All Media Sept 12 - Nov 1, 2014, Norris Gallery St. Charles Art Delivery Sept 5, 630-584-7200 ext. 14


KVAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET Nov 22, 2014, The Old Train Depot - Freight Room, KVAL members & local artists

KISH HOSPITAL ARTISANS MARKET Oct 17, 2014, if crafters are interested 9 AM - 5PM

WHIMSY ENCORE! - A Fanciful Creation Jan 10 - Feb 28, 2015, Any Media - Norris Gallery, St Charles Deadline Nov 17, 2014 630-584-7200 ext 14 or send email, artgallery@norrisculturalarts.com


WEB SITES

WORKSHOPS In The Area
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
PAINT WITH NINA WORKSHOPS - Oct. 17, 18, Pastel Workshop with Cecilie Hauel, Contact Nina Stachewicz 815-443-2530
TOM LINDEN - tom@tomlindenart.com www.tomlindenart.com
TONY ARMENDARIZ - Watercolor Demos & Workshops, tony@armendarizart.com www.armendarizart.com 847-971-8669

KVAL Membership Application

Name: ____________________________ ______________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: _____________
Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________
E-Mail: __________________________________________________________

Would you like to receive your newsletter by (Please check one):
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