

November 2025

Nan's Notes

Nan Kohr, President

Just so you know..... the ghosts of Halloween have evaporated
so some of this month's most exquisite handiwork will be
YOUR ART!

You may think it's still scary but the rest of us are
going to be impressed.

The Last Blast to display your art is during Artists 'Round the
Square is November 9th, Sunday afternoon at Brownwood Paddock
Square. Please join us for our last show. ARTS registration forms
are on the VAA website: www.visualartsassociation.com .

Any ideas you may have for an outdoor or community art venue,
please write it down so we can discuss possibilities at our next
meeting. It would be great to show off our artwork to neighbors!
Don't let the turkey fly off..... Happy Thanksgiving!



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Spotlight on You

Carol O'Brien



Jan Tindall

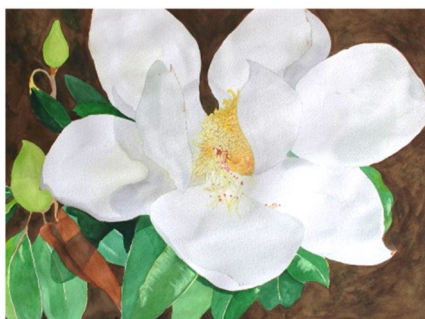
I grew up in a rural area of upstate NY and never had any art instruction until coming to The Villages about 12 years ago. The instruction I have received here has opened a whole new way for me to view the world.

My art is rooted in a lifelong fascination with the subtle poetry of the natural world. Working primarily in watercolor, I am drawn to subjects that evoke tranquility and reflection: a solitary lighthouse standing against a cloudy sky, wildflowers blooming along a hillside, or the gentle curve of a lotus floating on still water. Each painting is an invitation to slow down and notice the quiet moments that often go overlooked.

I strive to capture not just the outward appearance of my subjects, but their spirit—the resilience of a saguaro cactus, the fleeting grace of a heron, or the nostalgia embedded in a weathered barn.

Watercolor allows me to blend softness and precision, letting colors flow and mingle in ways that mirror the unpredictability and beauty of nature itself.

My work is a celebration of place and memory, inspired by the landscapes I encounter and the stories they hold. Whether painting the vibrant blooms of the desert or the peaceful rhythm of the shoreline, I hope to offer viewers a sense of calm, wonder, and connection to the world around them.





“After the Show”
Jane Furr Davis

Now that the big October exhibitions have come and gone, many of us are catching our breath—and maybe, just maybe, looking at our own work a little differently. Whether you had paintings or works in the show or simply enjoyed walking through and taking it all in, this is the moment when the dust settles, and the mind begins to wander.

What did people notice or say about your pieces? Did a smile spread across a face when a guest looked at your table? Did someone pause a little longer than you expected, or comment on a color you’d almost painted over? Sometimes a small remark stays with us, nudging us toward the next idea before we even realize it. And if you didn’t exhibit this time, you might have found yourself drawn to someone else’s piece—a texture you’d like to try, a way of composing space that felt new, or even a subject that surprised you. Inspiration often arrives sideways, and maybe through another artist’s choices.

November is a natural time to reflect—not in a heavy or evaluative way, but in the spirit of gentle curiosity. What have we been exploring this year? What made us feel most alive in the studio? And where might that energy want to go next?

As the holidays approach, the rhythm of creative life shifts again. Some of us set aside brushes and tools for gatherings and travel; others find that quieter winter days invite a return to sketchbooks or new experiments. In whatever manner you spend the season ahead, take a moment to honor how far you’ve come since last year’s shows.

Every piece, every attempt, is part of the unfolding story of your art. As the calendar edges toward December, may your creative spirit find its own way to celebrate—whether through a moment of rest, a splash of color, or simply taking joy in seeing the world with an artist’s eyes.



Member's Gallery

**Please send critiques to those with email*



Cheri Ptacek
"Heart and Hoof"
Watercolor

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"Hanging Out"
Watercolor

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Ellen Cora
"Tango Argentina"
Watercolor and Marker
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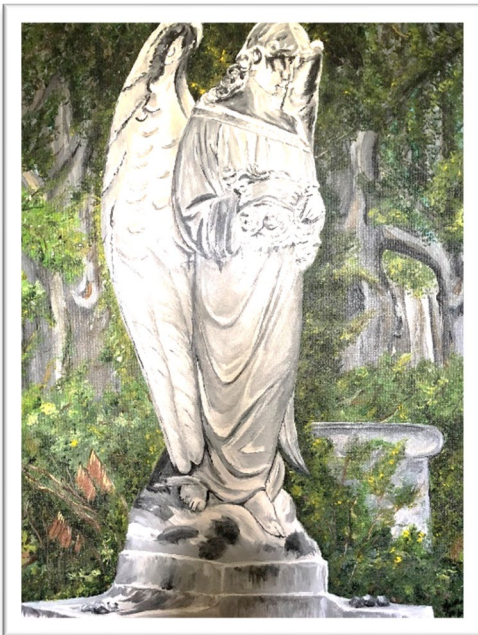
Ellen Cora
"Turning in for the Evening"
Watercolor
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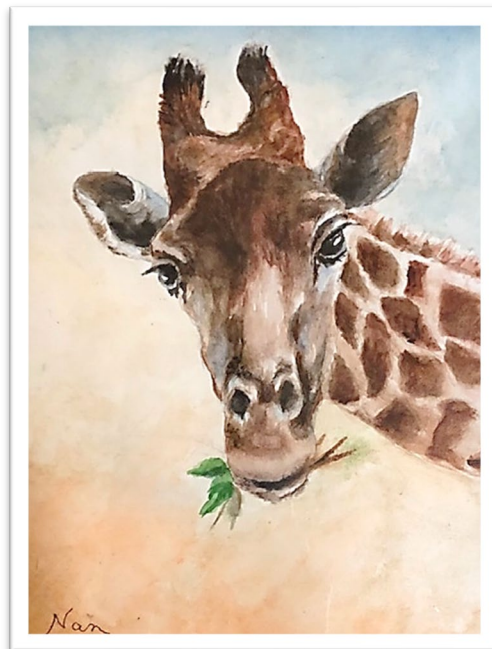
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"The Jersey Shore"
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"Inuit Child"
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"Flowers"
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If you would like to include your art
In next month's **Members Gallery**:

Send a good photo (jpeg) of your art
(*one or two*)

Now or before November

23rd to:

vaanewsletter@gmail.com

Include your **name, title of art, media**
(*and your **email** if you would like
feedback/critique*)

If you have questions email
vaanewsletter@gmail.com

**This is a chance
to show us the
art you've been
working on!**

****No judging – just Show Off****



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

VAA Fiscal Year:

Sept 1 – Aug 31

Must complete form

on our website

Mail in with \$15 dues

(Or bring to a membership meeting)

***NOTE: Participation in VAA events**

requires your dues are current

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Membership Mtg

November 7th, 1:00 pm

December 5th, 1:00 pm

January 2nd, 1:00 pm

Seabreeze Rec Center

★ARTS Artists Round the Square

November 9th 1-4 Brownwood

December 13th 8-9:30 La Galleria Exhibit

★ indicates show or exhibit activity

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