
The President's Message

May I take this moment to thank you all for your prayers and support during this difficult time for me and my family. I will never forget your kindness as dear friends and colleagues.

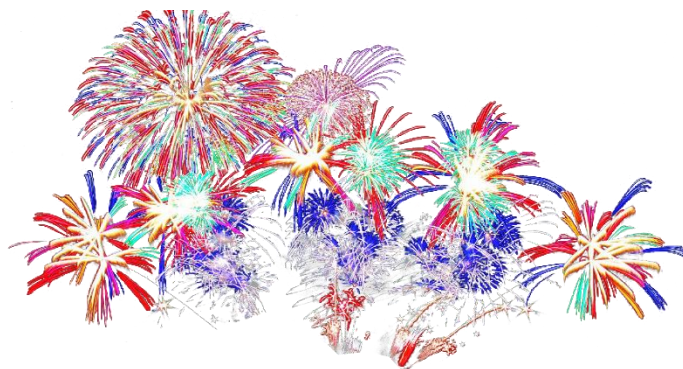
Please know that I am committed as President of the VAA Membership and will continue to serve in that capacity with your support until my term expires this September.

We have our 2023 Calendar of exhibits and shows listed on our website which is updated regularly.

Please join us at our upcoming Meeting on Friday, January 6 at the SeaBreeze Recreation Center at 1pm with check in at 12:30 for Meet and Greet with lite refreshments. Our Scholarship Committee will be there to accept new and gently used art supplies as donations to our Scholarship Fund. Come and meet old friends as well as make new ones.

We look forward to seeing you all once again.

--Catherine Sullivan, VAA President





New Members

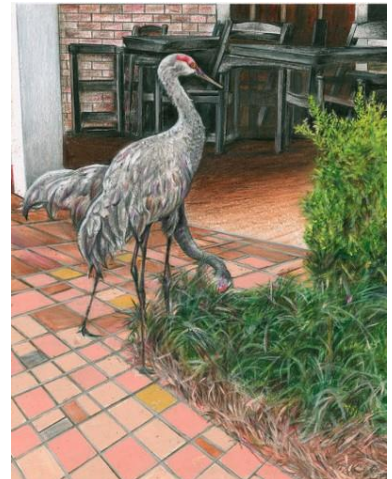


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My name is Peter Kushner. My wife, Loren, my mother, Betty, and I moved to the Village of St. Johns at the end of September, 2022 from Massachusetts.

I was a Principal Software Engineer for many years before retiring almost a year ago. Since then, I have been a starving artist working 7 days a week on art. I typically draw with colored pencils but have also combined colored pencils with pastels, acrylic paint and white ink.





New Members



Sally Stewart Andersen
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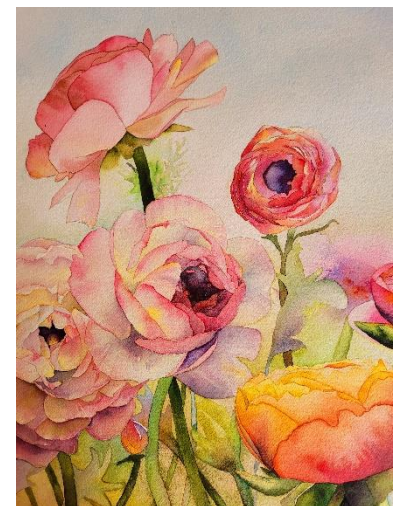
My husband, Lorin, and I moved to the Village of Citrus Grove in August, 2022, from the San Francisco Bay Area in CA. I grew up in Berkeley (my dad was a CAL Berkeley professor) and Lorin was raised over the hill in Orinda. We were living in Rossmoor in Walnut Creek before heading East. I guess you could



say we joined the thousands who are leaving the Golden State for a variety of reasons.

I started painting with watercolor about 30 years ago as a relaxing hobby from a rigorous corporate job. I attended workshops at the Richmond Art and Mendocino Art Centers. After retirement, I split my time between painting and ceramics.

My painting subject of choice is floral. I photograph subjects using my phone. And have recently branched out to Bryce and Zion canyon scenes. I love bright colors, transparency and light. I've exhibited my works in the Bay Area and entered member shows through the California Watercolor Association. One thing that I will miss about CA is my weekly painting group that I enjoyed for 10+ years. We kept each other motivated, shared books and workshop learnings over time. Since my move, we've talked about having show and tell discussions via Zoom.





Spotlight on You

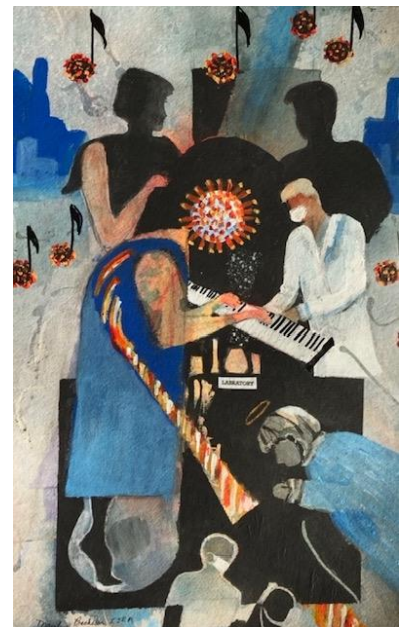
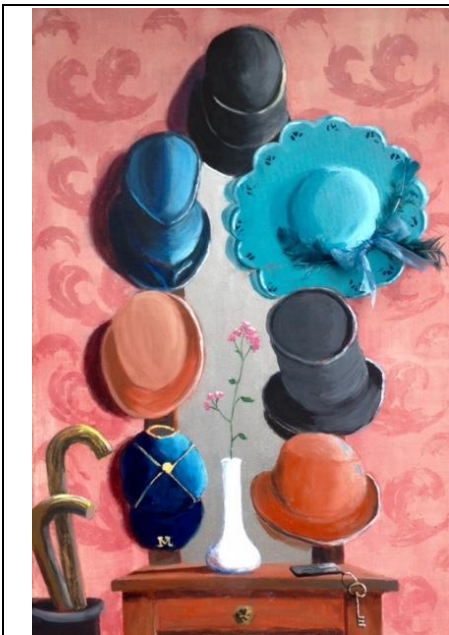


Meet Marilyn Bachelor

Marilyn currently lives in Hubbard Lake Michigan and in The Villages FL. She graduated from The University of MI with a MA degree plus, but has been painting seriously for over 30 years. Her business is "Marilyn's Waterworks" and she has participated in art fairs, galleries, juried art shows and has won many awards. She is a signature member of the International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA).



Marilyn says, "I am not an expert and I believe anyone can become an artist. It is the love of learning and recognition that everyone has creative abilities that needs cultivation."



La Galleria Exhibit

The LaGalleria exhibition judging found some great winning pieces of art!
AND THE WINNERS ARE...

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
 <p data-bbox="151 1119 578 1188"><i>Lois Kamp</i> <i>"On the Sunny Side of the Street"</i></p>	 <p data-bbox="703 1119 951 1188"><i>Marge McQuestion</i> <i>"Beach Buddies"</i></p>	 <p data-bbox="1198 1119 1385 1188"><i>Sally LaBaugh</i> <i>"Susan"</i></p>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Honorable Mention</i>
 <p data-bbox="248 1812 480 1881"><i>Kathy Karol</i> <i>"Sharing Secrets"</i></p>		 <p data-bbox="1190 1812 1393 1881"><i>Susie Schreiber</i> <i>"Up on Top"</i></p>



Scholarship Program



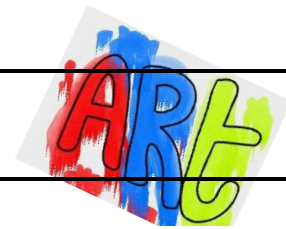
VAA Scholarship will be starting 2023 with an early fundraiser. We are having an **ART ELF Exchange and donation sale** at our first meeting on 1/6/23. If new supplies and painterly gifts were under your Christmas tree, perhaps you could consider donating older or unused media, supplies, tools, canvas and papers to our cause. You can share and exchange these supplies (**with a donation to our Scholarship Jars**). When we have had these opportunities in past years, our artists have brought in some great items. What a fun way to try new media and tools...or replace some needed materials...without a huge investment at art store prices. ***So see what you have in your cabinets or supply drawers, and help us kick off Scholarship Fundraising for 2023!***

January is also the month to mail our Art Scholarship Applications to Florida high schools in three counties. We send these to art teachers to share and copy. They are also available online at the VAA website. Now that schools are returning to normal schedules, we are hopeful for more applicants and great young artists in the class of 2023. Looking forward to a new year of great fun, shows and creativity for our organization. We hope you will support and join us in continuing our 18-year tradition of finding and helping the next generation of Florida artists.

Wishing you health, creativity and all good things in 2023!

--Helen Poor and the VAA Scholarship Team

ARTS (Artists 'Round The Square)



The New Year is a chance to celebrate our artistic creativity! Enjoy taking all your holiday spirit to the next level by displaying your gift of art at Artists 'Round the Square this time at **Spanish Springs on Sunday, January 29th 1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

The ARTS registration form is found on our VAA website along with the show guidelines. Any questions, please call Nan Kohr 904-676-3998.



Conversations



Send your topic suggestions for Conversations to Martha Ayotte at mayotte22@gmail.com

What is Mixed Media?

By Marion Boddy-Evans

A mixed media painting is one that combines different painting and drawing materials and methods, rather than only one medium. Any materials can be used, including collage items such as pages from magazines, newspaper, photographs, fabric, soil, or packaging. Or a mixed media piece can be as "simple" as using two mediums, such as acrylic paints with pastel on top.

History of Mixed Media Paintings

Mixed media isn't a 20th-century phenomenon, although in previous centuries artists were less experimental in what they used. For example, gold leaf was often added to church paintings, Leonardo da Vinci mixed pastels with other drawing media, William Blake used watercolor washes in his prints, and Edgar Degas combined pastels with charcoal and printing inks.

Current artists working in mixed media include New York-based artist Lawrence Weiner, who is regarded as a founder of postminimalism conceptual art. He is known for incorporating text into his works, such as large installation pieces in galleries. The New York Times once described him as a "language-based sculptor."

German artist Rosemarie Trockel is another contemporary artist working in mixed media. As an extreme example, during a 2013 exhibition, Trockel found a dead moth in the museum and quickly incorporated it into one of her works on display. The act of adding this unusual medium added a new layer of meaning to the work, by calling to mind a prior video piece of hers featuring a moth.

Challenge Yourself to Try Mixed Media

New to mixed media? Give the technique a try. Combine a wet and a dry medium in one painting, focusing on mark-making with lines (rather than blocks of color or tone), and work in layers, adding on top without completely hiding what's underneath. Follow these parameters to give you a place to start.

When selecting your mediums, remember that one must be wet and one dry. More than two mediums may be used. Mixing different brands of the same type of paint doesn't count as mixed media.

Something that you can turn from a dry into a wet medium by adding water or solvent (e.g., watercolor pencils) counts as one medium, not two. Watercolor paint (wet) and watercolor pencil (dry) is OK, but the paint must come from the tube or pans, not the pencils (i.e., applied in bigger quantities than you can easily lift from a pencil).

Collage items count as "dry." If you use pencil, it must be an integral part of the painting, not merely the initial sketch to establish the composition.



Using oil pastels and oil paint sticks on top of oil paint counts, though paintsticks must be used differently than how you apply paint with a brush.

Suggested Art Supplies for Mixed Media Painting

Have a look in your art supplies box for supplies you haven't used in a while. They'll likely be a perfect fit for a mixed media project. If you're feeling stuck, look for any of the items on this list:

- Heavy-weight paper that will stand up to some reworking
- Oil pastels that can be used over acrylics, watercolors, and oil paint
- Hard pastel sticks for sgraffito into still-wet paint
- Soft pastels to add over watercolor or matte acrylic (glossy acrylic may be too smooth a surface for it to stick to) and work into still-wet paint
- Charcoal for working underneath, on top, and into the paint. If you don't like dark and messy, perhaps this is not the best choice for you.
- Inktense blocks and pencils, which are like watercolor pencils but insoluble when dry
- Watercolor pencils and crayons
- Waterproof pens
- Oil sticks

Online Art Challenge

Submit your art and show us what you're up to!!!

The current Online Art Challenge closes on December 31, 2022 – and the next Challenge opens on January 1.

New theme is “**Still Life.**” Deadline is February 28, 2023.

Be sure to read the Rules online (visualartsassociation.com). You must be current with dues.

Send your entry to Martha Ayotte at mayotte22@gmail.com.

You members do the judging. Try not to pick your friends, but rather look at each individual entry for its artistic value. Both 2D and 3D art is accepted. No crafts. Cannot be utilitarian. Make sure your photo is good quality, no signatures please.



Events & Opportunities

Village Art Workshops
Art in the Heart of Florida

WORKSHOPS WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN ARTISTS JANUARY OF 2023



David R. Becker Paint Party
1/15, 3:30 – 6:30
All supplies included

David R. Becker Watercolor
Workshop
1/16 & 1/17
All supplies included



David R. Becker
Acrylic Watermedia
Workshop
1/18 & 1/19
All supplies included



Laurin McCracken
Watercolor Workshop
1/30 – 2/2

Carol Carter
Watercolor Workshop
1/23 – 1/25





Village Art Workshops

Art in the Heart of Florida

**OTHER WORKSHOPS & CLASSES
JANUARY OF 2023**



Lionel Sanchez "Watercolor Your Way"
8-week Series or Standalone Class
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5 & 3/19
9:30 -12:30

Mark Polomchak One-day Workshop
1/12, 9:00 – 3:00



Mark Polomchak One-day Workshop
1/26 9:00 – 3:00

**For more information, to register & for payment, visit
villageartworkshops.com**



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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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Deadline: February 28
Theme: "Still Life"

Membership Mtg
Friday, January 6, 1:00pm
Sea Breeze

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Friday, February 3, 1:00pm
Sea Breeze

Annex Exhibit Hanging *
February 4, 2023

Winter Fine Art Festival *
February 11, 2023
Laurel Manor

* *indicates show or exhibit activity*

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

VAA Fiscal Year:

Sept 1 – Aug 31

Download form on our website

To mail in with \$15 dues

(Or bring to membership meeting)

***NOTE:** Participation in VAA events
requires your dues are current