



The President's Message

May has been designated "Military Appreciation Month." It is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by the men and women military personnel who have served as well as those who currently serve both here and abroad.

We will be **voting** on our new slate of VAA Officers at this upcoming meeting on Friday, May 5th. We hope you will join us and confirm your new Executive Board.

Our demo artist for May will be **Susie Schreiber**, watercolorist extraordinaire! Susie's demo will be on recycling paintings. Turn something old into a fresh new painting. You won't want to miss it!

Entries for the May 6th **Annex BOGO Exhibit** are trickling in and there is room for several more. If you have entered before, you know the routine but please download the new revised forms which are online and were also attached to the recent email Blast sent to every member. If you have been debating if you should enter or not, ENTER! Remember, the Annex is a Government Building where the public usually must wait to be served so they saunter down the Gallery and view the art which will hang until October. Our judge will be Pat Ford. Call me and I'll extend the deadline for entries to May 3rd (one time only). "Git er Done!!!"

As always, there is so much going on with the VAA, so come to our meetings, check out our Monthly Newsletter and Website for other details and venues and read our intermittent Notices sent directly to you. Please keep your contact information up to date by notifying our Membership Chair, Lisa Melcher of any changes. Don't forget to visit our **Lending Library** at the entrance and see our VAA Library Chair, Julie McGlone where you can sign out any books you choose to borrow or return. We also accept gently used books to lend to members.

Hope to see you at our next Membership Meeting at Seabreeze Regional Recreation Center on Friday, May 5th which begins promptly at 1pm. Come early at 12:30pm for our Meet and Greet with light refreshments thanks to Lois Bixby and her Refreshment Committee and say a friendly hello to our new members who will be introduced by our New Member Chair, Sally LaBaugh.

All the Best,
Catherine Sullivan, VAA President

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
--John Quincy Adams*



Program at May 5th Membership Meeting

Demo by Susie Schreiber

“How to Recycle Paintings”



Susie has devised an unusual approach on painting to conserve paper and stop the look of mundane traditional paintings. This is done without adding collage or acrylic paint.

“The process came to be a lifesaver to all the papers I started while teaching beginners in Columbus OH. I had a stack of over 50 pieces started but not finished.”

Susie loves competition and enters in regional and national exhibitions. She is a member of Florida Watercolor Society, Central Florida Watercolor Society, Suncoast Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society and is a signature member of Ohio Watercolor Society.

Several samples of her work will be at the meeting for review.



Original Painting



Renewed Painting



Spotlight on You

Darlene Hayes, Chair

Meet Judee Norton



Hi everyone, my name is Judee Norton and I'm a mural artist and more. I feel so so blessed to have had so many different forms of art in my life. Having drawn and painted since a child I cannot take credit, but give that to God for blessing me with this talent.

For many years I was a sign painter and had my own hair shop in Michigan where I was born. I've done art on buildings, windows, trucks, boats motorcycles, magnetic signs, furniture, face, painting, and clothes.



I still do custom work on walls in homes and golf carts. One day a week I am teaching art at Colony on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. I love teaching people in acrylics and watercolor who say they can't draw a stick person. It's fun to watch them succeed beyond their expectations. I like to take the fear out of painting, and get students to relax and enjoy the challenge. Hope to continue having fun painting the rest of my life. Don't be afraid to try!





Scholarship Program



Helen Poor, Chair



At our April 7th meeting, the VAA celebrated its 80th student winner and our 2023 Scholarship recipient. Our honoree, **Lauren Deahl**, is from the Magnet Arts Program at West Port High School in Ocala ...and she is an excellent academic student as well as a most talented young artist.

What a pleasure for us to hear her story, see her very creative and unique art work, and hear of her future plans and “ART “ dreams. Lauren is accepted at Ringling College of Art in Sarasota, the most respected private art college in our region. She has been awarded some monies from them, is hoping for more, and is pursuing other scholarships, grants and foundations for support. On top of her many art activities and AP academic load at West Port, she works 30 hrs a week after school at a well-known Ocala restaurant.

When we see needy students like Lauren, who despite Covid and personal challenges have been determined to stay the course, we are impressed ! VAA Art Scholarships and the recognition of talented high school artists is important for them, and for what we all believe in as an ARTS association and community!

For those not able to meet Lauren in April, we are including (BELOW) some of her unique pieces and photos from her awards day in April. Thanks go out to Dave Boege for some great shots. ENJOY!

As always a huge Thank you to our members for welcoming our winner, and for the ideas and continued support that make our program possible! Very Special **THANKS** to Our Scholarship Team Judges... **Frank Zampardi, Marge McQueston, Sally LaBaugh, Joan Beeman and Judy Nahmias** from

Helen Poor, Scholarship Chair





Photo Frame



Betty Eich, Chair

Meet Maureen Terrien



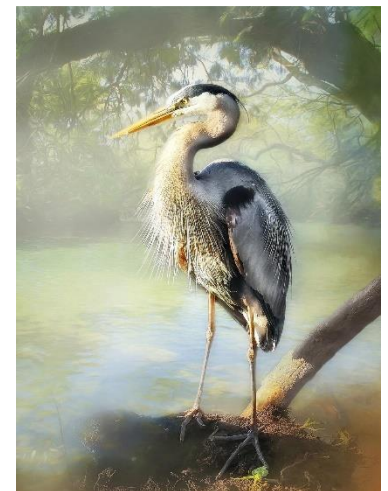
Originally from New York, it wasn't till I moved to the small seaside community of Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida, that I became interested in photography. The charm of my surroundings drew me to try and capture the beauty of the ocean and ambiance of the small beach town. I eventually did the cover photo of the Lauderdale by the Sea's Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide every year till I moved to The Villages in 2007



As a self-taught photographer, it became apparent that I had a lot to learn and joined The Villages Photography Club and Intermediate Photo Club where I learned much through their critiques. I then joined The Visual Art Association and Villages Art League and was inspired by the artistic works of the members. Once I experienced exhibiting at my first art show, I found I enjoyed sharing my images with other people and since then look forward to participating in upcoming events.

I love nature photography and find it a constant inspiration. I was mostly associated with egret and heron photo art and love photographing these magnificent birds, but my newest passion is capturing the serenity of landscapes. I look to draw the viewer into my images and capture the light to enhance the scene. When I look through the lens of my camera I usually know exactly what I want my image to look like and work in post processing to create that 'art.' Creating artful images is the joy of photography for me.

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Conversations



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

ABSTRACT ART

Abstract art has been around for centuries, and its role in society has had a major influence on the development of the modern art movement. Its main purpose is to communicate an idea or feeling without directly representing the object or subject matter.

Abstract art is a type of art that does not have a clear definition and does not necessarily represent anything tangible. It is characterized by its lack of adherence to certain rules and conventions, as well as its use of lines, shapes, colors, and forms without necessarily creating a representational image.

To make good abstract art, a few essential elements need to be taken into consideration. Some of these elements include color, texture, line, shape, composition, and balance.

Having strong color balance is essential for creating a successful abstract artwork. The colors chosen should be complementary to one another and create a sense of harmony. Additionally, the use of value and light can add to the dynamic quality of an abstract artwork.

Texture is another important factor in making a good abstract piece. It adds a visually interesting element and conveys a tactile sensation. Multiple layers of texture can create a greater sense of depth in an abstract artwork.

Line, shape, and form are key components of abstract art. Lines can be used to create dynamic energy or a sense of movement in an artwork. Different shapes, such as circles or triangles, can be combined to create unique forms and patterns. Together, lines, shapes, and forms can construct a balanced and pleasing composition.

Balance is essential in abstract art. The artist should ensure that all elements are in harmony, without any one element overpowering the other. Keeping a balanced ratio between negative and positive space, between light and dark colors, and between warm and cool colors will add to the overall impact of an abstract artwork.

Composition is another critical factor when creating a successful abstract artwork. When deciding on composition, it is important to consider the size, placement, and relationship between shapes and colors. Abstract art can range from simple to complex, and the composition should reflect this.

The tools used for abstract painting are also important for creating a successful piece. Many artists prefer to use brushes, splatters, and spray cans, as these tools offer a great deal of versatility when painting. Depending on the desired look, other tools, such as sponges, knives, and palette knives, can also be used.



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When making good abstract art, it is important to start with a simple concept and then build on it. Starting without an idea in mind can often lead to a feeling of being overwhelmed. It is also essential that each element is considered on its own merits in order to create a balanced and visually interesting piece of artwork.

Although abstract art does not necessarily represent anything, it still has the power to evoke an emotion or convey an idea. With a bit of inspiration and creativity, as well as an understanding of key elements such as color, texture, line, shape, composition, and balance, anyone can create beautiful abstract art.

La Galleria Exhibit



Meg Hay, Chair

A Call to Artists Ribbons and Monetary Awards

Our Summer 2023 La Galleria Show will hang Saturday, June 10, 2023 at La Hacienda Recreation Center. **The registration forms and instructions are now on the VAA website under FORMS.** The show ends September 9. (Please note the Sept-Nov show will be organized by the VAL.)

The following awards will be given: 1st Place \$100.00, 2nd Place \$75.00 and 3rd Place \$50.00. The judge for this show is noted artist, instructor, and curator David Fithian.

The postmarked deadline for registration forms is **June 3, 2023.**

Don't delay, get your registration forms in the mail and let's make this another wonderful exhibit for the VAA.



Events & Opportunities



Village Art Workshops

Art in the Heart of Florida

WHAT'S HAPPENING MAY OF 2023

TEACHING TUESDAYS



Kathy Mantel
"Sunflowers" Watercolor Batik
5/9



Cindy Vener
Oil and Cold Wax
5/23



Korinne Carpino
"Spring Flowers" Alcohol Ink
5/30



Village Art Workshops
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OTHER EVENTS & CLASSES MAY OF 2023



Mark Polomchak
One-day Watercolor Workshop
5/4, 9:00 – 3:00



Lionel Sanchez
Eight-week Intermediate
Watercolor Class
Starts 5/11, 9:30 – 12:30



Wanda Boyd
Eight-week Beginner
Watercolor Class
Starts 5/26, 12:30 – 3:30


OPEN STUDIO DATES:
MAY 3 AND MAY 17



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



Bulletin Board

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Annex Exhibit *
Saturday, May 6

Membership Mtg
Friday, May 5, 1:00pm
Sea Breeze

Membership Mtg
Friday, June 2, 1:00pm
Sea Breeze

La Galleria Exhibit *
June 10
Deadline: June 3 postmarked

NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUGUST

Membership Mtg
Friday, Sept 1, 1:00pm
Sea Breeze

* 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