

# NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President

Happy Summer!

Excited and encouraged to be having summer meetings scheduled for the first time in our organization with the hopes of reaching those who are unable to join at the regularly scheduled time. We have much to look forward to, and I'm not taking any more space in this letter. See you at the picnic at Irvine Park on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 PM. Bring Your Own Dinner; lemonade, coffee, and dessert provided. ~Tammy

**We appreciate the VAA members who have served the community and those who still provide the presence and growth of Visual Arts in the Chippewa Valley, thank you!**

## In the Valley this month

**Banbury Art Crawl Redux** is June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> many members are exhibiting, and they are still looking for Volunteers, email [www.banburyartcrawl.com](http://www.banburyartcrawl.com) for more details.

**Vino Cappuccino**, near Elk Mound, is featuring VAA member Barb Harling this month. A reception planned for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. Excellent food, coffee, wine, and cocktails, if you are in the area, stop in!

**Ongoing member exhibits at Lucy's Deli, Artisan Forge Studios, and Altoona Library.**

## CONGRATS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!

- ★ Kelly Speros received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Arts West 43, Well Done!
- ★ Randy Palmer for Best in Show in Go Paint, Chippewa Valley, Way to Go!
- ★ Don Gabor's sculpture, "Willy" is now on display in the Eau Claire Sculpture tour, be sure to check all the sculptures out when you are out and about.
- ★ Mary Hermanson and Jean Young both received awards in the Spring Heyde Show, Fantastic Job!

*To be highlighted, email me your accomplishment so you, too, can be recognized in our Newsletter. We have grown exponentially in the past year, and I am sure many of you have accomplishments that will encourage other artists!!*

**VAA is hosting the WRAP/STAMP exhibition this October**, under the umbrella of the AWA (Association of Wisconsin Artists). ALL non-professional artists may enter either of the two categories. We encourage artists 18+ to enter WRAP and student artists, ages 13-19, to enter STAMP.

To see the complete schedule, go to the VAA website ([www.valleyartassociation.org](http://www.valleyartassociation.org)) and/or find more information at <https://wiscartists.wildapricot.org/event-4489667>

**If you are interested in helping the VAA WRAP/STAMP event refer to below information, and feel free to contact Val West Naber at [valvaa2021@gmail.com](mailto:valvaa2021@gmail.com)**

## WRAP/STAMP Update

Hopefully you are all getting familiar with the Wisconsin Regional Art Program and Statewide Teen Mentor Program that VAA is sponsoring starting Oct 13, 2022. You should have received your Call-For Artist already. Contact [valvaa2021@gmail.com](mailto:valvaa2021@gmail.com) if you have not.

We have received WRAP questions about who is considered “non-professional Artists”. The Assoc of Wisconsin Artist (AWA/WRAP) states “unless the type of art you enter is your primary income source, you are not a professional. We definitely have WRAP participants with art degrees, who teach art, and who show their work in galleries.” They leave it up to the individual to decide for themselves.

We hope all our members will participate and share in the experience. Even if you decide not to enter your art, there are other ways you can support VAA with the show.

**On November 3-5, 2022**, WRAP and VAA will be hosting a Workshop and Public Artists’ Reception which includes a Silent Auction. The committee is looking for unique and different items and/or theme baskets to auction in support of our local WRAP event, workshops, and guest speakers. In addition to soliciting businesses for silent auction items, we want to think outside of the box. *That's where you come in.* As VAA members, you're naturally creative with a plethora of connections and ideas.

***We'd like to include everything from individual pieces of art to basket items to adventures & life experiences in our silent auction.*** There could be local art for guests to bid on. Baskets would consist of collections of physical items and/or gift cards with related themes. Some ideas include: **Treats for Chocolate Lovers; Cooking Like a Pro; A Gardener's Bucket; Creative Supplies for Children; Summer Fun Spa Basket; The Young Adult Art Bin; and Rainy-Day Adventures.** Let your imagination run wild and come up with your own basket ideas, too. **Do you have a unique skill or talent?** Would you be willing to donate a memorable life experience, free class or opportunity for a lucky winner?

Contact **Ellen Wynkoop**, VAA Member and WRAP Silent Auction Coordinator, with your donation details or to brainstorm some ideas. She can be reached at [ellenwynkoop@gmail.com](mailto:ellenwynkoop@gmail.com), 715-829-9905 (c), 715-552-8212 (c).

**The deadline for silent auction donations is Thursday, September 15.**

**You may bring your items to our VAA meetings and give them to any board member.**

**Thanks for supporting VAA and its efforts to promote the arts in the Chippewa Valley.**

### **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS and CURRENT MEMBERS who wish to display on our Website Member Gallery**

Webmaster Steve is offering updates and additions to our Member Gallery from June 2-20<sup>th</sup>. Please see the link on our website for further information on how to go about it.

**NOTE**, the VAA is still looking for an ‘understudy’ to actively participate in the functioning of the website and its components. Consider giving back to the community by sharing your talent with the VAA and the visual art community. You can reach out through the VAA email.

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