

# NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President

Looking for the warmth of the sun and the inspiration in our world. Lately, I find myself prioritizing necessities requiring the most attention so I can specifically carve out time each day to be creative in whatever way possible, even if it means pushing less important things to another time. Being creative is, for me, a meditative process that allows me to achieve focus in all areas of my life.

Being a diverse group with many objectives, it will be important to apply the same concept within our organization. A little work, a little play, and a lot of creating along the way. Coming together, one small piece at a time! ~Tammy

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

## May Meeting Program - by Kelly Speros

We are looking forward to her demonstration all about pencils that we missed in February.

-Thank you to Pamm for her enthusiastic, hands-on weaving demo with time spent introducing this ancient art to our members.

## Showing In the Valley this month

**Elmaro Vineyard** in Trempealeau through May. A special reservation at their customer appreciation will be given to VAA members, who wish to participate in the May 15<sup>th</sup> 'meet and greet' from 1-4 PM. Please email Jeff ([jsnart2020@gmail.com](mailto:jsnart2020@gmail.com)) by May 11<sup>th</sup> to be included in this event!

## 43<sup>rd</sup> annual ArtsWest Virtual Exhibit

**River Prairie Art Festival, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Altoona**, many VAA artists will be exhibiting

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

**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 see below information, and feel free to contact Val West Naber at [valvaa2020@gmail.com](mailto:valvaa2020@gmail.com)

*Love to share with others?*

*Have a new technique that's  
interesting or unique?*

Our Program Committee is looking for individuals or groups to facilitate a program for the following month's meetings: AUGUST and September.

Please contact Pamm Spooner at  
[Pamm.spooner@gmail.com](mailto:Pamm.spooner@gmail.com)

## Upcoming events

**The Summer Picnic** is planned for June 2nd at River Prairie Park in Altoona. For full information, please refer to the website.

**Contact** Nancy Erickson Dutmer at [cra-z-artist@charter.net](mailto:cra-z-artist@charter.net) to inquire about displaying at the Red Barn Theater in Rice Lake this summer.

**The Pablo** is accepting applications for The Confluence.

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

## More about WRAP & STAMP

**Members and Non-Members can support this great event for the first time in the Chippewa Valley by:**

- Putting up a WRAP poster at a great location, Tammy will have them at the meeting
- By mentoring a young, emerging artist and help them enter STAMP (link above.)
- By making a donation for the silent auction being held at the artist reception (i.e. artwork, a class certificate, art supplies, or anything you might like to get yourself!)
- If you think of somewhere that might donate an 'experience,' let the board know so we can contact them or provide you with the info necessary for arrangements. (Hotels, attractions, museums, etc.)
- Sign up to help load in, load out, or do a workshop. Contact Val Naber at [valvaa2021@gmail.com](mailto:valvaa2021@gmail.com)

Remember to visit the website often for updates. Please give a thank you to webmaster Steve for keeping info current, providing photos of our events and exhibits, and organizing and facilitating the member gallery. Without a replacement, we will be in a bind for sure.

**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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