

VAA summer notes for August.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep everyone in our organization apprised as to events, shows and accomplishments that involve our membership.

VAA summer board notes



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### **VAA NEWS**

**Great news!** Your board has decided to hold our first general meeting of the 2020 – 21 season September 10<sup>th</sup> **IN PERSON!** This meeting will be held at north Irvine Park. Our plan is to reserve the small pavilion. We will begin with the board meeting at 12:30 followed by the membership meeting at 1:30. Masks and social distancing will be strictly observed. To this concern please bring a portable chair. There will be a short business meeting for the benefit of the membership. Our program will be a show and tell session. Every member is encouraged to bring one example of your current work. Many of us have been busy producing with few outlets for our efforts. We hope you'll take this opportunity to show friends and fellow members your 'creative quarantine' accomplishments. Feel free to bring your own refreshments that best fit the occasion. If the weather is not conducive to this gathering the meeting will be cancelled. Notification of cancellation will be emailed on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The board will meet via zoom at the next agreed upon date. If so desired, maybe a bit of plein air painting, camera work before the meeting? It's a beautiful setting.

### **Fall VAA Show Update.**

Our annual VAA fall members show at The Heyde Center will be held this year. We currently have 30 display artists signed on to show! Along with the physical art display the board is trying to pair a virtual

show as well. This virtual display would feature art from our members. This revolving visual display will be shown on a monitor in one of the galleries. The specifics of this virtual show are in formulation. By the time of our September meeting we will have specifics and more information. Also, you will have the opportunity to fill out the required registration material for this show at our September meeting. The same information will be emailed to you as well in case you miss the September meeting.

Your VAA board is pursuing the possibility of raising funds to promote our organization and the arts in general throughout the Chippewa valley. These funds would be used to provide added activities for our members, promote increased membership and to provide scholarships / stipends to artists/students/members in our area. This idea is in formulation. The board invites your input as we move this idea along.

### **Member Promotion**

#### **Class opportunity:**

Karen Begin is offering a landscape watercolor class at O'Neil Creek Winery on Thursday, August 20. Please call Joe, 715-568-2491 or Karen, 715-723-1763

If anyone has a promotion/event they would like to have broadcast to the membership please contact Jeff using the email above. I ask that these events need to be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the next month summer board notes email.

### **Current Happenings**

1. The Pablo Center will be hosting an online show this year. The show title is Confluence of Art. This is an annual show and is growing in popularity and submissions. Congratulations to the following VAA members on being juried into this show: Lindamerry Udell, Don Gaber, Pat Hamm, Karen Scarseth and Jeff Nelson. If you have been accepted to this show please email Jeff Nelson and you'll be included in the next update.
2. Artisan Forge Studio has been holding pop up art tent shows and sales during this past month. Be sure to check this popular, fun venue for opportunities and entertainment during our last month of summer (sorry, I had to say it).
3. Arts West is currently happening at the L.E.Phillips Library in Eau Claire. Congratulations to Kris Crowe and Steve Cole on their acceptance to show this year. Arts West is a virtual. To view go to: [www.ecpubliclibrary.info](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info), search Arts West.
4. Plan to stop in to the Valley Art Gallery in beautiful downtown Chippewa Falls. Here is an opportunity to stop and see some of our members creative efforts. Hours are 10-4, Thursday through Saturday.

Some Light reading? Check out this link to Invaluable. Many articles of interest to artists.

[http://link.mail.invaluable.com/YesConnect/HtmlMessagePreview?wMA7pt75EKgn0wFjwrrmBYHkThbz hAvaJw5Fq\\_Q2t-0=.enc](http://link.mail.invaluable.com/YesConnect/HtmlMessagePreview?wMA7pt75EKgn0wFjwrrmBYHkThbz hAvaJw5Fq_Q2t-0=.enc)

Be safe stay well.

Keep creating!