



Newsletter

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The Mission of the Valley Art Association is to promote visual arts and artists in the Chippewa Valley of Wisconsin through networking, creative development, and support for exhibits and Workshops.

Letter from the President

We are entering August...yes, really! A recent observation of others when I am out running errands for our businesses is busy-ness. Keeping up with a fast-moving world with more information than a human can digest in a day has many people operating on what seems to be automatic mode. There's a reminder to slow down and take time to 'smell the roses' in life and appreciate life's beauty. I do hope you are all able to stay creative and inspired and keep bringing ART to life for the enjoyment of others. See you at the next meeting. As always, BE WELL - Tammy

Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

Elmaro Winery N14756 Delaney Rd, Trempealeau, WI VAA Member display opens June 30th with a Reception Sunday, July 30th from 1-4 PM, including live music.

LCSAC & Mississippi Mornings Art Studio is hosting a Summer Workshop is featuring member Jeff Nelson's "Fur & Feathers" workshop August 10-11th, register by email linda@mississippimornings.com

Clearwater Jazz & Art Festival 2nd annual is being held at The Brewing Projekt on August 26th from 12-8 PM hosting several VAA artists, live music and food trucks.

Collective Charm 16 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls is hosting various art & craft classes, visit their Facebook page for more info and inquire about instructing classes.

WRAP & STAMP Exhibit & Conference is coming up, congrats and good luck to our participating members. For info on this exhibit visit: <https://wiscartists.wildapricot.org/State-Conference-2023>

Yellowstone Art Trail and Falling Leaves Art Tour are upcoming, as well.

Important Monthly meeting info:

Next meeting is August 3rd, 5:30 PM at

Mill Ridge Condo's Community Center located straight ahead as you enter the complex at

4299 Mill Ridge Circle, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Program on Mosaic Glass will be given by member Erin Hill.

Please contact any board member for questions you may have regarding Membership, Exhibits, Programs, opportunities, etc

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We continue to seek an interim Secretary, as Val is holding two positions; **the legacy of this organization lies with its members and their ability to serve its mission.*

Nominations can be submitted at any time for any future executive board position to the Members At Large via email. Also, Thank You to all who have served on board and committee positions over the years.



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VAA Member Displays for May/June

Sweet Driver Cafe – Beth Creekmore & Constance Heffernan

It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to our venue at Lucy's Deli, stay tuned for new opportunities.

NOTICE

A question was raised by a board member about bylaws Section X, line 6 at our June Board Meeting, discussion brought about an approved motion in July to correct the following wordage. It now reads:

“6. The two-year term of office for the President and Treasurer will start in January of even numbered years; the two-year term of office for the Vice President and Secretary will start in January of the odd numbered years, to provide continuity on the Board.”

Nominations for Officer Positions are open. For information about officer responsibilities, please see the description in the by-laws listed on our website.

First EVER VAA MEMBER ART SWAP

Was held July 6th from 4 – 5:00 PM (before the meeting) at Mill Ridge Condominiums-Community Room and had 6 people offering goodies to sell or swap. If you are interested in doing this again, please let the board know so we can arrange it for another time. It has been requested by several members in the past, perhaps we could have a larger group at a different time of year.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

August – Mosaic Glass – Erin Hill (Mill Ridge)

September – Gelli Plate Printing - Cari Raynae Jacobson and Tammy Ford (Heyde)

October – TBA – (Heyde)

November – TBA – Will include recognition of the Member show (Heyde)

December – Christmas Party, Venue TBD

NO meetings January & February

If you or someone you know has interesting art to share via presentation or demonstration with our members, or you have suggestions for a program, please contact Kathy at kasbehnke@gmail.com.

Annual Fall Member Exhibit

2023 VAA Member Exhibit Theme:

“Words of Inspiration”

Using written word/s either from a literary piece or in general as inspiration or interpretation. It/they may be included in legible handwriting on a 3”x5” notecard.

Dates are as follows: *Load in Oct is 23-24, 2023 Show runs Oct 25 thru Dec 4, 2023. Load out is Dec 5-6, 2023.*

Reception is October 26th, 5-7 PM

Each member is encouraged to enter 2 items, 36” Square or smaller at no charge, with opportunity for 3 additional pieces (per availability) at \$5 each. **ALL pieces must not repeat past Heyde/VAA events AND be created in the past 2 years. Registration will begin in August.**



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GREEN ART TIPS

by Tammy Ford (this month)

The greatest tip for both energy saving, and influence in light and shadow is utilizing all-natural light for creating, if possible. When natural light is unavailable, you can opt for one of the following energy efficient options, Halogen bulbs, CFL's (compact fluorescent lamps), and LED's (light emitting diodes.)

Proper lighting aids in creating emotionally charged pieces showcasing the quintessential expressiveness of shadow and light play, whatever the mediums would be. I, personally, have several halogen and LED style lights, but enjoy outdoor creating and window light.

Website GALLERY

Updates have been completed for the second half of 2023, thank you to H. Steve Cole for spearheading this once again.

The VAA Website Gallery is available to *all members*, a PDF is available on the website **EVENTS Page** with instructions for both current gallery members and new to gallery members. Updates are completed twice per calendar year.

NOTE: THIS is not a site to sell from, but provides a secure web link with Bio, contact, and reference photos for sharing.

Wisconsin Regional Art Program and STAMP State Exhibit

Held at the Pyle Center for the Arts in Madison from August 14th through September 22nd, the following VAA Members have received local awards and were eligible to participate in this event.

Congrats on your accomplishment!!

Jeff Nelson	Ellen Nelson
Mary Hermanson	Randy Palmer
Constant Heffernan	Kris Crowe
Julianna Johnson	Barb Lowe
Ken Krautbauer	Ashton Tessendorf
Barry Grill	Grace Frederick
Clara Behnke	Judy Shaide
Kathy Stockton-Behnke	Rhonda Bengston

Personal exhibits & Member sharing

Please submit updates, personal exhibits, and accomplishments to tford67.tf4@gmail.com before the 20th of the month to be considered/included the newsletter/website.

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