



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 well into the Holiday Season & I'm left recounting memories of the past year. The VAA started off with continued growth and along with it we experienced a few growing pains. As with many organizations and businesses, we continue to face lingering challenges as local, regional, and global circumstances have reshaped awareness over the past several years. Through this time, I've become more keenly aware of what is within my capability and where I need to step it back to allow harmony and balance in my life. Choosing to step back from a professional life that was dictated by time and its management left me in limbo for a time before I joined the VAA. Had I not pulled away from this regiment I would have missed opportunities and changes that would occur and lead me back to a path toward my dreams. I am beyond grateful for all the VAA members who've inspired me while serving as a board member, I've learned a great deal, and I thank you. Although many lessons stand out. I've learned If we look beyond perceived outcomes, we can surprise ourselves with NEW and CREATIVE thoughts and ideas, and if we can courageously choose to do something different, we will experience a completely new outcome!

As always, BE WELL – Tammy

VAA Member Displays for Nov/Dec

Sweet Driver Cafe – Frank Nowak and Val Naber

Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

Be sure to check the local Volume One, Pablo, & CVCA (Heyde) websites for upcoming events.

Other places for ongoing art displays & events involving VAA members include, Bridge St. Art & Gifts Co-op, Artisan Forge/1106, Tangled Up in Hue, 200 Main, Collective Charm, and others in the Chippewa Valley!

Monthly meeting Info:

Dec. 7th, Holiday Party

(RSVP was required by Dec. 1st required for meal only, please consider bringing an item for the Silent Auction.)

REMINDER

NO general meetings in January or February, we resume in March at the Heyde Center.

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

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The legacy of the VAA organization lies with its members and their ability to serve its mission.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for any future executive board positions 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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Executive Board Nominees

President, Kathy Stockton-Behnke
Treasurer, Val Naber

Vote to install by majority will be held at the
Holiday Party on Dec. 7th

Community Opportunity for Art Classes

Chippewa Falls Cardinal Community Outreach is now
taking applications from instructors for this Springs
courses. For more information, or to sign up contact:

Community Education Coordinator, Jenny Schafer
715-720-3749 schaferjl@chipfalls.org

Committee Opportunities

VAA is looking for Committee Chairs for the
following Committees: Exhibit and Education

*Currently we have an Interim Exhibit Chair, and no
Chair for the education committee.

*Creativity is allowing yourself
to make mistakes. Art is
knowing which ones to keep.*

-Scott Adams-

Upcoming Meeting Programs

NO meetings January & February

Calendar of upcoming programs coming soon.

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

Website GALLERY

Steve Cole recently sent out an email for the semi-
annual Website Gallery & Bio updates to ALL eligible
members. This time, he will be offering appts for
those who are challenged with photographing artwork
or to obtain a personal Bio image. Steve is graciously
offering this opportunity and WILL have limited dates
& times for those who wish to participate. Please
refer to his email.

A PDF is available in the email and available on the
website under the **EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP Pages**
with instructions for both current gallery members
and new to gallery members.

The next update will be Springtime.

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