



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.

NEW!! The board has created a simple script available at our March meeting and on the website under membership documents for sharing with groups and interested individuals, we ask that you use it when you reach out on behalf of the VAA. Together we can achieve more.

BE vocal, BE proud, BE inspiring, and share our mission and events with others!

Letter from the President

Finishing this Newsletter amid the flurry of Banbury Crawl Prep. Grateful for the VAA'ers who have encouraged growth and offered insight over the past several years, it truly is great to BE among creatives with so much inspiration to share. Hope to see a few familiar faces again this year! ~ Tammy

WRAP/STAMP 2024

The CHAIR position for the **2024 Chippewa Valley WRAP/STAMP** event is up for grabs! Please submit your name through April 15th. The board will consider ALL recipients and a new Chair will be announced at the May meeting. Val Naber will provide the thumb drive with all current WRAP info to be utilized for the future event, the Chair will choose their own committee and have a full year to prepare for the next WRAP in June 2024.

Email Tammy at tford67.tf4@gmail.com

Current VAA displays

Lucy's Deli/Foreign 5 – Karen Clark & Julianne Johnson

Artisan Forge Studio Wall – Karen Clark, Steve Cole, Ruth Lundblad, and Bob Wynkoop

Sweet Driver's – Nancy Erickson-Dutmer & Mark Robarge

Upcoming Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

Heyde Center 59th Annual Spring Art Show registration is underway thru March 24th @ 4 PM

Artistic Quilt Show runs Feb. 22-April 5, Reception is Feb. 26th from 1-4 PM. Please follow the link to Visual Arts at their website for info on this, classes, and more:

<https://www.cvca.net>

Banbury Art Crawl is February 3rd & 4th, many of our members participate in this annual Fine Art Fair.

www.banburyartcrawl.com

Acoustic Café in Eau Claire is looking for local artists for display, please contact them at

artsubmissionacoustic@gmail.com

Trout Museum of Arts juried Fine Arts Exhibition is still accepting applications for "TMA Contemporary," link to apply: <https://troutmuseum.org/event/tma-contemporary-2023/>

New Visions Gallery's "Culture and Agriculture" Exhibit by Marshfield Clinic Health Care is accepting applications, link to apply:

<https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/locations/marshfield-center/new-visions/culture-and-agriculture>

Dimensions & Discovery Exhibit at Chippewa Valley Museum thru 4/8 with several VAA members represented.

Artisan Forge Studios Artist and Cast Reception Feb. 9th at 5 PM and Meet the Artists at Decadent Gifts on Feb. 11th from 10 - 4

Valley Art Gallery store hours listed on Facebook.



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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Our next meeting is **MARCH 2nd at 1:30 PM** at the **Heyde Center**, 3 S. High Street, Chippewa Falls, 54729.

After a brief business portion and member sharing, a pastel program will be given by member Kay Brathol-Hostvet. A newsletter will go out in February, please submit any events to share with members by the 20th of the month.

REMINDER: We understand life is hectic and everyone us busy, so if you wish to exhibit and participate in VAA events you must remain in good standing and dues needed to be received by January 31st.

Single - \$25, Family - \$35 and can be sent to: **VAA, PO BOX 674, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

Please contact a board member for questions you might have regarding membership in the VAA, and although general membership isn't meeting in February, we are.

President – Tammy Ford tford67.tf4@gmail.com

Vice President – Pamm Spooner

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naber1968@chibardun.net **Interim Treasurer** – Beth
Creekmore bethcreekmoreartist@gmail.com

Members At Large: Karen Clark
(inspirestudioec@gmail.com), Kathy Stockton-Behnke
(kasbehnke@gmail.com), and Randy Palmer
(palmerri@hotmail.com)

NOTICE: Beth Creekmore has provided her resignation from the Board and Committee assignments to be effective no later than April 30th, she will remain Coordinator for Sweet Driver's for this calendar year. Please contact any Board Member to be considered for interim Treasurer and/or Exhibit Committee Chairperson, ASAP.

Annual Fall Member Exhibit

2023 VAA Member Exhibit Theme is
“Words of Inspiration”

Using written word/s either in a literary piece or in general for your inspiration/interpretation

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.*

Details on size and quantity will be available in March, every member receives 2 entries at NO CHARGE and participation is encouraged.

Artist reception to be announced.

Personal exhibits & Member sharing

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

Remember to visit the website often, events are ever changing, and it provides a one stop shop of information for members and the community.

www.valleyartassociation.org



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Community Outreach

Update on Chippewa Falls Community Education Outreach, please contact contact Jenny Schafer via email at shafejl@chipfalls.org if you are interested in offering classes in the Community for the fall of 2023. Art classes are in HIGH demand and this is a great way to be promoted within the community through their brochures which reach most households in the Chippewa School District and beyond. Artists can set their subject material, prices, class size, location, and age range (youth to adult). NOTE she is looking for watercolor and mosaic teachers, but is interested in any mediums, including 3D. She has sent me a few brochures which I will bring to the March meeting for anyone interested.

If you are interested in offering public classes this summer to encourage creating for FUN and empower youth excitement in participating, please email me at tford67.tf4@gmail.com. I am organizing dates and spaces during **FEBRUARY** to be available for the March meeting. Without members we will have to forego this opportunity in the organization at this time, and it would have to be fulfilled through the Community Education outreach program.

PROGRAMS 2023 - Looking Ahead

Kathy Stockton-Behnke, Program Committee Chair, is setting monthly meeting programs. March is confirmed with Kay Brathol-Hostvet's program on Pastels. On board for April is Kathy Stockton-Behnke with tips for "Green Art." And May is Barbara Dunham with collage, rounding out the 1:30 PM afternoon meeting times at the Heyde.

Summer programs, including our annual June Family Picnic, will be held in a protected outdoor venue with easy accessibility at 5:30 PM. Programs may include the following possibilities: encaustic or charcoal, and mosaic glass. Fall is still to be determined, but is back at the Heyde.

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

Website GALLERY

The VAA Website Gallery is available to *all members*, please **go to the EVENTS page on the website and locate the instructions link**. Updates are completed twice per calendar year, one has just passed, the next will be initiated this Spring, and an announcement will be made when it is open for submissions and updates.

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



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