



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

Hello Members, short, sassy, and sweet, this month.

As I am grateful for the beautiful rain this past weekend, I'm aware of the continued changes to weather patterns affected by too many things to notate. By choosing mindful practices to protect and care for our beautiful 'mother earth' we create change, one artist/human at a time. Showing gratitude for the love and support we receive from the earth by respecting our earth. Humans, flora, and fauna inspire artists daily. My hubby says I get 'preachy' about this, yet ignoring for the sake of conformity doesn't exactly evoke change either. Empower by leading with mindful example, and work towards a more response-able world. Enjoy the beauty around you. As always, BE WELL - Tammy

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.

First EVER VAA MEMBER ART SWAP

July 6th from 4 – 5:00 PM (before the meeting)
at Mill Ridge Condominiums-Community Room

Bring your gently used or unwanted art supplies to share or sell. You must register to participate at vaaspecialevents@gmail.com prior to the event.

Start rummaging in the far corners of your studio and liberate those forgotten supplies. If you are selling, please bring your own change.

Important Monthly meeting info:

Next meeting is July 6th, 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 Charcoal provided by member, Jeff Nelson

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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Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

LE Phillips Memorial Library's Group Summer Show, "Food for Thought" is open during regular library hours. Several VAA Members are participating.

Elmaro Winery N14756 Delaney Rd, Trempealeau, WI
VAA Member display opens June 30th with a Reception July 30th from 1-4 PM, including live music. Gather a few friends & consider a road trip for the afternoon.

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@misisippimornings.com

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.

Heyde Center for the Arts is now booking art workshops for 2024, please contact Kennedy to suggest ideas or to teach a class. www.cvca.net

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.

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.

Artist reception to be announced.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Reminder for those who won awards at WRAP

By now, you'll have received emailed instruction on how to participate in the Statewide Association of Wisconsin Artist's (AWA) Conference and the State WRAP/STAMP Exhibit at the Pyle Center in Madison. There are fees associated with this exhibit, explained in the email sent.

Registration is due by **JULY 15th**; the following link can be used:

<https://wiscartists.wildapricot.org/event-5266258>

Reminder to those participating in Elmaro the load-out and Reception is scheduled for Sunday, July 31st from 1-4 PM

Upcoming Meeting Programs

July – Charcoal - Jeff Nelson (Mill Ridge)

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

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 .



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VAA Summer Workshops

The VAA is hosting two summer workshops to be held at Irvine Park Activity Center on the following dates:
Thursday, July 27th on collage with Barbara Dunham
Thursday, August 10th on nature dream catchers with whimsical birds by Tammy Ford and Noriko Slowinski.

Cost is \$20 and includes supplies.

Registration began June 26th on Parks & Rec website under program drop down:

https://chippewafallswi.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29905

For volunteer opportunity, contact Tammy at tford67.tf4@gmail.com

Website GALLERY

Updates NOW thru July 3, 2023

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, this being the second.

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

Personal exhibits & Member sharing

Congrats go out to Ken Krautbauer for his image being chosen as cover for the "Food for Thought" summer exhibit at EC Public Library. Be sure to check it out!

Tammy Ford will be teaching an introductory mixed media class at Collective Charm in Chippewa Falls on July 7th from 5:30-7:30 PM, Cost is \$35, supplies included. Register via email at collectivecharm@outlook.com or call 534-220-7076

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.

GREEN ART TIPS

by Kathy Stockton-Behnke

Looking for a green alternative to restock supplies for your studio and your home??

Check out *The Juggery*

It's so simple; bring a container(s) to the store on Saturdays between 11 and 3 PM to be filled with high quality, toxic-free products from their bulk selection. They also offer plastic-free reusable items to reduce single-use disposables going into our landfills. Visit their new retail space within Collective Charm, 16 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI, 54729

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