



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 for members at our March meeting, found also on the website under the *Membership* tab, 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 the VAA's mission and events with others!

Letter from the President

Our membership meetings kick off this upcoming week, and if there is one wish to impart to members this year, is to remember to BE authentic to self. Providing inspiration and self-empowerment has been a driving force as I engage with others, however, I continue to see fear incapacitate artists (and others) to fully embody their OWN artistic voice, a personal perspective unique to their vision. Let go of the judgements and expectation of others and BE YOU! See you on Thursday, Tammy.

Local VAA Displays for March/April

Lucy's Deli/Foreign 5 – Steve Cole & Rhonda Bengtson

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

Sweet Driver's – Cari Raynae Jacobson & Tammy Ford

WRAP/STAMP 2024

THE 2024 Chippewa Valley WRAP/STAMP Chair position remains open. A response is needed to Heyde for reservation by no later than MAY. Without a chair, we will not be able to continue this well attended event. The board will appoint the position from all interested members prior to the May meeting, and 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 prep for the next WRAP scheduled in June 2024.***

Email Tammy or any of the board members listed.

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.

Any late dues may be sent to:

VAA, PO BOX 674, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Membership remains, Single - \$25 & Family - \$35

Please contact a board member for questions you might have regarding membership, Exhibits, Programs, etc

President – Tammy Ford tford67.tf4@gmail.com

Vice President – Pamm Spooner
pamm.spooner@gmail.com

Secretary – Val Naber naber1968@chibardun.net

Interim Treasurer – Beth Creekmore, **resigned and seeking replacement ASAP**
bethcreekmoreartist@gmail.com

Members At Large:

Karen Clark (inspirestudioec@gmail.com)

Kathy Stockton-Behnke (kasbehnke@gmail.com)

Randy Palmer (palmerri@hotmail.com)

Current Secretary, VP, and President are also nearing their end in 2023, according to our by-laws, we will require an interim VP and Pres for 2024 to get back on track for various reasons. Please consider serving, our **Members at Large** lead the nomination committee.



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Community Outreach

The VAA has been in contact with Jenny Schafer shafejl@chipfalls.org to facilitate visual art courses in our Community for the fall of 2023 and beyond. Art classes are in HIGH demand and this is a great way to be promoted within the community through their brochures which reaches most households in the Chippewa School District and other close districts. 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. I will have a few brochures and Class Proposal forms at the March meeting for those who are interested.

Also, on behalf of the VAA, Tammy is working with Parks & Recreation to set up a summer workshop for public access, it remains to be seen if there will be a small charge to participate based on budget, but we are aiming for Thursday afternoons/early evenings in July/August. Please contact Tammy at tford67.tf4@gmail.com if you're interested in participating via instructing or helping facilitate, there will be a meeting scheduled in April (probably via Zoom) to go over details.

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>

Acoustic Café in Eau Claire is looking for local artists for display, please contact them at artsubmissionacoustic@gmail.com

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

Artisan Forge Studios continues to host various local artists, including VAA members in gallery displays and events.

GOpaint! Chippewa Valley is now open for registration at Pablo Center for the Arts <https://www.pablocenter.org/visual-arts/gopaint/>

Valley Art Gallery store hours listed on Facebook.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The June Member Picnic is being planned for the first Thursday in June, info TBA. Summer Meetings will be held at **5:30 PM, the first Thursdays in July and August at Mill Ridge Community Center in Eau Claire**, be sure to mark your calendars. Look for a CALL for ARTISTS to go out for the Elmaro Winery Exhibit (6/30-7/30) right after the March meeting.

*We are planning some fun and interactive events and programs for these meetings, including a supply SWAP meet for members, more details to come in the April newsletter. Never a better time than the "False Spring" in WI to clean out creative spaces and make way for "new to you" media and tools to inspire
NEW CREATIONS!!!*



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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.*

Each member is allowed 2 pcs 36” Square or smaller at no charge, with opportunity for an additional 3 pieces (per availability) for an additional \$5 each. **ALL** pieces must not repeat display from past Heyde events **AND** *be created in the past 2 years.*

Artist reception to be announced.

Personal exhibits & Member sharing

CONGRATS to member Nancy Erickson Dutmer whose print, “The Last Chuckwagon” featuring Roy Rogers as the main character, was sent off to the granddaughter of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. She will also be featured in “Where Women Create” magazine with an article written by her dog talking about where and what she creates as art! Thanks for the update, member news and exhibits inspire other members in the organization.

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.

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

Looking Ahead - Programs

March – Pastels – Kay Brathol-Hostvet (Heyde)

April – “Green Art” tips – Kathy Stockton-Behnke (Heyde)

May – Collage – Barbara Dunham (Heyde)

June – Picnic, no program, location TBA

July – TBD - Jeff Nelson (Mill Ridge)

August – Mosaic Glass – Erin Hill (Mill Ridge)

September – TBA (Heyde)

October – TBA – (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.

Next update is June 22nd thru July 3, 2023

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