



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, we are, once again, on the doorstep of the annual Fall Member Exhibit at the Heyde Center for the Arts. We are presented a fortunate opportunity to enjoy our artist reception at the same time a Murder Mystery Dinner Show is being held. Attendees will be arriving and can experience the "Words of Inspiration" Exhibit, and the artists simultaneously. I am looking forward to putting the display together with fellow members again, and seeing what everyone has been up to over the past year, as well as what 'words' may be inspiring your creations! Vice President, Kathy Stockton-Behnke, will be leading this month's General Meeting as my husband and I unplug along the Shores of Lake Superior for a few days. See you when you drop off your artwork.
As always, BE WELL – Tammy

Monthly meeting info:

**Next meeting is Oct. 5th, 1:30 PM, Heyde Center
3 S. High St
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

Program on Mosaics by member Dawn Briskey will be given.

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.

VAA Member Displays for Sept/October

Sweet Driver Cafe – Jamie Bowers & Leslie Snyder

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

Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

Heyde Center for the Arts October 26th - December 4th,
"Words of Inspiration" VAA Member Exhibit

Confluence for the Arts September 15th – Nov. 12th at the Pablo Center's James W Hansen Gallery. Several VAA Members were accepted into this local exhibit.

Falling Leaves Art Tour September 30-Oct. 1st, 15 artists all throughout the Fall Creek, Osseo, Fairchild, Foster area. For map & Info, visit their Facebook page.

Other places for ongoing art displays & events involving VAA members include, Bridge St. Art & Gifts Co-op, Tangled Up in Hue, 200 Main, Collective Charm, and The Heyde Center for the Arts



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Nominations for Exec. Board

Nominations for Officer Positions are open.

All nominations must be received on or before **Member Exhibit Artist Reception - October 26th** **Email to the Members at Large.** For information about officer responsibilities and eligibility, please see the descriptions listed in the by-laws on our website.

Annual Fall Member Exhibit

Deadline for registration and payment:

EXTENDED DATE - SEPTEMBER 30th

2023 VAA Member Exhibit Theme:

“Words of Inspiration”

Using written word/s either from a literary piece or in general as inspiration or interpretation. You may include literary pieces, or your typed or legibly written explanations on 3” x 5” sized notecard or cardstock.

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

Please note, this will be our “general meeting and program” for the month of November. We will be walking through the exhibit as a group.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs

October – Mosaic creation by member Dawn Briski (Heyde)

November – October 26th, our ‘program’ will consist of our Member Exhibit walk thru (Heyde)

December – Holiday Party at The Brewing Projekt in Eau Claire, ‘program’ will include music, silent auction, and exec board vote!

NO meetings January & February

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.

Collage Group Start UP

Barbara Dunham has assembled a small multi/mixed-medium collage group. If you are interested or simply curious about this form of creating, please reach out to Barbara to join.

bjdunhamartist@gmail.com or via phone @ 770-833-3235

❁ Annual Valley Art Association's Member Holiday Party! ❁

Mark your calendars for this annual social event to be held Thursday evening, **December 7th 5-8 PM** at **The Brewing Projekt's** Upper-Level Private Bar and Dining Hall. RSVP will be required for all members to attend free, with a guest option for \$15. This year's event will include a Silent Auction, Musical entertainment by local High School musicians, and a wonderful Italian meal by KP Catering, and dessert!

(A short meeting will take place to vote for new officers.)

Wisconsin Regional Art Program and STAMP State Exhibit



Several Members attended the State conference and exhibition in Madison last weekend. The Chippewa Valley held the largest WRAP/STAMP in 2022 and received recognition, as well as the following members receiving awards

Congrats on your accomplishment!!

Constance Heffernan – Birds in Art

Mary Hermanson – ArtStart Award

Randy Palmer – Five Painters Award

Kathy Stockton-Behnke – Whitewater Art Alliance Award

GREEN ART TIPS

by Kathy Stockton-Behnke

Very soon we will be turning our furnaces back on as the morning and evening temperatures start to fall below our comfort levels. It is a good time to make sure the filters have been changed and maybe schedule a service call to make sure all is well with your furnace to run safely and efficiently.

As always, conscious efforts in being grateful and caring for our surroundings bring about a positive impact locally, and ultimately our world.

Website GALLERY

Winter updates will be underway for the Website's Online Gallery soon. Webmaster, H. Steve Cole will be contacting ALL eligible members, as well as offering appts for photographing artwork or self for a personal Bio image. This had been done pre-Covid and will have limited dates & times for those who struggle with producing images for online platforms.

The VAA Website Gallery is available to *all members in good standing*, a PDF is available on the website **EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP Pages** 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.

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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