



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, gosh what a crazy, busy art scene there's been recently! Only three registrations have been submitted for the Fall Member Exhibit thus far, the Deadline is September 15th and fast approaching. We have several VAA members being recognized at various exhibits, displaying in multiple venues, and participating in local art tours and festivals, BUSY, BUSY. Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party, Dec. 7th @ The Brewing Projekt AND get your nominations into the Members At Large ASAP for Exec Board positions. See you at the next meeting. As always, BE WELL - Tammy

Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

WRAP & STAMP Exhibit & Conference September 22-23rd at the Pyle Center in Madison. The VAA had 17 participants from the Chippewa Valley WRAP show in 2022, and several recognitions (See 'Member's News.') For info on this exhibit visit: <https://wiscartists.wildapricot.org/State-Conference-2023>

Yellowstone Art Trail is Friday, September 8-9th from 9-5PM. 31 artists at 9 locations in Cadott, Boyd, & Eastern Lake Wissota. For more info & a map visit: www.yellowstonearttrail.blogspot.com

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

Monthly meeting info:

**Next meeting is Sept 7th, 1:30 PM, Heyde Center
3 S. High St
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

Program on Gelli Plate Printing will be held after Show & Tell Sharing Time by members Cari Raynae Jacobson and Tammy Ford. There will be demo stations to try your hand at a print or two, depending on time, be prepared to get your hands dirty.

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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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*.

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:
SEPTEMBER 15th**

**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.

Reception is October 26th, 5-7 PM

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.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs

September – Gelli Plate Printing - Cari Raynae Jacobson and Tammy Ford (Heyde)

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

Thank you to Erin Hill for sharing her demo on how she creates tempered glass mosaics in August, it was great to see your unique process!

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 is putting together a group of artists who are currently working in or interested in creating multi-medium collage.

To be informed about meet ups, please add yourself to the list, by contacting Barbara directly via email bjdunhamartist@gmail.com or via phone @ 770-833-3235



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GREEN ART TIPS

by Tammy Ford (this month)

Our monthly reminder to be Conscious Artists creating in our environment. Here's a handful!

1. Use only what you need.
2. Be mindful of consumption and waste.
3. Give back to the Earth.
4. Recycle and Reuse when appropriate.
5. Create and source items locally.

Website GALLERY

Updates have been completed for the first half of 2023, thank you to H. Steve Cole for spearheading this once again. The next update will be this fall.

The VAA Website Gallery is available to *all members in good standing*, 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.

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

Wisconsin Regional Art Program and STAMP State Exhibit

Is being held at the Pyle Center for the Arts in Madison from August 14th through September 22nd. The Chippewa Valley held the largest WRAP/STAMP in 2022 and will receive recognition for that, Well Done, and out of the 17 locals who entered State, four VAA Members received State Recognition.

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

Personal exhibits & Member sharing

We have Several artists who were accepted into the Confluence of Arts at the Pablo Center again this year, thanks to those who sent me their info.

Mary Hermanson

If there were others I hadn't received, Congratulations!

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.

www.valleyartassociation.org