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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

From the president: Summer VAA activities in full swing. Check out the calendar and the list below so you don't miss out. We had a damp but "winey" picnic the first of the month. A lot of very good food and fellowship despite the damp weather. Remember the summer meetings are at 5:30 so many of our members can get to them after work.

- At the July 2 meeting **Professor Tim Tozer** will be telling us about his experiences in the UK in the **Portrait Artist of the Year** competition.
- We will also be painting some more designs for our 20th anniversary bag. No experience required to add your contribution to the art for the bag. See Helen and Noriko at the meeting.
- Also, reminder of the two **Paint Outs** coming up this week (see attachments/calendar)
- I would like to encourage you to sign up for the workshops being offered by VAA this summer.
 - **Drawing workshop**- we are pleased to be offering this two day workshop to VAA members and non-members featuring Professor Tim Tozer of UW Stout. This is a workshop for both those newer to drawing and the more experienced artist. This is Professor Tozer's area of teaching at UW Stout. We are fortunate to have him share his expertise with us. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Bsa5QJ7Hnco49mSe6>
 - **School of heritage arts – basic embroidery or beading on fabrics**
Register here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyi9JrlZs7CHEf47y6t6yLW6vGDT02IY3Fobec4cVlabXCg/viewform?usp=header>
- It's time to do your annual studio purge. We will be having our annual **Art Swap** before the **August 7th** meeting (4pm) so gather your no longer desired art supplies to share, sell, or swap.

- A big VAA thank you to **Steve Cole** for his many years of web site management for VAA. He has turned the reins over to VAA member Lillian Hillis. He will continue to share his photography expertise with VAA. Please thank Steve yourself. We do appreciate his dedication! And thank you Lillian!

Welcome New Members in 2026

Thomas Dircksen*Patty Martinson*Roger Nielsen*Louise Schotz
Sheryl Rupprecht * Linda Hurt

Exhibiting at VAA venues- May/June 2026

Decadent Gifts – **June Haigh-Boley**
Acoustic Café- **School of Heritage Arts**

Artists Around the Valley:

Decadent Gifts Artists in residence: **Mindy Huntress and Helen Buck**

Helen Buck- miniatures acrylic paintings at Two Roots

Jeff Nelson-Art Z Gallery, Amery and Arts in Hand Gallery, Spooner

Marlee Agner- Owner of the Impromptu sponsoring id's and adult ceramics classes this summer. <https://www.theimpromptu.com/private-events>

Karen Scarseth- artwork on display at the Art Z Gallery in Amery and The Stone Barn near Nelson WI.

Ken Krautbauer- Spring Exhibit at the Orange Dragon Gallery in Prescott, WI. It will run through early July. **Also**, Community Arts Board's Annual Member Show at the Arts House in River Falls. June 18 – July 31. Artists Reception on July 25, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Jeff Nelson, Ellen Nelson, Heidi Schreiner, Sarah Williams, Gerlyn Brasic, Mary Hermanson, Virginia Duerst, Jamie Bowers, Kay Brathol-Hostvet, Marlin Hostvet, Heidi Schreiner, Sheri Klein, - LE Phillips Summer Show, "Something in the Water", June 15th-August 24th.

Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists- Showing at Beaver Creek including many VAA members through July 22.

(See attachments for various exhibit and Calls for Artists details)

VAA School of Heritage Arts

The **VAA School of Heritage Arts** is sponsoring two more Saturday classes this summer featuring **basic embroidery, and beading on fabric**. Attached to this newsletter is the flyer that includes class details and a link to registration. Each class is \$35. The next class is **July 11, 1-4:30: the basics of embroidery**. See attached information and link to registration or

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyi9JrlZs7CHEf47y6t6yLW6vGDT02IY3FFobec4cVlabXCg/viewform?usp=header>

Your VAA Board Members 2025

President – Kathy Stockton-Behnke - vaapresident2024@gmail.com

Vice President – Paula Delfosse **Secretary** – Sarah Williams **Treasurer** – Val Naber

Members-At-Large: Randy Palmer, Barbara Dunham, Mindy Huntress, Noriko Slowinski, Helen Buck, Jeff Nelson, Lillian Hillis **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 gallery members. Updates are completed twice per calendar year.

Programs 2026 -subject to change

January 8th Holiday party at Market on River

February 5th Valentine after Robert Indiana-Helen Buck

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30 pm

March 5th Kay Brathol-Hostvet on "Presenting Your Art..."

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30 pm

April 2nd Constance Heffernan -making feathers w/roving wool

Heyde Center 1:30 pm CANCELLED

May 7th Constance Heffernan- Making feathers with roving

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30 pm

June 4th –picnic, Plein Aire event before the picnic at 1pm

Autumn Harvest Winery 5:30 pm

June 13- SHA cross stitch -Kathy Stockton-Behnke

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm

June 23rd- **PAINT OUT** 7:00 – 11:00 am

Rod & Gun Park 1515 Rod and Gun Park Dr., Eau Claire

June 28th- **PAINT OUT** 7:00 – 11:00 am

Riverfront Park 12 S. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls

July 2nd – Professor Tim Tozer -Portrait Artist of the Year experience

Mill Ridge Community Center 5:30pm

July 11- SHA Basic embroidery - Val Naber

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm

August 1- SHA Beading- Nancy Erickson Dutmer

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm

August 6th – Susan Sveda Pachau on Installation Art

Mill Ridge Community Center 5:30 pm

August 15-16- Drawing workshop with Prof. Tim Tozer

Mill Ridge Community Center

September 3rd – Des Sikowski-Nelson " hand lettering"

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30pm

October 1st – Pamm Spooner on needle work

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30pm

November 5- VAA banquet

TBD

November 25- December 23- Fall Heyde Show

Nov 23 & 24 - Load in for fall show

December 3- Artists reception for Fall Heyde Show

Heyde Center

Attachments:

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Paint Out x 2

VFS poster

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SHA classes

Drawing workshop

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