



Celebration!

VAA Newsletter

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President's Message

Reminders for the end of the year:

- December meeting will be our Holiday Party at the **Brewing Projekt** on **Thursday, December 5**. Members are asked to provide an item for the silent auction or cash donation. Be thinking of what you might want to contribute. The food will be provided by Silly Serrano. Guest price is \$15/person. **LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR HOLIDAY PARTY IS NOVEMBER 27!** RSVP to vaaspecialevents@gmail.com by November 27- indicate if gluten free or vegetarian. Mail check for guest to VAA, P.O Box 674, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
- The December meeting event will also be for the election of vice president and secretary, both of which have been filled as interim positions for the last year. If you or someone you know would like to be considered by the group for an officer position or for a member-at-large position, please contact me at vaapresident2024@gmail.com. The way we keep the VAA moving forward is by members stepping up to help lead the organization. Think about it. Thanks.

VAA Members Around the Town

Decadent Gallery & Gifts presents their Artist of the Month, Barbara Dunham. Barbara's collage/mixed media work will be on display from December 2 through 29, 2024. There will be a special Meet & Greet on Friday, December 6, from 6-8 pm. Come join us at 329 Water St., Eau Claire, WI. 715-514-0444

Venue Opportunities NOW

- **Wild Flour Bakery in Chippewa Falls.** Two artists will be able to exhibit for two- month period. June Haigh-Boley coordinator- haighboley@gmail.com
- **Silly Serrano** restaurant- Two artists can display for a two-month period. Sarah Williams is the coordinator- sarahj724@gmail.com
- **Pilates Studio-** One artist per two-month period. June Haigh-Boley is the coordinator- haighboley@gmail.com



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VAA Exhibiting Sites in November/December

Wild Flour Bakery- Cari Raynae Jacobson and Mary Elworthy

E.L. Pilates- Randy Palmer

Silly Serrano- not scheduled yet

Decadent Gifts- Julianne Johnson November/December

Banbury Holiday Market on Saturday, December 7. Multiple VAA members both 2D and 3D involved in dedicated VAA booth. Plan to stop by!

Heyde Fall VAA show- now until December 30. Theme- Celebration

COMING IN JANUARY- VAA Workshop - “PERSPECTIVE – ONE AND TWO POINT.” ATTACHED REGISTRATION- LIMITED TO 16 PARTICIPANTS.

Your VAA Board Members

Please contact any board member for questions you may have regarding Membership, Exhibits, Programs.

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Website VAA GALLERY

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. Next update is April, 2025. **NOTE: THIS is not a site to sell from, but provides a secure web link**