



VAA 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

From the president:

VAA member show at the Heyde Center for the Arts opened

October 29. Three cash awards were given on behalf of the VAA board selected by **Professor Tim Tozer** from the UW Stout school of art.

Congratulations to all members who shared their random thoughts in the form of art. It was all very impressive.

And the winners were:

1st: Dolly Catlin - 'Conservatory'.

2nd: **Nancy Dutmer** – “Annie Oakley”

3rd: **Marlin Hostvet** – “White, Blue & Orange bowl”

Honorable Mention:

Noriko Slowinski - 'Willard'

Kay Brathol-Hostvet – “Soar-Nighthawk”

We were treated to music by harpist, **Sarah Ohr**. **Cudos to all those people who put the exhibit and artists reception together:**

Exhibit committee - **Sarah Williams, Mindy Huntress, Randy Palmer**

Volunteers - Helping to check people in: **Ann Lee, Carol Way, Ken Krautbauer, Ellen Nelson, Andrea Schaffer, Marlee Agner, Lyn Krochmalski and Katie Quiroz.**

Helping the exhibit committee with hanging were **Gerlyn Brasic, Jean Young, Julie Chumas and Jim Chumas.**

VAA School of Heritage Arts

The attached survey is to find VAA members who may be interested in teaching any of the classes listed on the survey. Also, please indicate if you have a suggestion for a class not on the list.

The goal of SHA is to offer community classes on topics not normally covered by community education offerings and not being currently taught by anyone else. This is a way to help keep these heritage arts alive in our community. If you see one you feel confident in teaching and are interested in, please, indicate what topic(s) and when you might be willing to teach.

Reimbursement to teachers will be \$50/hour teaching time through the VAA and there will be defined minimum enrollment for each class. The teacher will be responsible for developing a class plan and samples of proposed class content which will be reviewed by the SHA committee; and to advise the SHA committee of the supplies that would be needed. SHA will order and pay for the supplies.

Our goal is to offer classes in daytime, evening, and also during summer hours. Fall and Spring classes will be scheduled through the Cardinal Community Learning Center(CCLC) in Chippewa Falls. Summer classes will be managed through the VAA SHA committee. Please consider when you might be available for any classes you indicate interest in.

When you complete the form select SUBMIT button. You will receive an email copy of the form you submitted.

The SHA committee will contact you if you indicate interest. The first classes will be in the spring semester beginning the end of January. We hope you will join in this new project of the VAA to reach out into the Chippewa Valley communities to advance heritage arts and in celebration of the 20th anniversary of VAA! **Copy and paste** this link to go to the survey. Thank you.

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Exhibiting in the Chippewa Valley

Exhibiting at VAA venues-**November and December**

E.L. Pilates – Val West Naber

Decadent Gifts – Ruth Lundblad

Acoustic Café- Val West Naber

Artists Around the Town:

Helen Buck - mini's on display at **2 Roots Art and Wine** and Featured Artist at **Decadent Gifts** December 1- 30th. Artist reception **December 12 from 6 to 8 pm.**

Mindy Huntress - resident artist at **Decadent Gifts.**

Mary Hermanson- will be exhibiting at “**Art by the Foot**” at the Center for Visual Arts in Wausau, WI. The exhibits runs from through **December 20, 2025.**

Sarah Williams and **June Haigh-Boley** exhibiting at **the Imprompt** in Cornell

Steve Cole- photography, solo exhibit at the **Wings Over Alma Nature and Art Center** through the end of 2025.

Ken Krautbauer- currently showing work in the members show at the **Phipps in Hudson** early Nov till late Dec.

Gerlyn Brasic- **East Bank Artists Exhibit** in LaCrosse

Pablo Center Annual Exhibit- October 27, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Congratulations to **Heidi Schreiner** for first place with “Resilient” and **Jean Young** for third place with “Emergence.” Awesome showing for the VAA! Other VAA members exhibiting - Helen Buck, Karen Scarseth, Becky Bowers, Mary Hermanson, and Holi Jacobson. On view now in the James W. Hansen Gallery, Monday - Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM + during ticketed events.

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Dates to Remember

December – **no general meeting**

December 6 – Banbury Holiday Market- VAA has a booth- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

December 19 – Fall Show closes

December 22-23 – load out Fall Show

January 8 – 20th VAA Anniversary Party /silent auction fundraiser

TBD- dedication for park bench for Priscilla Mae...should be soon.

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, June Haigh-Boley, Mindy Huntress, Cari Raynae Jacobson, Helen Buck

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.