

Lake Placid Art League Newsletter

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Vitals about our Art League Family

We have had a difficult year so far at our Art League in losing special people. Members Norm Pelland, Ralph Algarin, Bruce Snyder, Ben Vaughn and Anne Reynolds have passed away. Richard Blousley, husband of painter Terry also passed away recently. Dennis Mann, of The Happy Chef, and an Art League donor, died a month ago. Supporter Clown Big Al also passed away a week ago. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to all family members; numbers of donations have been made to our scholarship fund in their memory from outsiders, friends, and from our financial funds.

Moving Members

Jean Gragert moved several months ago to the north to be with her brother and has just purchased a home. Several of her former art students have joined our Tuesday painting class and our Art League; we are pleased to have them and hope they will come to our meetings as well as the painting class.

Joan Swanson recently had surgery to place stents for heart concerns; she has relocated to an assisted living facility in Clermont. She chose to donate many art items to the Art League to be sold for the scholarship fund. We thank her heartily and wish her well. We have numbers of her works at our Art League for exhibit and for our show.

January Show Update

We have just confirmed the judges for our January show. Tom Freeman, noted landscape artist, teacher and former show participant, and Marcia Pennington, muralist and painter with a fine arts background, have agreed to be our judges this year. They have collaborated on a Florida landscape book that will be published shortly and were recently featured in an article in the newspaper. We

welcome them as part of our art and fine crafts show.

We received a grant from the Tourist Development Council for \$1000 to advertise out of county for our show. This is our fifth time we have applied and been awarded the flex plan money for expanding our advertising beyond Highlands County. Secondly, we have paid our fees for the Agricultural Civic Center for the January 27th 31st Annual Art and Fine Crafts Show. We have been fortunate that they have cooperated with us to reserve the center and pay the required money at this time. Our applications, all four hundred fifty plus of them have been mailed. Let's hope many artists will join us again and new artists will participate. Calls have been made to obtain addresses and the responses have been positive.

Memberships

Please encourage friends and acquaintances to join our Art League. We want to increase our active members to build our attendance at meetings and other functions. New people are coming to our area, so we need to encourage them to join our organization. We will try to have interesting meetings and functions to promote our town's art community. Our dues are \$25 per person and \$35 for a family or business; we keep our dues as low as possible and our expenses as well. A good bargain and great people belong. Pass the word!

Art Space at the Art League

We are planning to offer wall space for our artists to hang their work, offer it to the public for purchase if desired, and establish a changing gallery for us. Each artist will be responsible for hanging his or her work and changing it every few months or more frequently as wished. That way we have an ongoing gallery for visitors and members alike. All

monies will go to the artists as they will be helping us with the look of our building. This will also be an asset for a new Highlands County Passport program that will get people into county locations to enjoy the benefits of our area; they will have us sign a passport and they can submit it for a prize. It should encourage people to visit sites in our county and help everyone in developing our part of Florida. Call Marlene if you wish to participate in this new endeavor at 699 2665.

First Fall Meeting

We will have a covered dish meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 5 p.m. We have topics to discuss for the year and will have a program as well to kick off our new season. Hooray for us as the Art League has been in existence since 1987, a long time. We need to continue to spark up our Art League and offer great things for our community. Come to our first dinner meeting; we need you!

New Members:

Please add the three new members. We are delighted that they have joined our Art League to paint and to carve.

Terry Blousley
10 Jackson Parkway
Lake Placid, FL 33852
863 465 2987

Bobbi Brown
821 Riverside Drive
Moore Haven, FL 33471

Louann Taggert
744 Sunset Pointe Drive
Lake Placid, FL 33852
443 480 2669

Demonstrators

Our Monthly Meetings are in need of demonstrators: If you would like to demonstrate your painting technique or craft process for approx. 15 minutes. at one of our monthly meetings, please call Fran Rolston 465-0038 to sign up. This could be a brief demonstration of your inspiration and your approach to doing your artwork. Also, if anyone has any Art Instruction DVD's to show at our meetings, please let us know. Thank you very

much; we can all share ideas and learn from each other.

Garage Sale -- Members Only. If there is enough interest, we are planning for Saturday Dec. 9, for our members to sell their house items, or artwork, at our Art League Building (\$15.00 donation to LP Art League per indoor table; \$10.00 donation, bring your own table and set up space outdoors). Call Fran 465-0038, if you would be interested in reserving table/space to sell your items.

Our Lake Placid Memorial Library has graciously offered wall space to our members to display their artwork. Please see Librarian Samantha, or call Fran 465-0038, if you are interested in displaying your artwork. Please put your name and phone number with your artwork in case of a buyer's interest (no prices can be posted). "

Wood Carving Fall Project

The woodcarvers' project for 2017 will be numerous types of turtles. This is definitely a new subject for our woodcarvers and should be an excellent one to carve, shade or paint. Turtles should be great for the exhibits in Lake Placid, Arcadia, and Sebring. Please search for possible bases for the turtles so they will be unique when on display; check at home in the garage, in a storage area, or wherever a great base can be found. This year the cost has been reduced for this project to \$35.00 which will include instruction and the cutout for the turtle; carvers also donate \$2.00 per session toward the utilities' costs and join the art league.

2018 Dates to Note

Painting Class	Tuesdays	9 until 12
Carving Class	Tuesdays	12 until 3
Carving Class	Thursdays	8 until 2:30
October 18	Meeting,	5 p.m.
November 15	Meeting,	5 p.m.
December 9	Garage Sale	8 until 1
December 13	Holiday Luncheon	12 noon
January 17	Meeting	5 p.m.
January 27	31st Annual Show	9 until 4
County Fair		February 3, 4
Woodcarvers' Exhibit		March
Members' Exhibit		April
Plein Aire		April