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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DRAWING BOARD

Jeanne Whildin

Welcome, sweet springtime!

It's the time of optimism, some see the tulips and daffodils re-emerging as harbingers of summer while the pragmatists among us recall snow flurries in May. I hope your cup is more than half-full and your portfolio bulges with new and exciting artwork!

The Art League Board, optimists all, are planning new and exciting programs and events for the upcoming year! We met in the winter months to socialize, create art, and enjoy our new – and to be repeated – winter venue at Gallery Ten in Ellison Bay.

Now as spring rolls into summer our first event will be the Sprummer show at DalSantos. Sales will benefit the Wellness Center of Door County and reflect the generous nature of the artistic heart. Details are in this issue of the newsletter.

More opportunities for exhibition are also on the horizon. So sharpen your Crayolas and ready, set, go! See you all soon!

Jeanne

Trattoria Dal Santo "Sprummer" (Spring/Summer) People's Choice Exhibit

This year we are having an entirely new type of competition. The exhibit will be a fundraiser for The Wellness Center in Sturgeon Bay. All the awards winners will be selected by the reception attendees.

So here's the deal: each of you may enter up to two (2) pieces for a ten (\$10) dollar entry fee. The entry fee and DCAL's commission for the artwork sold during the show will be donated to the Wellness Center for Reproductive Health.

Jeanne Kuhns will be filling the air with her beautiful music and there will be a silent auction. Also, The Wellness Center will be selling their name brand coffee and note cards during the afternoon.

So get working on your entries for this special show and come celebrate Sprummer with us on the 21st of May.

*Remember to identify your artwork on the back - your name, the title, medium and price. **Remember** that all paintings must be wired for hanging. Items not ready for hanging may be rejected.*

Dal Santos is located at 147 N. 3rd Ave. downtown Sturgeon Bay, next to The Artist's Guild and across from Kick Coffee. Reception: May 21, 1-4p (Sunday)

For more information contact Exhibit Chairpersons David & Kathy Franke 920-868-1609 or dafranke@dcwis.com.

Drop-off & Pick-up Winter show and Sprummer artwork: May 1, 1-4p (Monday)
Winter Show Note: If you cannot personally pick up your artwork, you may send a friend or family member - they should have a signed note releasing your artwork to their care.

WATCH THIS SPACE

As soon as all the technical issues are resolved, our web guy, **Mark Allen**, will begin soliciting artist bios and digital art for the new DCAL website. If you have an interest, start now to get your work in the proper formats. Artist biography in Word or similar text format and 170+dpi digital jpg images. *This is like hanging a show so please help Mark by preparing your information in useable formats. Images and text not web-ready may not be accepted. Thanks!*

MEMBER NEWS AND VIEWS

Ed Fenendael will be leaving Door County on May 12 for the opening reception for his exhibit, "The Collection," at the Watergate Gallery in Washington, DC. Forty paintings in watercolor and oil will be shown until June 17.

Another plug for plein air aficionado **Jim Leatham** and Plein Air Wednesdays. Call Jim for dates and times! This is a great way to keep your seeing skills honed.

Don't forget **Sarah Bradley** of the **Artists Guild** on 3rd Ave. in Sturgeon Bay has life drawing *every Thursday evening*. The more people attending, the less expensive it is for the per person model's fee! Get there!

Mary Anderson has work accepted at the Neville Museum's annual exhibit. The opening reception is April 29, 6:30-8:30p. She and

Karen DeNoto recently attended a day and a half workshop sponsored by "Springboard" from Minneapolis that was "inspiring."

Julia McMurray has two paintings in "Watercolor Wisconsin" at the Wustum Museum in Racine.

Although the editor had to cut to fit available space, **Cheryl Stidwell Parker** wrote a lengthy note worth sharing. "Even though we spend half the year in Australia, both my husband and I feel more connected to Door County than anyplace else on the planet. I came into DCAL as a new member just four years ago, but had heard of the group when I first came to Wisconsin in 1991. When I came to Door County in 2000, I recall coming to a dinner at Stone Harbor. I didn't know many people but thought the turnout at that dinner spoke well for

the organization. I also remember the diversity of that art show at Stone Harbor. It was quite impressive. I have seen younger members come into the Art League fold, which is so important, and the organization's recognition of older members [The Masters] is valuable in making the public aware of the role art has held in forming the unique character of the County. I have also seen a growing visibility of plein air artists coming to Door County and I wonder if the Art League would be willing to tackle something like that as a fundraiser."



At the February meeting.
Sally Berner photo.

ARTISTS' OPPORTUNITIES

Spaces still available for Door County art fairs

Old Ellison Bay Days, Jun 23-24

Sister Bay Fall Festival, Oct 13-15

Baileys Harbor 4th of July Celebration

If you wish to participate in any of the above exhibits, send a check for \$20 each exhibit. Receipt of your payment reserves your place. Send your check with a memo designating the exhibit (s) you are entering. It would also help to know if your work is 2D or 3D to determine exhibit space. You will be notified as to the number of pieces you may exhibit. Make your check to Door County Art League, P.O. Box 405, Fish Creek

WI 54212. Tent(s) will be provided. Call Jane Delcarson at 920-868-2606 or email to delcarson@dcwis.com for more info.

The **Northern National Juried Art Competition** is asking for slide entries postmarked by May 19. You may submit 2 slides of recent, original, 2D hangable work of any medium along with a \$25 entry fee. Work must be at the Nicolet College Art Gallery by Jul 15; the opening reception will be Jul 21, 5-7p. The exhibit will be open until September 8. Send an SSAE to Northern National Art Competition, P.O. Box 916, Rhinelander, WI, 54501 for an entry form. Phyllis Galembo will be the Juror/Judge. Over \$8,500 in prize money, including three \$1,000 Awards of Excellence.

Don't forget the Call for Artists: **4th Annual Barns and Farms Exhibition** Barnsite Art Studio and Gallery from June 11 to July 4, 2006. The deadline for entry is **Friday, Apr 28**. All artists in the United States over the age of 18 are eligible to enter. Diane Rath is the juror, Ratin-dra Das is the awards juror. Call 920.388.4391 or www.barnsiteartstudio.com for more information.

Spring and Fall workshops presented by the **Washington Island Art Association** start May 8! You can work with Kathy Stanaszek, Rachel Collins, Ed Fenendael, Rodger Bechtold, Win Jones, Barb Farrell and Chris Jeutter. WIAA may be reached at P.O. Box 16, Washington Island, WI 54246 or through www.washingtonislandchamber.com.

In Memory of Austin Fraser

Fraser was an architect in Milwaukee and 50 years old when he began painting. Watercolor painting, first only a hobby, brought him into the Men's Sketch Club. That, in turn, took him to Door County on the first of many painting excursions. In 1967, Fraser and his wife, Gerry, bought a piece of land in Egg Harbor. They built a home and studio space for him, calling it the Tree House Gallery. He became one of the first artists to live in Door County year-round, best known for his landscapes of elegantly airy birch trees and glowing sky and snow.

Fraser grew up in small-town Govan, Saskatchewan. He attended the University of Minnesota, where he met his future wife, then a nursing student. After graduation, Fraser worked for several years in Minnesota and upper New York state before settling in Milwaukee where he began painting in the 1940s. He eventually became vice president of Grellinger and Rose, an architectural firm that specialized in school

and church buildings. His role became increasingly administrative as he became more and more interested in his painting.

Bonnie Hartmann, director of the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, called Fraser a "gentle man and a gentle painter. His watercolors were fresh, and his color palette was lovely," she said. "And he really captured the Door County landscape."

Fraser kept painting into his 70s, finally giving it up when his eyesight could no longer capture what he wanted to paint. He closed the studio in 1981.

Fraser died of natural causes Jan. 24, 2006 in Sister Bay, where he last lived. He was 95. His wife died in 1992. In addition to his daughter Jean, Fraser is survived by a son, Robert, and three grandsons.

This memoriam was taken from an article in The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel written at the time of Fraser's death in January. ED.



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- League dues are payable January 1st. Dues must be received by March 1st to be included in the Membership Directory published in April.
- Members must be in good standing by August 1st to participate in the League's annual

- al Fall Exhibit and in good standing to be eligible for other hanging opportunities sponsored by the League.
- New member dues received after November 1st will be honored for the following year.

New Member

Renewing Member

Individual Membership

Name _____

Email Address _____

Art Medium _____

Summer Mailing Address _____

Summer Phone Number _____

Winter Mailing Address _____

Winter Phone Number _____

Last Chance to Be Listed in the 2006 Membership Directory

Please Check One Category

- Individual \$30
- Family \$40
With Spouse or Partner
- Gallery \$40
Includes listing for both gallery and owner

- Sponsor \$75
Provides extra support for the League's programs, listed in special section of annual directory
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Honorary Life Membership

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IMPORTANT DATES

DCAL Meeting, Mon, Apr 24, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p with **Rob Williams** showing us how to work with **Water-based Oils**

Barns and Farms Exhibition, deadline for entry Fri, **Apr 28**

Dal Santos, May 1 Pick up winter show artwork and drop off Sprummer work 1-4p

Sprummer Reception, Sun May 21, 1-4p. Featuring music by Jeanne Kuhns and a silent auction to benefit the Wellness Center.

DCAL Meeting and Annual Potluck, Mon, **May 22,** Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p. Bring a dish to pass

DCAL Meeting, Mon, Jun 26, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p with **Ed Fenendael** demonstrating **Painting Fast and Fluid in Watercolor**

DCAL Meeting, Mon, July 24, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p Demonstrator TBA

Meeting, Mon, Aug 28, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p with **Terry Stanley** of the Richeson Art School demonstrating the **Versatility of Casein Paints**

DCAL Meeting, Mon, Sep 25, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p with **Gary Chaudoir** demonstrating **Slumped Glass Vessels and Forms**

DCAL Annual Meeting, Mon, Oct 23, Baileys Harbor Town Hall, 7-9p with election of officers and suggestions for upcoming membership activities

Plein Air Wednesdays organized by **Jim Leatham** from Late April through early October. Look here and on the web for weekly locations.