



PRESIDENT’S NOTE

Autumn has arrived in Door County; after one more surge of visitors the close of the calendar year will be on us. For the Art League it is time to take stock of the season past and make plans for the year ahead. That occurs as a dialogue among members at the October member meeting each year.

Before we can have that discussion all of us need to assess what the League has accomplished, what we have accomplished and most important, how has the League served us personally and how have we helped the League meet its goals.

Volunteer groups live or die by the commitment of their members. It is not “them”, not “The League” really, but Us, We, Me. Nothing gets planned, organized, done by “them”, but by me, or by you: individual members willing to step forward and voluntarily lead or lend a hand to a project. What follows is a summary of some individuals’ contributions during 2011.

Art League members are running a Gallery with the participation of so many artists I cannot name all of them here. Sherry Mutchler and Penny Pfister coordinate the business end; the League members who show and sell their work through the Gallery are the human face of the DCAL to many DC visitors and residents.

Pat Olson’s stellar work as Exhibits Chair is literally paying off; the experiences of last season built to a series of opportunities each month for League artists to show and sell their work. Dates for next season are set and a crew to assist in the logistics makes another volunteer-at-ground-level chance to contribute.

Transitions

We remember: Ginka Cohn, June Ellis, Coral Peterson, and Rob Story



Program Chair Jeanne Whildin, Newsletter Editor Barb Kenyon, Plein Air guru Karen Lee DeNoto, and Webmaster Mark Allen along with those who work with them, deserve credit for their commitment.

Along the way Sarah Bradley and Sally Everhardus needed to step aside, but not before doing a heck of a lot of work as Secretary and Member Database manager, respectively.

The League again has a Publicity spokesperson, Madonna Siles, with all her skills and experience; already she is making a difference.

The Board: Vice President Marcia Nickols, Secretary Christine Whyatt, Treasurer Keith Wickert and Members-at-Large Barbara Kenyon, Pat Olson and Bonnie Sandstrom do a yeoman service. The emails alone are not to be believed.

For the capstone of the season, Marcia Nickols and Gale Ritchey organized the annual League Show with juried awards and oversaw the selection of the 2011 Door County Master. That the show will be held at the Miller Art Museum is a fitting recognition of twenty-five years of service to the arts community by the Door County Art League.

Writing this overview makes me reflect on the successes and high points of 2011, the value to all members of the League of the opportunities for growth and enrichment offered by DCAL programming, and the friendships formed by working and playing together. We can all be pleased by what we have accomplished, by where we are today, and by where we can go tomorrow, working cooperatively together for our common goals.



Adopt A Highway Cleanup

We will amass the troops for **Adopt-a-Highway**, the first half of October. Anyone interested in participating should call Cheryl Stidwell Parker, 421-1690 or Gary Chaudoir, 854-4825.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Connie Glowacki was in the Watercolor USA Honor Society 25th Annual Exhibition in the Springfield Art Museum in Missouri and the Wisconsin Watercolor Society Exhibition in May & June at Manitowoc's Rahr West Museum. She also has an exhibit at the Janesville Performing Art Center and was juried in at the Hardy this summer.



The August 6 **Paint the Bay** plein air member painters were: Mary Blotti Anderson, Jean Austad, Cal Bonnavier, Connie Glowacki, Dave Hackett, Laurreta Kelly, Ruth Sandor and Mac Schueppert, who won a second prize.

Lots of great comments were heard about the Sister Bay **Festival of the Arts** show. Participating members were: Pat Olson, Bethany Kirwen, Karen Shanahan, Bonnie Sandstrom, Dorothy McDowell, Kerry Vavra, Gary Orthober, Martha Cody, Sally Berner and Christine Whyatt,. Thanks to **Pat Olson** for coordinating DCAL exhibits and providing these opportunities for artists.

The following members were recently juried into the **36th Annual Exhibit at the Miller Art Museum**: Sally Berner, Cal Bonnavier, Martha Coaty, Jan Comstock, Criss Davis, Karen Lee Denoto, William Doyle, Barbara Kenyon, Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Cheryl Stidwell Parker, Nancy Sargent, Mac Schueppert, Madonna Siles and Archelle "Buttons" Wolst. Awards were presented to: **Martha Coaty, Karen Lee DeNo-**
to and Archelle "Buttons" Wolst. Mac Schueppert received the Gerhard Miller Award.



Martha Coaty received a 1st place award for her photo, "Hay Bale Carousel" and an Honorable Mention for her photo, "White Harbor" in HAL GRUTZMACHER'S WRITERS' EXPOSE & PHOTOGRAPHY JUBILEE in the Pulse. Martha Coaty is a fine art photographer residing in Allouez. She is a Wisconsin native and has practiced the art of photography for over thirty years. Her photographs have been juried in exhibits in Door County and Northeastern Wisconsin. "Picture This!" – The first exhibit at the Hardy Gallery to concentrate solely on works with photographic origins – is currently on display. Award recipients include: "The Friesian" by **Martha Coaty** (Jurors Award for Artistic Excellence, \$150 cash prize)

Sally Berner had an oil painting accepted into the Neville Public Museum's 67th Art Annual Juried show that runs November 5th through February 12th. She also has a painting included in Paint America's "2011 Paint the Parks Top 100" traveling exhibit.

She has a painting in the Neville Museum's "Artists of Studio 210" show that includes a piece completed during her time working in the Studio 210: Working Regional Artists program at the museum. This show runs October 1st through November 27th.

Art league members invited to participate in the Door County Land Trust event celebrating its 25th anniversary back in August were **Emmett Johns** and **Cheryl Stidwell Parker**. Eight artists were invited to participate and the paintings were raffled off to the 460 people who came through the property that day.



David Franke's "Hear My Voice... (Gag Order IV)" was auctioned as part of the "Limitless Legacy of Fred Alley" gala prior to the opening of the "Spitfire Grill" on Friday, September 30.

Artist's Statement for the piece: On the surface this piece deals with censorship, but underneath it is about Fred:

The actor wears a mask every time he steps out onto the stage.

The wood signifies the journey from cradle to coffin. The branches are the roads and intersections traveled in life.

The bone gag stands for the silencing of a beautiful voice.

The inner eye is the color of peace.

Mary Gehm Demonstrates the Delicate Art of Floral Collage at the September DCAL Meeting

Mary Gehm demonstrated how she creates artistic arrangements from petals, twigs and leaves for her unique note cards and collage art at the Door County Art League's Sept. 26th meeting, at the Gibraltar Fire Station on County F. All who attended had the opportunity to create their own floral composition with natural materials provided by Mary.

Master Gardener Mary Gehm paints with plants. She collects blooms, petals, leaves, seeds, twigs; then presses and/or dries them to create a collage library from which she builds greeting cards, wedding remembrances and framed collage art.

In creating her collage art, Mary uses natural materials and special papers suitable for her paintings. Some-

times the materials dictate the outcome; at other times, Mary relies on her intimate knowledge of color, shape, translucency and other characteristics of the materials to give her an idea for a design. She has been a featured artist at Charlene's Gallery Ten and also shared her talents with others at Door County Master Gardener events. Her cards are available at the Miller Art Museum and Door County Botanicals.

2012 DOOR COUNTY ART LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Elections for officers of the Board of the DCAL will be held at the October membership meeting on Monday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. (potluck) at the Fire Station in Fish Creek. Current members in good standing will receive a ballot by email or USPS two weeks in advance of this meeting and may email, mail, or vote their ballot at the meeting. The slate of officers was put forward at the September meeting on Monday, September 26. All Door County Art League members are encouraged and invited to participate in Board positions and further nominations were accepted from the floor at the September meeting. The Door County Art League Board is made of up volunteers who are "interested in the arts, in making new friends, in associating with artists and supporting them, becoming inspired, gaining knowledge and trying their hands at new pursuits."

All members are encouraged to participate as actively as possible in the League's activities, including its leadership positions. For 2012, the following have added their names to the ballot for the indicated positions: President, Marcia Nickols; Vice President, Connie Glowacki, Treasurer, Keith Wickert; Secretary, Christine Whyatt; Members-at-large: Barbara Kenyon, Bonnie Sandstrom, and Pat Olson. The success of the DCAL depends on the leadership and care and concern of these Board volunteers.

Please consider running for one of these positions. Contact Sherry Mutchler, sherry_mutchler@yahoo.com, or another member of the nominating committee. The nominating committee is made up of Jeanne Whildin, Cheryl Stidwell Parker, Karen Lee DeNoto, and Sherry Mutchler. This committee is currently seeking interested individuals to run for any office. Thank you to Ruth Sandor for her leadership as President in the 2011. She will serve as Past-President of the DCAL in 2012.

Consider Joining the 2012 Gallery of the Door County Art League

To All Members of the DCAL, WE MISSED YOU in the Gallery this year and hope you will consider joining for 2012! There are many benefits to being an artist in The Gallery of the DCAL. It is a great place to gain exposure for your work at the Top of the Hill Shops in Fish Creek.

1. Your name will appear in the Peninsula Arts Guide as exhibiting in the Gallery. Only those members signed up by the November deadline of the guide will appear, however;
2. The Gallery is also featured in the Arts Map and as a link on the Door County Visitor Bureaus website;
3. There will be much more flexibility for scheduling next year. Full days, half day shift, or a combination thereof will be considered;
4. We will continue to charge 20% for work sold. Many Galleries charge 30%+;
5. You are a member of the DCAL which has a wealth of exhibits planned for next year, monthly membership meetings with guest speakers and Potlucks, a newsletter, and networking for growing as an artist in the Door County community.

Participation in the Gallery requires that you are a member in good standing of the DCAL by April 15, 2012. There is a separate gallery membership fee of \$150 which pays rent and operating expenses. Of that, a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by November 1. Since it is a cooperative Gallery, you will work 32-36 hours in shifts. The Gallery is currently open daily from 10-5 from Memorial Day weekend through mid-October. Scheduling of shifts will be geared to match your schedule and your time. When the Gallery sells a piece, there is a 20% commission. Each member displays their work in a space which is approximately 4' x 6'. Please contact the Gallery at dcalgallery@yahoo.com or Sherry Mutchler at 920-743-2927 with your interest in participating.

The 2011 Gallery of the Door County Art League

The Gallery of the Door County Art League, Wisconsin, featured over 35 artists from May through October in 2011. Located at the Top of the Hill shops in Fish Creek, the rotating exhibits included paintings, photography, jewelry and pottery. Coordinated by Penny Pfister and Sherry Mutchler, the Gallery is open daily—10 a.m to 5 p.m.—until the October 16 season

closing. Next year, Bob Kenyon will join the Gallery in a leadership capacity. The Gallery continues to seek interns interested in assisting with the Gallery in 2012.

In 2012, 39 spaces will be available to DCAL members who want to participate in the Gallery. Each Gallery member displays their work for sale and exhibits in a space approximately 4 x 6'. Gallery slots will be filled using a lottery system.

In 2011, a tradition was initiated of dedicating one gallery wall to the works of DCAL Master Artists Margaret Lockwood, Emmett Johns, Ed Fenendael, David and Jeanne Aurelius, and Franne Dickinson as well as the art league plaque honoring all past Masters. Gallery artists collaborated on decoratively painting Adirondack chairs for the Top of the Hill shops as a fundraiser for the Humane Society and the Gallery. Wine and cheese receptions were held for the Grand Opening and the Top of the Hill Shop festival. Weekly artists were featured at the Gallery and in the Peninsula Pulse. Student award winners from the Miller Art Salon were spotlighted in June.

The Gallery thanks Henk and Buttons Wolst for their ongoing support at the Top of Hill shops.



The chairs were a huge success!!! We sold LOTS of raffle tickets throughout the week for the TOH shops and Humane Society. The Gallery made \$165 with Saturday ticket sales. We loved your energy and artistry. Plus, all had a lot of fun creating. Thank you! for tax purposes for any donations.

Correction: Sorry to have omitted **Marianne Diekman's** name from the artists who were juried into the Hardy's Wall to Wall show.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

“SMALL WORKS OF ART” SHOW

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DOOR COUNTY ART LEAGUE OCT. 8-9

The second annual showing of “Small Works of Art” will be presented by the Door County Art League (DCAL) at the Sister Bay Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9.

According to DCAL Exhibits Chairperson Pat Olson, “This show features an array of affordable, creative works of art — perfect for holiday gift-giving. Our members are offering oils, acrylics, collage, pastels, woodcarvings, watercolors. All art will be 11 x 14” or smaller.”

Admission is free. The show opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. The Sister Bay Village Hall is located on the bay side of Highway 42, north of the Highway 42/57 intersection.

“DECK THE HALLS WITH ART” EXHIBIT CLIMAXES DCAL’S 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

As its 25th anniversary year draws to a close, the Door County Art League will celebrate its history and traditions with a winter/holiday-themed exhibit — “Deck the Halls with Art” — Nov. 12 –Dec. 28 at the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, WI..

According to Marcia Nickols, DCAL vice president, the exhibit will open with a reception and awards ceremony on Sat., Nov. 12, 2-4 p.m. at the Miller Art Museum in the Sturgeon Bay public library. The reception is free and open to the public. Jurors’ awards will be presented and the league will announce the newest artist to join the ranks of the legion of Door County Master Artists.

Reflecting the spirit of the season, “Deck the Halls” will feature 2-D and 3-D art in a wide range of media from 68 art league members. Over 150 new works (never before exhibited) will be on display, including oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics and multi-media creations. Many items will be offered for sale.

Founded in 1986 by Sue Anderson, Russ Coventry and Rosemary Utzinger, the Door County Art League had 46 charter artist-members. In 1987 DCAL opened the Showcase Gallery in Ephraim in what is now the Hardy Gallery on the Anderson Dock. In 1996, DCAL began the Master Artist program to recognize artists

whose work best represented the visual arts in Door County and who had significantly contributed to this art community through teaching, community involvement and promotion of the arts. First recipients of the award included Phil Austin, Abe Cohn, Gerhard Miller, Frederic Victor Poole, F. DeForest Schnook and Madeline Tourtelot.

The Door County Art League welcomes everyone interested in the arts, in making new friends, in associating with artists and supporting them, becoming inspired, gaining knowledge and trying their hands at new pursuits. Membership is available to all persons interested in promoting and enjoying the creative arts in Door County. For further information, visit www.doorcountyartleague.org and click on membership.

Museum of Wisconsin Art

300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095

COLLECT CONSERVE DOCUMENT EDUCATE EXHIBIT

Each year, we wrap up our exhibition schedule with our Members’ Exhibition, which is open to all MWA members. As the show is not juried, we receive, and display, a delightful mix of entries from artists of all levels of experience and accomplishment. Consequently, it is a unique show within the state and attracts an ever-larger number of entrants and visitors each year. We feel that it is an opportunity many of your members may be interested in and wish to pursue.

If you are currently not a member of the Museum of Wisconsin Art, you may enter if a membership is taken out by the submission deadline. You can join online by going to www.wisconsinart.org and click on the Join and Support tab or phone at 262 334 9638 MWA 2011 Annual Members exhibition November 9- January 8 2012

Please carefully read the guidelines before entering this exhibition. Fill out and sign the entry the form. Bring this with your work.

Your entry must have been completed in the last two years, and will not be accepted if it has previously been exhibited at the Museum of Wisconsin Art.

All art must be original in concept and the work of the artist entering. No kits, molds or pre-stamped patterns will be accepted.



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