



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I looked at the ‘Deck the Halls’ show at the Miller Gallery in Sturgeon Bay, I was so overwhelmed by the quality of art and artists who are members of the Door County Art League. I really feel that as an organization, this show presents to the world just how great this organization is and has been for 25 years.

I joined for the first time just 6 years ago and now I have to fill some pretty big shoes to continue to have the league grow and prosper. In those years I have met so many amazing artists who have encouraged me in my art, have become fast friends and actually made my life just wonderful in Door County. I hope to continue this positive attitude in all the things that I do this year. I would like to have the ‘door open’ to any great ideas that you have that may make the DCAL better. Through all the programs that we offer, Painting Buddies, Outside Shows, Festival of the Arts, the Gallery, The Members Showcase with juried awards, the Masters presentation, the people who present new ideas at our members meetings, newsletters and the web, we are constantly looking for ways to encourage our members to get involved. By doing this, we are all helping each other whether it is with our art or with friendships. The League is the greatest place to become involved and come away feeling more fulfilled.

We are looking for more activities for our members by having the Painting Buddies become a place for all members to work together in the winter months. We are planning a museum bus trip for this summer. We are going to get the plein-air group going. We will have opportunities to show your work at the Gallery or outside shows. We are looking for more hands on activities and we welcome your ideas to help us improve.

I am excited about the things that are going to happen this year. It will be fun working with all of you. Welcome to a great year ahead!

Marcia Nickols, President

WINTER POTLUCKS

Don’t forget our winter potlucks, January 23 and February 27 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the fire station on County F in Fish Creek. We’ll provide chili (including a meatless version) along with bread. Desserts would be appreciated. We’ll have a show-and-tell/critique and chat about what we can do for the February meeting. Please call or email Marcia Nickols at 920.854.9369, mnickols@charter.net.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Members of the DCAL exhibit at the Museum of Wisconsin Art

Artwork by Door County Art League members, **Jan Comstock, Glenn Gerber, Connie Glowacki, Barb Kenyon, Marcia Nickols, Pat Olson, Randy Rasmussen** and **Bonnie Sandstrom** are included in the Members Exhibit at the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend, Wisconsin. The exhibit is on display from November 9, 2011 to January 8, 2012. The Museum hours are Wednesday thru Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Museum of Wisconsin Art celebrates the value, diversity and uniqueness of the visual art and artists of Wisconsin.



Bonnie Sandstrom’s pastel, “Marsh Marigolds”.

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

As its 25th anniversary year drew to a close, the Door County Art League celebrated its history and traditions with a winter/holiday-themed exhibit — “Deck the Halls with Art” — Nov. 12 to Dec. 28 at the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Reflecting the spirit of the season, “Deck the Halls” featured 2-D and 3-D art in a wide range of media from 68 art league members. Over 150 new works (never before exhibited) were displayed, including oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics and multi-media creations.

DCAL—A BRIEF HISTORY



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.

DCAL HONORS 2011 DOOR COUNTY MASTER ARTIST AND AWARDS PRIZES AT DECK THE HALLS ART EXHIBIT

On Saturday afternoon, November 12, a crowd of artists and arts supporters gathered at the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay for the annual Door County Art League exhibition and the reception honoring the new Door County Master Artist.

DCAL president, Marcia Nickols, announced that Tom Seagard is the Door County Master Artist for 2011. The award was presented to Tom by one of his students, artist Ernest Beutel.

According to Marcia, “Every year the Door County Art League chooses one Door County artist whose body of artwork represents a high level of achievement in their field. This artist must be publicly recognized for his/her contributions to art in Door County through community involvement, teaching, and/or promotion of the arts.

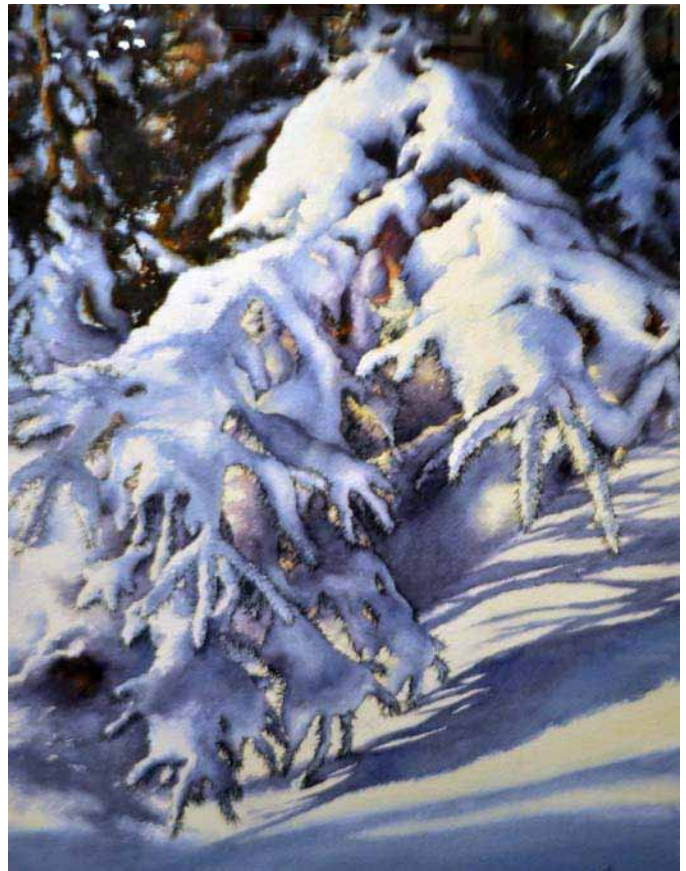
“A long-time artist and art educator, Tom Seagard and Brigitte Kozma bought Mill Road Gallery in 1970. Tom became involved with the Peninsula School of Art as a board member. He also worked with the Hardy Gallery and helped organize the Festival of Arts program. He continues to work with the Sister Bay Advancement Society to organize the Festival of the Arts in August. He has been involved with the “Ladies of Scandia Arts Program” for years. He says that they have taught him more than he has taught them. Tom believes that someone helped him get where he is today and so it is his responsibility to pay back that favor by helping new artists today to grow as much as he does. Tom Seagard does this 24 hours a day.”

In addition to honoring Tom, Marcia presented the Deck the Halls exhibit awards to seven artists. The winners are: Connie Glowacki, first place for the watercolor—“Snowy Branches”; Jan Comstock, second place for the oil on linen—“Sunrise”; and Bridget Austin, third place for the watercolor—“Festive Forest.” Honorable mention recipients are Randy Rasmussen for “Home for the Holidays”, Archelle “Buttons” Wolst for “Making Pumpkin Pie” and Sally Everhardus for “Perpetual Garden I.” Winner of the People’s Choice Award was Leonard Quartetti for his

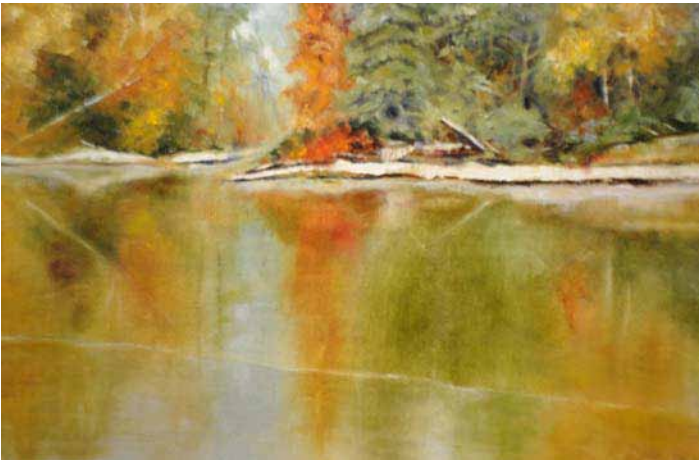
winter landscape photo. Judges for the Show were Lynn Gilchrist, David Frykman and Bren Sibilsky.



Ernest Beutel (right) congratulates his art mentor, Tom Seagard, the newest addition to the Door County Master Artist honor roll.



Connie Glowacki's "Snowy Branches" watercolor won first place.



Jan Comstock's second place oil on linen "Sunrise".



Sally Everhardus received an honorable mention for her glass piece, "Perpetual Garden I".



Honorable mention was given to Archelle (Buttons) Wolst for her oil "Making Pumpkin Pie".

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS



Pictured are the fall Adopt-A-Highway crew, **Connie Glowacki, Keith Wickert, Randy Rasmussen, Gary Chaudoir and Ruth Sandor.** Cheryl Stidwell Parker provided refreshments for the crew who finished in a few hours.” Thanks... Cheryl

Martha Coaty, Jan Comstock and Sally Berner were juried into the 67th Art Annual at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay. The exhibit started November 5, 2011 and continues to February 12, 2012. A reception was held November 4th.



Sturgeon Bay artist **Pat Olson** has designed a Christmas collection for Coldwater Creek, an upscale national chain that features women’s clothing, gifts and home decor.

Pat’s collection features whimsical reindeer that appear on plates and mugs, a quilt, pillows and rocking reindeer ornaments. All the items are available in all Coldwater Creek stores, in their catalogs, and online at coldwatercreek.com.

DCAL GALLERY

The Gallery of the Door County Art League has open slots for DCAL members to exhibit and sell work during the 2012 season. The membership fee is \$150 annually with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to hold a spot. Additionally, 20% of each piece sold will be donated to the Door County Art League in keeping with its non-profit status. There is still availability for YOUR participation in one of 39 spaces at The Gallery. As in the past, a wide range of mediums will be featured at The Gallery from oils, watercolors, acrylics and pastels to jewelry, pottery, photography, and wood carving. Artists who participate will share Gallery shifts during the opening hours from 10 to 5. Members may work partial days or full days to fulfill their time of approximately 36-40 hours depending on the number of participants in the Gallery. Each member will have their own 4 x 6 wall.

The Gallery is also a focal point for the DCAL Master Artist Award. Initiated in 2011, The Gallery features the Master Artist Award plaque and the work of the previous five award winners. The 2011 Master Artist, Tom Seagard of the Mill Road Gallery will be invited and the first featured.

Spring will be here soon and we look forward to welcoming new and veteran artists to The Gallery of the Door County Art League in 2012. Join us at The Gallery in 2012 as we help the DCAL celebrate its 25th year!!! For more information on the 2012 Gallery, please contact Sherry Mutchler at 920-743-2927 or via email at dcalgallery@yahoo.com.

PAINTING BUDDIES

Winter is a time to enrich your artistic spirit by joining the DCAL Painting Buddies program at the Bertschinger Center in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin. Painting Buddies is an opportunity for ALL DCAL artists (not just painters) to gather together in the winter months to create, converse, and convene in the interest of sharing our passion for the arts. Painting Buddies 2012 will meet on EVERY Monday from January 9 through March 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large room at the Bertschinger Center which is in the Library/Post Office building in Egg Harbor. Brown Bag or enjoy shared goodies and soups throughout the sessions. The DCAL Board decided to host Painting Buddies as a benefit to DCAL members. So, it will be free for all

DCAL members. Thank you DCAL! I will have extra membership forms at the first meeting - January 9.
Sherry Mutchler

PLEIN AIR Painters

Several DCAL artists participate with the Water's Edge Artists (WEA), a group of plein air painters dedicated to capturing the water vistas of NEW in paint. Each year the group presents a juried selection of plein air art from which they compose a calendar and packages of note cards. Sally Everhardus was honored to be one of three jurors for this year's calendar before she started painting with this dedicated group. Profits from sales of the WEA calendar and cards go to the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP), which is dedicated to improving and maintaining water quality for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

Bonita Budysz organized the WEA and attends most of the monthly painting sessions. Budysz is represented in this year's calendar along with Madonna Siles, DCAL PR diva. Other DCAL artists who also paint with the WEA are Jeffery Young, Karen DeNoto, Sally Berner and Everhardus. Barb Kenyon painted with the group in Kewaunee at the beginning of November. If you are interested in supporting the LNRP through the arts, please go to www.lnrp.org/art/ or contact Sherrill Anderson sherrill@lnrp.org for more information. They are also available through Budysz at excelventures@lakefield.net, Karen DeNoto karenlee.denoto@gmail.com, at the Rahr-West Museum, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and other businesses in and around Manitowoc. 100% of the sales are used by the LNRP for environmental stewardship of our water resources. Bonita Budysz will be giving a demonstration at our first meeting in April.

Kim Fitzgerald of Frame Fitz in Ellison Bay is offering DCAL members 50% off all frames and in-stock mats for the month of January. Whether you are a "do-it-yourselfer" or want Kim to frame your piece to perfection, these items are half off for the next 30 days. Be sure to get in soon to have the best selection because the deals run out on Tuesday, January 31. So, if you're like most of us and have many unframed and unmatted pieces needing to shine in the light of day, this is a great opportunity for you to actually display art at a discount. For an additional charge, Kim will cut mats to fit your piece and then you can do the rest.

Winter hours are noon to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or anytime by appointment, weekends are fine too. 12055 State Highway 42 Ellison Bay, WI 54210-9642 (Just north of Klenke's Garage) (920) 854-4500.

More pictures from the "Deck the Halls" exhibit.
Honorable mention to Randy Rasmussen for his "Home for the Holidays". Third place to Bridget Austin for "Festive Forest".



Here's the recipe from **Bethany Kirwen** for that delicious **Hot Apple Cider** served at the "Small Works Show" October 10 at the Sister Bay Village Hall.

- 64 ounces Apple Cider
- 32 ounces Cranberry Juice
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ fresh lemon, cut up
- 3 sticks cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon whole cloves

Place Apple Cider and Cranberry Juice in bottom of electric percolator.
Put remaining ingredients in basket.
Plug percolator in. When it stops, it's done, about 10 minutes.



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