



MOUNT DORA ART LEAGUE NEWS

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Susan M

The Spring Show was a huge success both in attendance (355 visitors from 17 states) and in sales (\$1,628.00) with 10% being given back to MDAL. The sales represented all sizes of art although the majority were 12 x 12's. We are suggesting that the new Board plan something similar for our Winter Show at the Congregational Church during the first weekend in December 2015; plus, we are thinking that we will discontinue the Silent Auction so that money is spent on the artwork instead.

We encourage the artists who won ribbons to hang their work for a month in October at Waterman Village; if you sold all your work during our Spring Show, you can make substitutions. We will not have a show for other artists there this October as we did last year.

The Mount Dora Center for the Arts will host a 90th Birthday Party for us with a show from February 26 - March 6, 2016. This marks a new beginning in co-operation between the two organizations which had been non-existent in recent years. We are quite excited about this.

Please send us any fund-raising ideas you may have about art related activities that can fund our monetary gifts to the schools.

We as a Board representing you, our members, appreciate the

hard work, dedication, and time which was given by three retiring members of the Board: David Levee, Past-President; Ronni Bell, Treasurer; and Laini Panuska, Secretary. Take the time to send them a thank you!

I have thirty 12 x 12 frames for \$6.00 each which will be available for you to purchase at the April meeting in preparation for the Winter Show. Carrie will take orders for the wooden boxes at that time, too, for \$9.00 each. The extra dollar on each will go into our funds for the schools.

There are two books I recommend to you on art by Austin Kleon. (I ordered them from Amazon.) Steal Like An Artist and Show Your (con't on page 2 see "WORDS")

2014-2015

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Challenges

by Esther D

February 2015. The challenge lay before us, accepted by majority consensus: Create a 12x12 canvas or shadow box to be sold for \$50 at the spring show in March. Then began the wailing: "Can't wrap my photograph." "Too difficult; not worth it." "Spent too much time and money." "Why can't we do what we usually do?" "12x12 is too small; I like big."

Well, I like big as well, yet I had raised my hand to accept the challenge so I poked through photographs to find inspiration. Found one that "told a story" and I began early in February to paint a 12x12 canvas. Hours and days and starting over three times let me know this work would be NFS if I even entered it.

Meanwhile, I attended my first workshop on abstract art. Maybe at least I could "go non-objective" and cover my 12x12 canvas with radiance. At home that same evening I began to swirl colors and shapes on a large canvas, freeing my spirit. Three a.m. found me still happily engaged. In the next few days I had completed four 12x12's in sentimental splashes of abstract art, each with its own special meaning for me.

March arrived. Show time! And what a show. Different. Dramatic. All of you who rose to the challenge brought newness, excitement, exotic art. Sales culminated in \$1,628. Unheard of in the 89-year history of our League. We all should be proud of ourselves.

My experience with 12x12 went beyond mere experiment. It became a discovery of pure joy.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Art is the queen of all sciences communicating knowledge to all the generations of the world." Leonardo da Vinci

Words *(con't from page 1)*

Work. The following is from Austin: Unlock Your Creativity: Don't wait until you know to get started; do the work you want to see; the secret: do good work and share it with people; creativity is subtraction!

See you at our last 2014-15 meeting bearing food, money, ideas, and a happiness to be a part of Mount Dora Art League.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- 1) Congratulations to our member WINNERS at the recent county fair exhibition:

Blue: Susan G
Carrie K

Red: Ronni B
Yellow: Peg P

Honorable Mention: Ron C
Esther D
Susan M
Darrell R

- 2) Carrie K will have a story published by Northlight Books in their September issue, "Incite-3, the Art of Story Telling." It is about widowhood. Carrie's encaustic, "The Golden Veil," accompanies.
- 3) We welcome new members:
James O, 352-455-6700
Mo O, 352-455-2744

We are not putting addresses in the newsletter for your safety.

- 4) Don't forget to frequently check our web site www.ciniki.com/mdal

April 18th meeting: 10:00am - Noon at the Congregational Church in Mount Dora, 650 North Donnelly Street, Mt Dora.

- **At this meeting we will elect new members to the Board.**
- Our demonstrator this month is Manny A. He has adopted a very personal and uncommon water-color style using dry brush technique often painting bold black lines on heavy textured paper.
- As Susan notes in her "Words From the President," money will be welcome at the meeting. Why?
Clue #1: It's April
Clue #2: Check out Section B, page 3, in the current Yearbook/Directory
- Member meetings will continue next year at the same venue, the Congregational Church.
- Final meeting of the 2014-2015 season!!!

Jan K is offering an Alcohol Ink Workshop after the meeting on April 18th. The class starts at 1:30, and is still open. Anyone interested, should contact her at 352-728-8556, or email krassnerjl@aol.com, ASAP.

NOTE: This is the final newsletter for the 2014-15 season.

TO SUBMIT ARTICLES & PHOTOS:

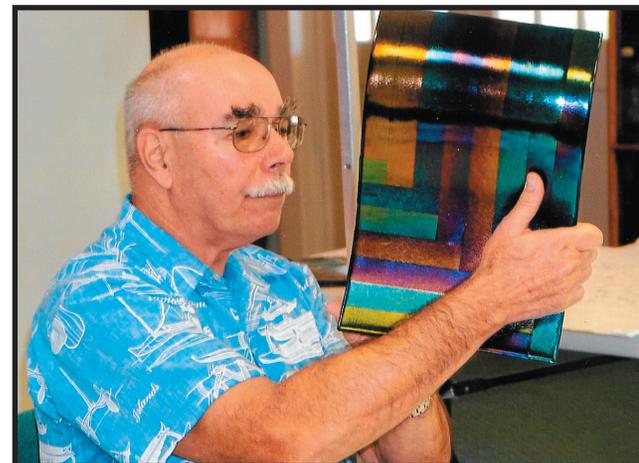
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Demonstration Schedule for 2015-16 season

These demos should be exciting ones:

- October 17 - *Rosemary B, Stained Glass Techniques*
- November 21 - *Ginny S, Zentangles - with a workshop following her presentation*
- December 6 - *Party after our Winter Show on Sunday*
- January 16 - *Lee B - How to Fool the Eye!*
- February 20 - *Marvyn R - The World of Instant Color-Pastels*
- February - *Birthday Exhibit at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts - Party and Opening: Friday February 26; exhibit through March 6*
- March 19 - *Belinda W - Paint What You Know!*
- April 16 - *A trip to D.K.'s and a Presentation of New Art Supplies and Special Sale!*
- Some of the artists will be offering workshops at \$30.00 for three hours from 1-4:00 the same day as their presentation.



Bill, at the March meeting discussing one of his glass forms

ROTATING ART DISPLAY

Visit these sites to see work from your fellow artists:

- 1) First National Trust Department:
Peter D photography
Susan M, acrylics and mixed media
March through May
- 2) Waterman Village Art Wall:
Pat D, acrylics, March through May
Esther Dirlam, photography, mixed media, April and continuing..
- 3) Bland Public Library:
Pat D, acrylics, March through June
- 4) Monster Self Storage:
Elaine P, acrylics, March through May

Contacts for displaying your work:

@ Waterman, Susan 352-589-1165

@ other places, Esther 216-513-7314

Your work displayed at all of these venues is most welcomed and appreciated. Get on board!

Three Blue Ribbon Winners



**Susan G,
"Swan"**

**Peter S,
"Sandy Reflections"**



the "Gift"



Phyllis L, "A Family of Birds"

Susan M receiving acknowledgement from Pat for her Best of Show, "Our Gift to the Future"

**Three Representatives
of the 12x12 Exercise**



Barbara, "Enzymes #2"



Alissa, "Reflections"

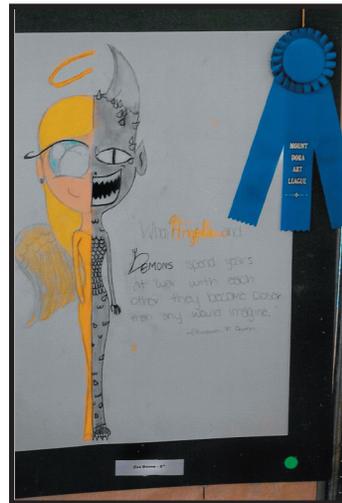
Alice, "Autumn"



**Two Blue Ribbon Winners from
the Mount Dora Middle School
and High School**



**Steven P, 10th grade,
"Unborn Son"**



**Zoe B, 8th grade,
"Angels/Demons"**

**MDAL RIBBON WINNERS
SPRING SHOW MARCH 2015**

BEST IN SHOW

SUSAN M for OUR GIFT TO THE FUTURE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

ALISSA D. J for SOUTHERN COMFORTS

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(Given to SOUTHERN COMFORTS)

BLUE – AWARD OF DISTINCTION

SUSAN G for SWAN

PHYLLIS L for A FAMILY OF BIRDS

PETER S for SANDY REFLECTIONS

BARBARA V for WANDERING

RED – AWARD OF MERIT

BUD B for OAK OF AGES

LOU F for MIDDLE EARTH III

CARRIE ANN K for EDGE OF THE FOREST

MARTHA G OVERHISER for MAJESTIC RAIN LILY

YELLOW – AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

PATRICIA D for JUST DOWN THE ROAD

ALICE D for AUTUMN

PETER D for SNOW TRAIN

ALISSA D. J for REFLECTIONS

WHITE – AWARD OF HONORABLE MENTION

MARGARET E for UNTITLED (Baby)

MOLLY H for GRANNY'S SEWIN' STUFF

MARGARET P for TO THE END OF THE UNIVERSE