

MOUNT DORA ART LEAGUE NEWS

APRIL-MAY 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Well, folks, this will be my final message to you as president. It has been an honor serving you for the past three years. The time has come to have a change at the top, and I'm confident that Kathy Sacks will do a fine job being president of the league.

I want to thank those of you who consistently stepped forward to help with our fundraisers, shows and all the little details that make this league work and will make it work in the future.

See you next season. Keep working at your art and enjoy your summer!



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KATHY SACKS' daughter DAWN SACKS-DUKE has set up a FACEBOOK PAGE for the art league. The link: [FB.me/MDArtLeague](https://www.facebook.com/MDArtLeague). THANK YOU, DAWN & KATHY.

Be alert for TN cell phone numbers: D. 731-415-0470 and K. 731-225-8993.

YOU MAY BE CALLED TO BE ARTIST OF THE MONTH ON FACEBOOK.

DAWN IS OUR NEW PUBLICITY CHAIR. YAY!

PETE SMITH IS THE CURRENT ARTIST OF THE MONTH – CHECK HIM OUT!

THE ARTIST'S POINT OF VIEW

"I am an excitable person who only understands life lyrically, musically, in whom feelings are much stronger as reason. I am so thirsty for the marvelous that only the marvelous has power over me. Anything I can not transform into something marvelous, I let go. Reality doesn't impress me. I only believe in intoxication, in ecstasy, and when ordinary life shackles me, I escape, one way or another. No more walls."

Anais Nin

"If you really want to hurt your parents, and you don't have the nerve to be gay, the least you can do is go into the arts. I'm not kidding. The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can.

You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something."

Kurt Vonnegut

A Man without a Country

ESTHER'S BOOKSHELF CONTAINS GREAT DVDs AS WELL:

DVD – THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING – 4 Stars – (1975): Based on Rudyard Kipling's short story starring Sean Connery, Michael Caine, Christopher Plummer. Swash-buckling adventure; humor; excitement; bold twists of fate; spectacular. "An epic like no other. . . ." Filmed in Morocco, India and Kafiristan (North Africa).

DVD – ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD – (2017): Starring Michelle Williams, Christopher Plummer, Charlie Plummer, Mark Wahlberg. Inspired by true events of the Getty kidnapping. "A smart, taut, and stylish thriller." "Follows the kidnapping of 16-year old John Paul Getty, III and the desperate attempt by his devoted mother to convince his billionaire grandfather to pay the ransom."

DVD – READY PLAYER ONE – (2018): Sci-fi action adventure in year 2045. Non-stop action in virtual reality – fantastical virtual reality called THE OASIS. A universe created by brilliant and eccentric James Halliday. Reality-binding quest. Stephen Spielberg film.

DVD – THE 15:17 TO PARIS – True story of real heroes. August 21, 2015 the world was transfixed by reports of a thwarted terrorist attack on Thalys train #9364 bound for Paris. Movie was played by the true heroes themselves cast by Clint Eastwood, Director. The greatest weapon throughout the whole ordeal was their friendship with each other. They had been friends since the age of eight and trusted each other implicitly.

F – THE GRAY GHOST – (2018) – by Clive Cussler (whose novels are built around true historical events). Set in 1906 – a groundbreaking Rolls Royce prototype known as The Gray Ghost vanishes from the streets of Manchester, England, with the blame having been put onto an innocent man. More than 100 years later, it had reappeared and then vanished again. Men with everything to gain and a great deal to lose have a desperate plan to find it as it is rumored to contain an object so rare that it has the capacity to change lives.

LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE AND FAITH.

PLEASE LIFT THESE LOVED ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Terry Bitting – Nike Bolte – Ron Colgrove – Alice Dressner – Molly Horton
Susan Jones – Sue Kautenburger – Fred Lantz – Marilyn McEwen – Abby McKay – Jane Moody
Shirley Sojourner – Bonnie Lu Vanzant

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL IN WHAT IT CAN ACHIEVE.

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for information about upcoming workshops in the Eustis Art League

CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINIKI.COM/MDAL

SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS

Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith
at pasmith43@earthlink.net
for placement on the website

ART ON DISPLAY OUT IN THE WORLD

Esther Dirlam now at Eustis City Memorial Library through May

Alice Dressner now at Trust Department – First National Bank – Mount Dora through May

Kathy Sacks soon at Eustis City Memorial Library through May

Space Available for the months of August and September in W. T. Bland Public Library

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Please contact Esther (216-513-7314) to display your art creations in display cases or on walls.

PRESENTING APRIL 2019 ART SHOW RIBBON WINNERS

NOTE: It is always best to see the REAL THING, and we regret that you may have missed the Spring Show and Sale. These photos are not quality representations, as the lighting at the show is not conducive to good photography and foreshortening also occurs. Please accept our apologies.

BEST OF SHOW – CARRIE KNUPP – ENCAUSTIC – “ANCIENT ABSTRACT”



BLUE – AWARD OF DISTINCTION

ESTHER DIRLAM – ACRYLIC – “NOON-DAY TREATS”



ALICE DRESSNER – WATERCOLOR – “LAVINO ROSE”



CLAIRE FAIRCLOUGH – OIL – “RED BOATS IN YORK”



CARRIE KNUPP – ENCAUSTIC – “PETALS IN PINK”



MARY C. MILLER – PHOTOGRAPHY – “ARRAY OF PETALS”



**MARTHA OVERHISER – PHOTOGRAPHY – “COLORFUL CAMELLIA”
(BUD BOLTE MEMORIAL RIBBON)**



MARGARET PARSONS – 3D PAPER BASKET – “PAPER WORKS FOR ME”



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

RED – AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

JANIS BLACK – ACRYLIC – “SHANGRI LA”



Emile Zola says, “If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, will answer you: I am here to live out loud.”

Clive Barker tells us that “Any fool can be happy. It takes a man [or woman] with real heart to make beauty out of the stuff that makes us weep.”

CLAIRE FAIRCLOUGH – OIL – “SORTING THE CATCH”



LOUISE GARDELLA – 3D CLAY, RAKU – “UNTITLED”



CARRIE KNUPP – ENCAUSTIC – “BLUE INDIGO”



ELAINE PANUSKA – WATERMEDIA – “PATHWAYS TO LIGHT”



KATHY SACKS – WATERCOLOR – “AFTER THE STORM”



PETER SMITH – PHOTOGRAPHY – “RAIL FENCE, BRISTOL, RI”



YELLOW – AWARD OF MERIT:

ALICE DRESSNER – WATERCOLOR – “LITTLE BOY AT BEACH”



ALICE DRESSNER – OIL – “THE OLD BARN”



CARRIE KNUPP – PHOTOGRAPHY – “SPOKES”



PHYLLIS LEEVE – GRAPHICS – “BIRDS OF A FEATHER”



ELAINE PANUSKA – WATERMEDIA – “WAVES DANCING”



MARGARET PARSONS – 3D PILLOW – “SUNFLOWER”



WHITE – AWARD OF HONOR

EVA BIEMAN COOK – WATERCOLOR – “PECKING ORDER #2”



CLAIRE FAIRCLOUGH – OIL – “PORT ISAAC, CORNWALL”



PHYLLIS LEEVEE – 3D CLAY – “SOMETHING FISHY”



SYLVIA PAISLEY-GEE – ACRYLIC – “MIDNIGHT GARDEN”



MARGARET PARSONS – MIXED MEDIA – “REFLECTIONS”



PETER SMITH – PHOTOGRAPHY – “MOUNTAIN STREAM, NH”



AND THEN IT IS WINTER . . .

You know . . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching us unaware of the passing years. Just yesterday I was young, excited to explore the world around me, then married and embarking on my new life with my mate, raising children. Yet in a way, eons have passed. Where have all those years gone? Yes, I lived them all. I see vignettes of passing days, recall my hopes and dreams, still hope to achieve the many of which remain.

Yet, already, here it is . . . the winter of my life catches me by surprise . . . How did I get here so fast? Time has disappeared terribly quickly and taken the vibrancy of my youth. I remember the elderly wandering in and out of my life, thinking that time for me to be far distant. I could not even fathom being like them in any way.

And now, all around me are my friends doing the same . . . we trod slowly and do not complete thoughts . . . words travel away from us before we can speak them aloud . . . and we realize more and more that we are now just like those elderly we never thought we would become. We also feel the empty spaces in our lives as we lose one friend after another. Things we did so easily before now require great concentration, even to walk some days, and we are filled with gratitude that we can rise in the morning and actually get out of bed. Taking a nap is not a treat anymore; it seems to be necessary and still we can drift off if we sit too long in one place.

Upon entering this new season of my life, I feel totally unprepared for all the aches and pains and discover less strength and ability to do things so easily accomplished before, let alone be capable to do all that I have always wanted and did not. I must face the fact that winter has come to me and when it is over here on this earth, it is over. Yet, in faith I know spring follows the winter and a new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets, especially those things I wish I had not done, and things I should have done or said. Gratefully, I have been blessed beyond measure and forgiven and have experienced much joy in my lifetime, especially in those moments of silence out in nature with God, the precious time with my children and grandchildren, my family and my friends.

If you have not yet come into the winter of your life, be aware now that it will be here much faster than you think. Do now while you are able whatever you want to accomplish in your life. Stop putting things off. Life is too short. We do not know whether we actually will reach the winter in our lives. Time has not been promised to us. Live for today the best you know how. Say all the kind words you want your loved ones to remember. Do all you can for others.

Life is a gift to each one of us. The way we live our lives is our gift to those who follow. Make your life a fantastic one! Remember, health is the real wealth, not pieces of gold and silver.

LIVE LIFE WELL!
BE HAPPY!

ENJOY EACH PRECIOUS MOMENT!
THINK OF OTHERS!

DO SOMETHING FUN!
- Anonymous -