

# Mount Dora Art League News

April 2020



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Good Morning,

Life sure has changed in the last month. The COVID-19 has sure changed the world,

and how everyone's lives have changed. It is a new world, with new recommendations and rules that are changing almost daily. Because of all that is going on and with the impact it has had on our lives, this also may cause us to rethink what we will do when life returns to what will be the new normal.



We will plan to start our new year 2020-2021 October 17<sup>th</sup>. I will still plan for an informal meeting sometime this summer, but we will have to wait and see how things change with our current world situation before making plans. In the meantime, if you are using your creative energies during this time please send Dawn (dukedawn@rocketmail or via text at 731-415-0470) a few pictures of your work with some descriptions so we can include it in the next newsletter. We do plan to continue the newsletter throughout the summer so please make sure to keep us updated on anywhere you may be displaying your art as well.

In closing, I received a poem yesterday from a friend and I thought you might enjoy it. Author unknown:

"We fell asleep in one world, and woke up in another. Suddenly Disney is out of magic. Paris is no longer romantic. New York doesn't stay up anymore.

The Chinese wall is no longer a fortress. And Mecca is empty. Hugs and kisses suddenly become weapons, and not visiting parents and friends becomes an act of love.

Suddenly you realize that power, beauty and money are worthless, and can't get you the oxygen you're fighting for.

The world continues its life and it is beautiful. It only puts humans in cages. I think it's sending us a message.

You are not necessary. The air, earth, water and sky without you are fine.

When you come back, remember that you are my guests. Not my masters."

Be Safe and Stay Healthy,  
Kathy Sacks, President, Mt Dora Art League



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[CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINI.KI.COM/MDAL](http://CINI.KI.COM/MDAL)

[SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS](#) Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith at [pasmith43@earthlink.net](mailto:pasmith43@earthlink.net) for placement on the website



## Esther's Bookshelf

**NF (2019). MAMA'S LAST HUG by Frans de Wael (world's most influential primatologist).** Portrays animal emotions and what they tell us about ourselves, just as we imbue animals with human personality traits. Fun to read - fascinating - page turner. - captivating - big-hearted - compassionate. Brimming with insights about the lives of animals, including human ones. Is an insightful view of life on earth.

**NF (2019) - 629.45 PYLE - FIRST ON THE MOON by Ron Pyle with foreword by Buzz Aldrin, Astronaut.** Coffee table-sized book of the Apollo 11 50th Anniversary experience. Includes first landing on the moon and exploration; re-entry and recovery; original 1969 space documents; moon village and future moonwalk villages; European space agency and, of course, wonderful space photos. "Pyle tells the incredible story of the American journey to the moon with a gripping narrative that wrings tension from history. . . ." with "compelling first-hand accounts and stunning images."

Book explores origins of space flight, selection of instruments, the Mercury and Gemini programs and development cycle of the lunar module. An excellent flight into our own exciting American past..

From space to comedy . . . **F (1999) THE CAT WHO ROBBED A BANK by Lilian Jackson Braun.** This is one of over twenty novels in a delightful series of mysteries involving Detective journalist Jim Qwilleran and his precious Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum (cats who are sometimes smarter than the people they own). So easy to fall in love with these witty and original characters - even more fun to listen on audio books. In this novel, a renowned estate

### Rotating Art Displays Through April and May

Mary Miller's unique photography has been accepted in each of the three 'Womanmade' exhibition locations.

Jane Moody has three pieces of artwork accepted for 'Womanmade'

'**Womanmade**' is a Tri-City collaboration to celebrate female artisans hailing from the state of Florida.

**March 6 thru April 11, 2020.**

Leesburg Center for the Arts -  
429 W. Magnolia, Leesburg  
Mount Dora Center for the Arts,  
138 E 5th Ave, Mount Dora  
Lake County Museum of Art, 213  
W. Ruby Street, Tavares

As of May 11, Jane Moody will display her new work in the Eustis Memorial Library.

Richard Schuchman has new work displayed in First National Bank Trust Dept.

### PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER 2020 – MAY 2021 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

**All meetings & shows to be held at Congregational Church in Mount Dora unless noted otherwise. (Corner of Donnelly Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street across from First National Bank)**

**Next Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2020**

#### PLEASE LIFT THESE LOVED ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Terry Bitting – Nike Bolte – Ron Colgrove – Molly Horton – Susan Jones -  
Sue Kautenburger – Fred Lantz – Abby McKay – Jane Moody – Carol  
Platt – Shirley Sojourner - Esther Dirlam - Phyllis & David Levee -  
Shana Spooner – Bonnie Vanzant – Phyllis Whitehead - Everyone  
impacted by COVID-19**

## Esther's Bookshelf Cont...

jewelry dealer from Chicago who is honoring the town of Pickax (400 miles north of everywhere) with his visit is found murdered in his room at the new hotel and his assistant missing. Will Koko again point out the clues no one else seems to see?

As a reader delves into the series, (s)he soon realizes that Koko, short for Kao K'o Kung, with his regal bearing and the only Siamese cat in the world with 60 whiskers, is a detective in his own right with blue eyes the depth of which suggests secret intelligence and untold mysteries. Shy and dainty, Yum Yum has blue eyes tinged with violet that holds an appealing gaze to break hearts and a piercing yowl like an ambulance siren when she wants something immediately. Their escapades are hilarious! I have spent countless joyful hours plus serious reasoning about "who dunnit?" in reading and also listening to the audio books of this great series while on trips north to care for grandchildren.

**F (1989). THE ESTUARY PILGRIM by Douglas Skeggs.** Monet painted it. the Nazis stole it. Now someone will kill for it. Clues are uncovered that trace a massive international art fraud and a legacy of hatred and revenge two generations old.

From *Publishers Weekly*: "Skeggs is an art historian whose sensual appreciation for paintings and trained observer's eye are put to the service of well-drawn characters and a solidly built plot in his gratifying, assured first novel . . . ." with original characters and a "lush, sensory quality that takes it well beyond . . . the mystery-thriller genre."

In 1944, one of the greatest art collections amassed by the Nazis was destroyed in a Resistance ambush. But wait . . . a brilliant early Monet has come to light . . . is it authentic or a fake? You will have to read this exciting tale to find out . . .

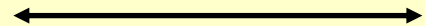
### The Artist's Point of View

- ◇ "We don't make mistakes, just happy little accidents."  
— Bob Ross
- ◇ "Talent is a pursued interest. Anything that you're willing to practice, you can do."  
— Bob Ross
- ◇ "I guess I'm a little weird. I like to talk to trees and animals. That's okay though; I have more fun than most people."  
— Bob Ross
- ◇ "The secret to doing anything is believing that you can do it. Anything that you believe you can do strong enough, you can do. Anything. As long as you believe."  
— Bob Ross



### Upcoming Events

**NO UPCOMING EVENTS DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 OUTBREAK.**



**Upcoming  
Events Contin-  
ued...**



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
October 6, 2020  
Congregational Church  
10 A.M.**

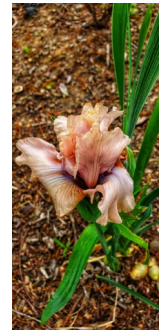
**[marvynrivett@mac.com](mailto:marvynrivett@mac.com)  
for information about  
upcoming workshops in  
the Eustis Art League**

**We want you! Come and join us!**



**Want to become more involved in the Mount Dora  
Art League?**

We are looking for a minimum of two individuals who are interested in being liaisons with local schools (elementary, middle and high school). We need individuals who want to go out and talk with the art programs at the schools about the art league and form a strong partnership between us and the schools. (P.S. The groundwork for the Mount Dora High School has already begun so part of the work is already done). Please reach out to Kathy Sacks for more information (731.225.8993 or [mtdoraartleague@gmail.com](mailto:mtdoraartleague@gmail.com))



Sharing a little bit of Tennessee Springtime with all of the Mount Dora Art League Members! (Photo credit: Dawn Sacks-Duke)

**Happy Easter! Sunday, April 12**

