



MOUNT DORA ART LEAGUE NEWS

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Susan Mulholland

Happy Holidays to Each of You!

By now, we have had another successful MDAL Show at the Congregational Church on the first weekend in December. We hope that we are invited to be in the Off the Beaten Path Art Tour for 2015 and that we begin our 90th. Year on this coming February 26 with some new, exciting plans discussed by the Board for more community outreach. A quote by T.S. Eliot: "Immature artists imitate; mature artists steal; bad artists deface what they take; and good artists make it into something better, or at least something different. The good artist welds his theft into a whole of feeling which is unique, utterly different from that from which it was torn."

Art is the Reflection of the Community! Think back on the shows we have had this past year and "picture" what we as a collective group of artists have said about our selves, our interests, and our community. We have been enriched by many different speakers who presented self-motivation, collage ideas, selling and owning a gallery, as well as what commercial vendors of photographs look for in a submission. We reached out to the senior members of Mt. Dora at Waterman Village and received unsolicited accolades as well as having student art participants in our Spring Show.

Please help us start the Ninetieth Year of this art league with enthusiasm, a willingness to serve, and a welcoming smile to all

who come to try us out!!!! We have many new members who will be attending the January meeting; extend your hand and introduce yourselves.

December 20th: NO League meeting - check the League website (www.ciniki.com/mdal)

January 17th meeting: 10:00am - Noon at the Congregational Church in Mount Dora, 650 North Donnelly Street, Mt Dora. January's demo will be by Carrie Knupp who will discuss and show some of her techniques of encaustic painting.

Come and bring a guest!

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AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK

by Vergene Wetz



Write a short biography of an extremely active 95-year-old woman who is an artist, singer and performer. Who was married for 70+ years, mother of 3, grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 23!!!

There were no art classes taught in my grade school, junior high school, or high school. Therefore music was my main interest. I began singing at 9 years old with my mother's family, Civic Theater groups, church choirs and lead parts in my high school operettas. Honor rolls, a 4-year college scholarship, and beautician license filled my next few years. Then came marriage to my high school sweetheart who became an Army Officer in World War II. We moved to Maryland, Mississippi and New Orleans. We had 2 children during those years. After that we adjusted to civilian life back in our home state of Ohio where we had our 3rd child. We traveled extensively as we raised our family, while I did a lot of sewing and arts and crafts. A group of women even opened an "Opportunity Mart" where we could sell our creations. We were definitely ahead of our times. There were open doors for me to learn about Interior Decorating. Later my lifelong dream of owning my own gift shop became a reality for many years!

When my husband and I retired to Leesburg we began taking classes at Lake Sumter College. There were many different classes in a variety of drawing and painting styles. My husband was able to take his photography hobby to a new level. We joined the Mt. Dora, Eustis and Leesburg Art Leagues. We developed our skills as well as making many wonderful friends

over these past 28 years! We enjoyed art shows, art workshops, art strolls, meetings and we were amazed and blessed to win many awards. I was on the board and filled almost every position, president, over the years in these leagues. The Arts were a big part of our retirement life. They added much joy and happiness and inspiration to our lives and kept us young at heart.

My husband died 3 years ago but I will continue to be as active as I can even though I am slowing down. Mine has always been a very enjoyable blessed life with the Lord's help all the way!

ROTATING ART DISPLAY

Visit these sites to see work from your fellow artists:

- 1) W T Bland Library, Maxine Wall, through March 1, 2015.
- 2) Monster Self Storage, Esther Dirlam, through March 1, 2015
- 3) Waterman Village Art Wall, Linda Yaroch and Susan Mulholland, through January 5, 2015.
- 4) There is an open slot January 12 thru April 12 at First National Bank Trust. Contact Esther (216-513-7314).
- 5) To show at Waterman call Susan Mulholland (352-504-4424)

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5TH

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Also include your phone number in your email in case I need to contact you regarding your photo or article.



Molly Deschenes and chocolate molds
 Photo by Peter Dunaway



As we know the President is a very shy person. But finally she's been caught. Here Susan critiques a Colgrove at the Waterman show.
 Photo by Phyllis Levee



Molly and her band at the Christmas Party
 Photo by Peter Dunaway

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Ter Harper offers a bi-weekly printmaking workshop in Mount Dora. For information, call 352-635 and check out our Website: Ciniki.com/ for workshop dates which will be held at LEMA studios; as members of MDAL the workshops will be \$30.00. Eustis Art League sponsors these and have extended their member price to us!

Mount Dora Art League welcomes two new members:

Betsy Noiles, 589-8433 noilesc creations@gmail.com
 Susan Pratt, 589-5831 susan225@mac.com

The Board is seeking a member who is computer literate to join a publicity committee. Contact Susan.

We are still looking for a 10 x 10 display tent. Do you know of what could be borrowed? Contact David Levee

Supplies needed for Mount Dora art students: Bring whatever you are willing to part with to any membership meeting.

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David Levee for the MDAL DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER:

Beaucoup thanks to you who participated in the silent auction, presentation of the show, and festivities for our Christmas party at the Congregational Church. Harmonious teamwork resulted in great fun.

Monies for school art supplies total \$589 so far. Some of you plan to send your Christmas donation in the next few days to the Mount Dora Art League P. O. Box 391. Thank you.

We truly appreciate the many ways you help to support your art league.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Esther Dirlam for the Board of Directors