

# MOUNT DORA ART LEAGUE NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2018

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Our booth at the Mount Dora Arts Festival was a success with our uniquely designed tote bags, and Esther will present the results at our February meeting. Thank you, artists, for your creativity, and thank you Susan Jones for your idea to venture forward with this project. Thank you, workers, for your time, energy, and sales pitches at the fundraiser. Those of you who could not be there because of illness or other reasons missed a really fun time. We appreciate your willingness to work and are sorry about the illness many of you are experiencing.

Weekend of March 23-25 is set for our Spring Art Show at the Congregational Church. Details will be forthcoming soon. Maximum size will be 36" on one side and only works done within the last three years will be accepted. Get to work creating your paintings, 3-D, and photographs. SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2018, 10 A.M. Until then try to stay well and free of all the bugs going around.

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**FROM NOW THROUGH APRIL STOP BY TO SEE THE ARTWORKS ON DISPLAY:**

**JANE MOODY AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK TRUST DEPARTMENT**

**SYLVIA PAISLEY-GEE AT W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**RICHARD SCHUCHMAN AT MONSTER SELF-STORAGE**

**See Laini Panuska to sign up for display of your art work May, June, and July.**

**Sales are made and employers and the public really enjoy being able to see your work!**

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**LEMA WORKSHOP SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY**

**FEATURES LIZ WINCUP – COLOR THEORY**

**1:30 – 4:30 P.M. – 1 W. ORANGE AVE. – EUSTIS**

**\$30 MEMBERS - \$40 NON-MEMBERS**

**(OF LOCAL ART GROUPS)**

PRESENTING THE MDAL FEBRUARY FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER  
FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENT ART SUPPLIES – SAT & SUN – FEB 3 & 4 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
FORTY-THREE UNIQUELY DESIGNED TOTE BAGS FOR SALE  
SUCH A DELIGHT TO SEE THE VARIETY OF CREATIVE IDEAS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: BOB & ARLENE SHOEMAKER – VALENTINE HEARTS  
SUSAN JONES – TIE DYE DESIGNS  
KRISTINE CURRID – FLORIDA SUNSET  
ABBY MCKAY – MY FAVORITE COW – (OTHER SIDE – MY FRIENDLY BEAR)  
KATHY SACKS – SEAHORSE  
JANE MOODY – MUSHROOMS IN THE WOODS

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WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO COME BACK AGAIN FOR THE OCTOBER CRAFT FAIR  
AND THE FEBRUARY ART FESTIVAL EACH YEAR UNTIL WE NO LONGER DESIRE TO DO SO.

SO, PLEASE, BE THINKING OF PROJECTS WE CAN DO TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOLS.  
THE CHURCH LOANED US THE TENT AND TABLES FREE OF CHARGE.

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**FOUR TOTE BAGS IN FRONT LEFT, THEN FRONT RIGHT:  
SUSAN JONES – BEACH SANDALS  
SHIRLEY SOJOURNER – ELMER THE OWL IN SEQUINS  
KAREN HUDSON – COLORFUL GARDEN  
ABBY MCKAY – MS. PIGGY (OTHER SIDE – WOOD DUCK)**

**GREETING CARDS AND CRATES FOR SALE  
OUR DONATION BOX - HAND-MADE BY BILL CHELSETH  
50/50 RAFFLE  
2017 RACK CARDS AND APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE LEAGUE**

**A FUN TIME AND LOTS OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE**

**CLOSED EARLY ON SUNDAY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER  
HARRY MESSERSMITH CRITIQUES MEMBER PAINTINGS IN JANUARY MEETING**



**WILL THE ARTIST OF THIS PAINTING PLEASE STEP FORWARD??  
HE/SHE GOT EXCELLENT COMMENTS FROM MR. MESSERSMITH  
AND SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED. THANK YOU!**

**MR. MESSERSMITH ALSO GAVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK  
ON THIS ENCAUSTIC BY CARRIE KNUPP,  
TITLED "OUR KISS IN TIME."**

**CARRIE WAS AWARDED A BLUE RIBBON IN THE DECEMBER SHOW.  
INADVERTENTLY NO PHOTOGRAPH WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER.  
HERE IT IS NOW!**



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR JANUARY MEETING,  
WHETHER A SPECTATOR OR A RECIPIENT.**

**MR. MESSERSMITH WAS WELL-RECEIVED AND SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE  
TO HAVE HIM CRITIQUE AGAIN NEXT YEAR. HE HAS AGREED!**

**WE ALL LEARNED MUCH AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS BEING AN AMBASSADOR OF THE ARTS.**

**ESTHER'S BOOKSHELF**

***THE RULE OF FOUR – SUSPENSEFUL FICTION – by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason – 2004***

“A tale of timeless intrigue, dazzling scholarship, and great imaginative power . . . story of a young man divided between the future’s promise and the past’s allure, guided only by friendship and love.” “A mysterious coded manuscript, a violent Ivy League murder, and the secrets of a Renaissance prince collide in a labyrinth of betrayal, madness, and genius.” Fascinating.

DVD – *THE GIVER* – Starring Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep – Based on Lois Lowry’s beloved young adult novel of the same name. Was awarded the 1994 Newberry Medal and has sold over 12 million copies worldwide. The community has dark and deadly secrets that are discovered by a young man who lives in a seemingly “ideal, somewhat colorless, existence of conformity and contentment.” He realizes that with this new-found knowledge, “he must escape this world as a matter of life and death for himself and those he loves.” A moving and thought-provoking film; follows the book closely and is approved by Ms. Lowry.

***CHURCH OF THE SMALL THINGS – BIOGRAPHY – by Melanie Shankle – 2017***

The author reminds us that “God does extraordinary things in our most mundane moments of faithfulness. “Hilarious reflections on being a mom, wife, and writer. . . help us embrace a meaningful life as we find the beauty and the laughter that lie right beneath the surface of every ordinary, incredible day.”

**ART OF THE MASTER**

To me, it seems as if when  
God conceived the world,  
that was poetry.

He formed it,  
and that was sculpture.  
He varied it and colored it,  
and that was painting –  
and then, crowning it all,  
He peopled it with living  
beings, and that was the  
grand, divine,  
eternal miracle.

Anonymous

**CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE – [CINIKI.COM/MDAL](http://CINIKI.COM/MDAL)**

**SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS**

Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith

[pasmith43@earthlink.net](mailto:pasmith43@earthlink.net)

for placement on the website

**MARCH ART SHOW – 23 – 25**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – MARCH 15, 2018**

**3 FOR \$24 OR \$10 EACH**

**ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT FEBRUARY MEETING**

**AND BY EMAIL SOON**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL SHOW WITH EVERY  
MEMBER SUBMITTING ENTRIES**

**AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING ALISSA JONES WILL DISCUSS VARIATIONS IN WATERCOLOR  
AND HOW ART HAS AFFECTED HER LIFE. SHE WILL PRESENT SOME OF HER WATERCOLOR WORKS  
AND DESCRIBE HOW TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN EFFECTS.**

**MARCH 6 BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY AT 10 A.M.  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**