

Mount Dora Art League News

February 2020



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Good evening,

Today has sure been a winter's day. I had to dig out my heavy coat, gloves and hat before venturing out this morning to take Shadow out for his 1st walk. It did not get much better all day, but in Florida winter only last for a couple of days. I am looking forward to get back to the 70's but our weather sure bets cold, snow and ice.

Our January meeting was given by Mary Miller "The Living Art of Bonsai" was very enjoyable an informative. Mary as she put in a former life raised plants, shrubs and trees to become Bonsai masterpieces. "She shares her experiences of growing bonsai trees for over30 years, talks about a variety of trees to use and tells stories along the way". This is a quote from her book her book *Bonsai with Tropicals: Some Things I Learned...* This is a good summary of her program Saturday 18th.

Our program for our February 15th will be given by Carrie Knupp her program is entitled "The Ancient Art of Encaustic Painting". Come learn the technique of Encaustic painting. I am looking forward to learning another new form of art.

If you are showing your work in a new venue please send this information so I can share this with all members. Looking forward to seeing all members at our February meeting.

Have a good warm evening,
Kathy Sacks, President, Mount Dora Art League

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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**



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45th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival

What better way to celebrate one of the top **Downtowns** in the country than by walking America's favorite home-town! Filled with fine-art from national artists, along a **magnificent lake view!** Discover terrific entertainment, food, superb shopping and of course, **The Premier Arts Festival in Central Florida!**

Join us Saturday & Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Featured Artist: Yu Zhou
Media: Painting
Location: Yardley, PA

Oil painter Yu Zhou of Yardley, PA, took home the Best of Show Award at the 44th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival and took home a \$5,000 prize for his overall work. Yu paints amazing realistic still life paintings on linen.



Rotating Art Displays Through February

Arlene Shoemaker is the featured artist at the Gate House located at the Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora during the month of February.

PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY 2020 – APRIL 2020 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 7th Street across from First National Bank)

15 FEBRUARY 2020 – CARRIE KNUPP
"The Ancient Art of Encaustic Painting"

21 MARCH 2020 – CLAIRE FAIRCLOUGH
"Travels with a Palette Knife"
 (We will travel to Claire's home for this demonstration.)

18 APRIL 2020 – BILL CHELSETH
"Painting on Glass"

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
 Shana Spooner – Bonnie Vanzant – Phyllis Whitehead

A Little Reminder

**Mount Dora Art League
Spring Show
March 27, 28 and 29th**

The Artist's Point of View

- ◇ "Art is a line around your thoughts." – **Gustav Klimt**
- ◇ "To be an artist is to believe in life." – **Henry Moore**
- ◇ "Art evokes the mystery without which the world would not exist." – **René Magritte**
- ◇ "Great art picks up where nature ends." – **Marc Chagall**
- ◇ "Art is freedom.
Being able to bend things most people see as a straight line."
- ◇ "The richness I achieve comes from nature, the source of my inspiration." – **Claude Monet**
- ◇ "If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint." – **Edward Hopper**

Upcoming Events

Art Critique

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 PM @ Community Room.

Artists are welcome to bring and talk about their original works of art at our monthly volunteer-led art critique. All types of media are welcome! This is an opportunity for people to come together to learn and grow as artists. You do not have to bring art to attend & participate in the critiquing process! No registration is required for this free monthly event and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Mount Dora Library Association.



Vilas Tonape- Solo Exhibit

(Through the month of February)

Mount Dora Center for the Arts

10 am to 5 pm M thru F

12 pm to 4 pm S and S

Working in both figurative and non-representational modes, Tonape focuses on nature. His paintings are "melodies" orchestrated by the artist, rooted in the visual rhythms of gesture and color, recorded in the subject matter.

Upcoming Events Continued...

Art in the Alley

Fri, February 14, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Description: Enjoy art and music exhibitors along Royellou Alley, in the heart of downtown Mount Dora. During this free monthly event artists will be showcasing their original art, handmade goods and acoustic sounds along Royallou Alley (next to the Mount Dora Center for the Arts).

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
February 4, 2020
Congregational Church
10 A.M.**

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for information about
upcoming workshops in
the Eustis Art League

A Note of Appreciation...

To the members of the Mount Dora Art League,
You have been so supportive during my absence from home, and I send you many grateful thanks for your efforts to create the wonderful art show you did and especially for the love and prayers given for my son Randy. They are so welcome and much appreciated. He is still in treatment and will be for the next two years according to doctors at this time. So far his spirits are good and he is determined to deal with this illness the best he knows how. Prayers are important, effective, and of comfort to all persons involved. We are truly grateful for yours.

Thank you,

Esther



Esther's Bookshelf

NF 972.85 PRE (2017). **Lost City of the Monkey God** by Douglas Preston. Thrilling, powerful adventure story that is true - a 500-year old legend, an ancient curse, a stunning medical mystery, and a pioneering journey into the unknown heart of the world's densest jungle. In 2012, Douglas Preston climbed aboard a rickety plane carrying the one machine that would change history: lidar, a highly advanced technology that could map the terrain under the densest rain forest canopy. In an unexplored valley ringed by steep mountains, that machine revealed the image of a sprawling metropolis, tantalizing evidence of not just an undiscovered city but an enigmatic lost civilization. In the photo section of the book, one also gets to see the fer-de-lance, one of the world's deadliest snakes, most aggressive, and six feet long with a body thickness of a man's forearm.

In the 80's when I was on a three-week mission trip to Belize in Central America, we took a day off to visit the Mayan ruins and were warned about this deadly snake. It was described as lime green, small like the coral snake and highly venomous. Having a heightened fear of any snakes, I was barely cognizant of my surroundings, so alert I was to spot one before it found me! We had hiked for an hour through what seemed impenetrable jungle, and by the time we arrived at the ruins, I practically stood still in the middle, not enjoying a romp over the ruins or exploring to any extent, so anxious I was about being attacked by this ferocious and aggressive creature! Normally I love to hike and explore and had highly anticipated being in a different world. However, had I ever seen this fer-de-lance as described in the book, I might have dropped dead from fear and shock and never left the jungle! Guess they grow bigger in an ancient uncivilized rain forest!








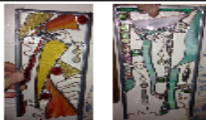
F (2017). **The Daughter of Sherlock Holmes** by Leonard Goldberg. This is for those lovers of Sherlock Holmes' sleuthing skills - once again the game's afoot! A delightful new mystery caper involving the usual evil adversaries, discovery of a hidden treasure, and events spanning the Second Afghan War of 1878-1880. An ingenious plan must be acquired to dodge Scotland yard and the British aristocracy, avoid being murdered and catch a murderer in the act. However, this is the year 1916, Sherlock Holmes is now dead, and no one can ask him to solve this mysterious tale that arrives at 221b Baker Street. Yet Holmes and Watson are once more reunited in those dark streets of London (that is, Sherlock Holmes' brilliant and beautiful daughter and handsome, charming Dr. John Watson, Jr.) You may well ask how there can be a daughter of this cold, unemotional, although intriguing, famous detective whose only passion is for the usefulness of his keen deductive steel-trap mind . . . Happy reading and a discovery for yourself.



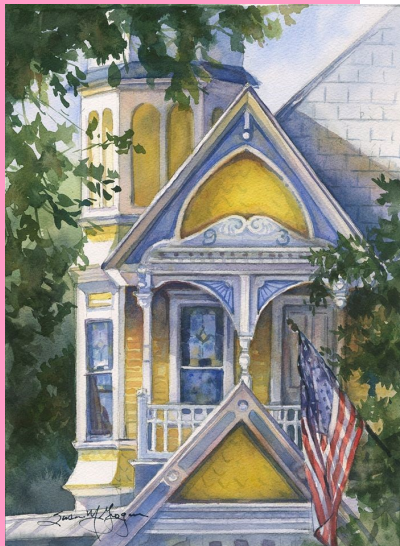
Upcoming Available Classes

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COFFEE & CANVAS		FEBRUARY 4TH (10am-12pm) \$35 Supplies Included Enjoy a cup of coffee as your instructor guides you through a painting session. No talent or experience needed. Lots of Fun!
ALCOHOL INK PAINTING		FEBRUARY 12TH (1pm-3pm) \$35 Supplies Included This class will work with controlling inks to create a nice landscape. Create even more at the February 20th class.
MOSAIC STAINED GLASS		FEBRUARY 15TH (10am-1:30pm) \$60 Supplies Included Create a beautiful Mosaic piece with instructor and owner of Stained Glass Design. No talent or experience needed.
COFFEE & CANVAS		FEBRUARY 18TH (10am-12pm) \$35 Supplies Included Enjoy a cup of coffee as your instructor guides you through a painting session. No talent or experience needed. Lots of Fun!
CARDS & ENVELOPES		FEBRUARY 20TH (12-2pm) \$20 Supplies Included These cards/envelopes are created from Wallpaper sample books.
ALCOHOL INK PAINTING		FEBRUARY 26TH (1-3pm) \$35 Supplies Included Improve and learn new techniques as you create landscapes
BOB ROSS PAINTING		FEBRUARY 28TH (1pm-4pm) \$55 Supplies Included <i>Taught by a Certified Bob Ross Instructor</i> Students go home with a completed painting. No experience or talent needed... Lots of Fun!
WHIMSICAL WINDOWS STAINED GLASS		FEBRUARY 29TH (10am-1pm) \$60 Supplies Included Create Whimsical Windows from stained glass pieces, melded into a hanging frame. Anyone can do these.

Check out our website: www.artrageousartgallery.com



NEW CALL TO ART! Local artists, please help us celebrate Mount Dora's 110th birthday and fill our Lobby Gallery this March with beautiful, diverse and local art! Your Mount Dora-themed art will be displayed in our Lobby Gallery from March 1 through March 31, 2020, and all participating artists are invited to place price tags and contact info with their work. Artist submission deadline for the 'Mount Dora: 110 Beautiful Years' exhibit is Saturday, February 15, 2020. Please pick up your instruction sheet at the Circulation Desk or email library@cityofmountdora.com and we'll be happy to send it to you.

Watercolor of the Donnelly House by Susan Grogan. Sponsored by [The Mount Dora Library Association](#).