

# Mount Dora Art League News

June 2020



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Good Afternoon,  
This note seems like what I have written the last two months. We still need to be very careful so as not to have an uptake in cases. We are living and looking forward to our lives a bit differently than this time last year. The class of 2020 will certainly look back at their graduation much differently than we all did. Parents have had to learn to home school and work at their jobs from home. Shopping for food and other essentials has taken on a whole new look. We all are living a new normal, like it or not.

I am still planning on our new year 2020-2021 to open October 17<sup>th</sup>. I do not foresee any informal meetings anytime this summer. I am hopeful you have gotten your creative energies going, mine got a bit side tracked. Send any pictures of your work to Dawn so it can be included in next month's newsletter.

I am still planning on the 2020-2021 year to begin October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our program presenter will be Jane Moody. Remember that our dues are due by our meeting in October. Single membership \$25.00 Couples \$40.00.

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

[CHECK OUT THE MDAL WEBSITE - CINI.KI.COM/MDAL](http://CINI.KI.COM/MDAL)  
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# Esther's Bookshelf



Again, a return to the oldies but goodies with the thought that you, too, my friends, might enjoy becoming reacquainted with a good book or DVD to enrich some of this waiting time of being safe . . . It is fun to read and pair the book and DVD together. Script writers did a great job in joining the books' nuances with input from the authors into film.

**NF (1973) SYBIL** by Flora Rheta Schreiber. A wrenching, fascinating account of a shy, timid, self-effacing woman possessed by sixteen separate personalities and the unbelievably horrible childhood that was the catalyst for these different entities of herself. Taken from "hours of conversations, notes by the psychoanalyst Dr. Wilbur during the analysis, Sybil's diaries and essays, tape recordings of the actual selves, and the author's face-to-face encounter with each of Sybil's sixteen personalities, SYBIL is the story of one woman's desperate struggle to become one."

**DVD (2006) SYBIL (won 4 Emmys including Outstanding Special (Drama) and Outstanding Actress for Sally Field)**. Starring Joanne Woodward as Dr. Wilbur; Sally Field as Sybil; Brad Davis as Richard, friend of Sybil. Thirteen of the sixteen personalities are included in the film. Sybil does not know about her separate selves, but she comes to recognize something is wrong with her because of repeated blackouts, awakening to strange places with no memory of getting there, and long periods of lost time, sometimes months, even years. Because of an accident she seeks medical help. Through her puzzling behavior, a psychoanalyst Dr. Wilbur is asked to step in to examine her. Thus follows eleven years of a relationship with Dr. Wilbur. This film is completely fascinating! Sally Field's acting out the different personalities of herself as Sybil is incredible!

**F (1966) THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN** by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Story of a mom and family trying to rebuild their lives after being shockingly torn apart when their three-year old son went suddenly missing. Pages of reviews: "Riveting ... twists that will spin you around" - "masterful ... a big story about human connection and emotional survival" - "compelling, engrossing edge-of-the-seat emotion." - "Rich, moving, suspenseful, altogether stunning ... impossible to put down." All true!



## Rotating Art Displays

Please let us know if you have any artwork that will on display in the area.

## 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 – 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 Molly Horton - Claire Fairclough - Kathy Sacks

# Esther's Bookshelf Cont...

**DVD (1999) *THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN*** starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams, Whoopi Goldberg. Absolutely unforgettable film with heart-breaking tragedy for any mother. Still, an excellent film, one worth watching. "A thriller with an emotional wallop." "What do you do when what you wish for comes true and it is not as you imagined?"

**F (1995) *THE HORSE WHISPERER*** by Nicholas Evans. Though this is Evans' first book, it contains the same beautiful poetical imagery and lyrical writing that is in all his books. You won't want to stop reading! Evans' "weaves an extraordinary tale of healing and redemption - a magnificent emotional journey that explores our ancient bonds with earth and sky and hearts untamed. It is a stirring elegy to the power of belief and self-discovery, to hopes lost and found again."

**DVD (2006) *THE HORSE WHISPERER*** - 4 Stars - Billed as "One of the best films of the year - a movie to shout about!" Starring Robert Redford, Sam Neill, Kristen Dianne Wiest, Scott Thomas. A shocking beginning that tears your heart, yet hang in there - you will fall in love with the characters, feel their pain, rejoice with the healing over of their scars, the emerging of hope, and eventually their return to life and joy. In the process, you will learn more about self, love and sacrifice. An excellent movie! Well, of course, ladies, with Robert Redford as a main character, how could it not be excellent AND romantic! In the theatre years ago, the scenery was fabulous with all that wide-open horse country and facial close-ups. Yet I thoroughly enjoyed seeing it again, even on DVD.

**F (1993) *THE SHIPPING NEWS*** by Annie Proulx. 1994 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Fiction; 1993 National Book Award for Fiction; *Irish Times* International Fiction Prize. A Gothic tale set in Newfoundland steeped in a slowly evolving mystery tragedy and "quirky humor as befits the unpredictable forces of nature and society, the ancestral families." Life's events formed Quoye into a "misbegotten shadow with such inertia" he found himself in Newfoundland, his ancestral home, not really sure why he was there. He experiences unexpected sweet romance, redemption and healing. *Boston Sunday Globe* calls this novel "strikingly original, richly energetic ... stunning, full of magic and portent." I like all Annie's books - interesting real-life experiences.

## The Artist's Point of View - Jackson Pollock

- ◇ "The painting has a life of its own. I try to let it come through."
- ◇ "Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is."
- ◇ "The modern artist is working with space and time, and expressing his feelings rather than illustrating."
- ◇ "It doesn't matter how the paint is put on, as long as something is said."
- ◇ "The secret of success is... to be fully awake to everything about you."
- ◇ "Technique is just a means of arriving at a statement."
- ◇ "A real friend is someone you say a sentence to and they know ten thousand words behind that sentence."

## Upcoming Events

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



## Don't Forget!

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

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upcoming workshops in  
the Eustis Art League

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for information about up-  
coming programs in the  
Leesburg Art League

**YOU TALK TO YOURSELF  
MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE.  
MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE  
CONVERSATION FRIENDLY.**

Karen Salmonsohn



**YOU WIN**  
WHENEVER YOU CAN  
STAY POSITIVE IN A  
NEGATIVE SITUATION.  
EXTRA BONUS POINTS  
IF YOU CAN FIND HUMOR  
IN THE SITUATION.

Karen Salmonsohn



## 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))

## Special Notes on Our Members

Molly Horton's beloved brother, Coleman Meredith Fielder, died of a massive heart attack April 18, he was 78. He was an educator for over 31 years teaching at Brookshire, Audubon Park, and Baldwin Park Elementary Schools and was a Professor of Education at Rollins College in Winter Park. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves for over 20 years and served in the Gulf War.

Kathy Sacks had emergency surgery on May 5th. Kathy had two stents put in her heart and is now at home recovering. Daughter, Dawn and granddaughter, Taylor both came down (from Tennessee) to assist Glenn with caring for Kathy. Taylor stayed on in Florida for an additional couple of weeks to ensure that her Nana behaved and listened to Dr's orders.

Claire Fairclough's mother passed away on April 15th. Claire was due to visit her 95 year old mother in England in April. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus outbreak they had to cancel their trip and the Nursing Home she was living in was put on Lockdown. Unfortunately, the virus managed to make its way into the facility and having caught it, her mom passed away on April 15th. This should be a warning that we have to remain very vigilant and not take the current situation lightly. She was a very keen artist and had painted with oils and watercolors. She also took many classes in different crafts and was very creative.

## Esther's Bookshelf Cont...

**DVD (1999) *THE SHIPPING NEWS*** - 4 stars - Starring Kevin Spacey as submissive Quoyle (hard to imagine, yet he gives an excellent performance!), Julianne Moore, Judi Dench, Cate Blanchett (an all-star cast!) Following a tragedy, Quoyle moves to his ancestral home, a small fishing village in Newfoundland. His past melds with his present in an inspirational journey of self-discovery and second chances. Filled with the stark scenic beauty of Newfoundland ice and rocky ledges and the power and majesty of the sea.

**F (1999) *WHITE OLEANDER*** by Janet Fitch - a search for self - written with "exquisite beauty and grace." "Compelling." From the inside cover: "an unforgettable story of mothers and daughters, burgeoning sexuality, the redemptive powers of art, and the unstoppable force of the emerging self." Elizabeth Peters, a favorite author on Egypt and archaeology, remarks: "a siren song of a novel, seducing the reader with its story, its language ... its utterly believable and remarkably diverse characters! Another comment - "This is something GOOD to read."

**DVD (2003) *WHITE OLEANDER***. Starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger.

Bewitching and haunting from beginning to end. "Oleander can be poisonous. So can a mother's love." Powerful and uplifting. Fifteen year-old Astrid begins her remarkable journey to independence. *The New York Observer* notes: "intelligently written [script], sensitively directed and memorably acted."

## Challenge Time - Can You Guess the Correct Answers?



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What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

What tastes better than it smells?

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

What is made of water but if you put it into water it will die?

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

What has a head and a tail, but no body?

Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?

What kind of room has no doors or windows?

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

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Set 2 Rebus Puzzle Answers  
Software/daydream/heatwave/  
afternoon/photoshop/crossfit/  
halfway/addict/overcook/fasten/  
pinstripe/five hole/top dog/freestyle/  
ring/strip/shot/pink career/tennis/  
London/Belly

Set 1 of Rebus Puzzle Answers  
History repeats itself/ring around the  
rose/repeat after me/read between  
the lines/you're under arrest/square  
meal/Alice in Wonderland/right be-  
side me/Frankensteen/Made in Chi-  
na/Settle down/One in a million/The  
land before time/I'll be there in a  
minute/Rail Crossing/Banana Split/  
Painless Operation/Update/Well  
Balanced Meal/Tennis Shoe/Excuse  
me/Time after Time(or double time)/  
Bad Influence/Won by a nose

Answers to the Riddles:  
A Stamp; A Piano; A Fence; A Tongue;  
Seven; A Road; An Ice Cube; A Candle;  
A Coin; Meat; Watermelon; Mush-  
room; A Palm

## What have our members been up to?

Claire Fairclough has been hard at work painting away. Below are some of her latest works of art while under “house arrest” during the quarantine/pandemic 2020.

### Don't Forget!

Send us pictures of your latest artwork for the next edition of the newsletter so we can share!

Check our Peter Smith's New Artwork and Pictures on his website at: [pbase.com/petersmith](http://pbase.com/petersmith)



New York Skyline at Daybreak



Gondoliers in Venice



Edam, Holland

