



MOUNT DORA ART LEAGUE NEWS

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Susan Mulholland

The excitement is gathering about our Spring Show to be held at the Donnelly Park building. The 12 x 12 Challenge should be interesting for us all and we expect to see all our members at the Reception on Saturday. Ribbons will be awarded and the Middle School and High School artists may be there with their teachers, too. Let's celebrate together and enjoy the artwork created outside many of our comfort zones! I would like to see us take the time to have conversations about the art we have hung with each other and the students. Perhaps we can do something in co-operation with willing student artists during our 90 Year Recognition in 2016.

Please, come ready to volunteer your ideas and assistance in creating something important in Mt. Dora to honor the importance, creativity, problem solving, and innovation plays in creating an exciting and fulfilling environment for a community. Send me your ideas and let's make connections over the summer for co-operative connections with businesses, government, and community. The Board needs every member's help, so we are counting on you!

The new logo should be a part of this, so send your ideas to Pat DeWeese or bring them to the March 28 meeting.

We are looking for someone to be a co-chair with me on planning the big 1926-2016 event; the Board will help, of course, but we need someone outside the Board to make some connections! Please, step forward; we need ...YOU! We need someone who is

here most of the summer. See you at our show!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 1st

NOTE: This will be the final newsletter for the 2014-15 season.

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The DeLand Trip

by David Levee

We have known long since that an art excursion planned by Nike is a top drawer event----Recall the trolley holiday trip to the Morse a couple of Christmas seasons back. So those who made the trip to DeLand enjoyed viewing some excellent art (plus the attendant camaraderie). If you were unable to be with us February 24, note that the same shows are up through April 5.

This is what you can see, in no special order (after #1, that is, my favorite)

1. Richard Frank Watercolors: Homage
I gaze at his paintings and I'm thinking Frieda Kahlo, whom he must seriously have admired. Touches of her fantasy, her animal companions, and, most particularly, her vivid colors are all here (Wouldn't using oils have been easier? I wonder).
2. Richard Haas: Works on Paper
City architecture. Stylistic, but the Empire State Building is the Empire State Building. Impressive.
3. William Crutchfield: Satirical Commentary
An accurate title but not too helpful. Think of a precociously witty five-year old playing with blocks whose playground is rendered into whimsical drawings by an accomplished artist. Fun stuff.
4. Richard Anuszkiewicz: Art of Light, Perception, & Movement
Let's call him Dick. Large geometric forms, some, 3-dimensional.

We followed Nike's suggestion. After lunch we visited the Volusia County Historic Courthouse and viewed paintings by Jackson Walker in a grouping titled "Legendary Florida." A dramatic shift

from the art displayed at the museums. Walker paints realistic scenes that recall major events in Florida history. If you enjoy history, there is a double treat for you here.

DeLand is always a pleasurable visit for Phyllis and me. Lots of shops (for her) and Stetson University attractions (for both of us). In particular: activities of the music and ceramics departments. We enjoy also the variety of fine restaurants (Most of us did Greek on our visit).

Tell Nike your ideas for an arts adventure (Best to keep it in the state probably). As you know the MDAL is 90 years old next year. Time for many trips and things to do before we're 100.

Venues: Anuszkiewicz, the museum annex, 100 N Woodland Blvd.
Frank, et al, the museum, 600 N Woodland Blvd.
Walker, Volusia Courthouse, 120 W Indiana Av.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do." Edgar Degas

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- 1) Our list of donors for art supplies is growing. Thanks to the following members who have made healthy contributions:
Dorothy, Esther, and Phyllis L. Thanks also to Amy Eckenweiler of Monster Self Storage.
We are still looking for non toxic materials for school art programs in Mount Dora. When can we add your name to our list?
- 2) We welcome new member:
Alissa J., 352-552-8985

We are not putting addresses in the newsletter for your safety.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't from page 2)

- 3) Bud B. is recovering from minor knee surgery (oxymoron, of course). He might like to hear from you.
- 4) Please note: 5th Avenue Studios has changed hands and is now Giclee and Fine Art Printing in Tavares, phone: 352-455-2744, email: mo.oconnor.1@gmail.com
They have all of 5th Avenue Studios Client Images on File.
- 5) As Susan has noted, the logo design search is still active.

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March 28th meeting: 10:00am - Noon at the Congregational Church in Mount Dora, 650 North Donnelly Street, Mt Dora. Our demonstrator is Bill C. He will discuss technique and process in glass design. Also, we will be electing members to the Board.

April 18th meeting: 10:00am - Noon at the Congregational Church in Mount Dora, 650 North Donnelly Street, Mt Dora. Final meeting of the 2014-2015 season.

March 20-22 Our spring show, some reminders:

- a) For the silent auction, we are seeking art and art-related items (whatever you've paid for is tax deductible).
- b) As usual, members supply the treats for the reception (March 21). You have never been stingy. We are encouraging students and their families and friends to join us. Just a thought.
- c) If you've not signed up for sitting the show (you've been out of the country? Under house arrest?), you may do so when you bring in your work Friday, March 20.
- d) The photograph on the poster cover, by the way, is Peter Dunaway's.



Gee Whiz, Pat. Peanuts again? And generic, at that. Photo by Phyllis Levee



Logo Design Contest

The Board is introducing for MDAL members a logo design contest. Details available at the March meeting. Design a New Logo on a 8 1/2" X 11" page which can be reproduced to many sizes. Remember we represent Mount Dora Artists.



Winner will be chosen by the last meeting.
Prize: **A LIFE MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

ROTATING ART DISPLAY

Visit these sites to see work from your fellow artists:

- 1) First National Trust Department:
Peter Dunaway photography
Susan Mulholland, acrylics and mixed media
March through May
- 2) Waterman Village Art Wall:
Pat DeWeese, acrylics, March through May
Esther Dirlam, photography, mixed media, April and continuing..
- 3) Bland Public Library:
Pat DeWeese, acrylics, March through June
- 4) Monster Self Storage:
Elaine Panuska, acrylics, March through May

Contacts for displaying your work:

@ Waterman, Susan 352-589-1165

@ other places, Esther 216-513-7314

Your work displayed at all of these venues is most welcomed and appreciated. Get on board!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop after April Meeting

Jan K. will conduct a workshop on alcohol inks immediately after our April membership meeting. And you don't need to go anywhere. The workshop will be conducted at the Congregational Church, April 18, from 1 to 4. Payment of \$30 is due at our March 28 meeting.

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Art Show at Lake County Fair

Lake County artists are invited to enter the annual art show at the Lake County Fair, April 9-18. Ribbons and cash awards will be given in these categories: oil, acrylic, water medium on paper, pastel and drawing, and mixed media. Entries must be the original work of the artist.

Bring entries to the fair grounds exposition building (State road 44 and County road 452, north of Eustis, Tuesday, April 7, from 3 to 7 pm. Each person may enter 3 works. There is no entry fee. Rules may be obtained from local art leagues or on line, <lakecofair@aol.com>. Questions: call Shirley Sojourner, 352-394-7338.

Workshops at DK

DK Art Supply (9910 Hwy 441, Leesburg) is offering a variety of Friday/Saturday workshops through March. The cost is \$35 each. Subjects include creative techniques in watercolor, acrylics, oil pastels, alcohol inks, zentangle. For more information and to register call Dennis, 352-326-9555.

Reminder: Dennis has available a number of 12 x 12 white canvasses suitable for our show entries.



Jan K. makes a point at her alcohol inks demonstration.

Photo by Phyllis Levee