

Mount Dora Art League News

May 2020



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Good afternoon,

Well, that is a deep subject. On a serious note things have not gotten

much better since last month. There are times when I feel like I am in the movie "Groundhog Day". This is very serious and we need to still live by the guidelines set forth by the CDC. Hopefully by October we will be able to resume our regular meetings.



We will plan to start our new year 2020-2021 October 17th. I will still plan for an informal meeting sometime this summer, but we will have to wait and see how things change with our current world situation before making plans. In the meantime, if you are using your creative energies during this time please send Dawn (dukedawn@rocketmail or via text at 731-415-0470) a few pictures of your work with some descriptions so we can include it in the next newsletter. We do plan to continue the newsletter throughout the summer so please make sure to keep us updated on anywhere you may be displaying your art as well.

As things stand now, our October 17th meeting presenter will be Jane Moody and our November meeting presenter will be Claire Fairclough (our missed March meeting) . The December 19th meeting will be our Christmas party and at the current time we are still scheduled for our winter show. We will also be looking forward to the 2021 year two presenter Bill Chelseth and Adrienne Lee.

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)
[SHARE YOUR ARTWORK WITH OTHERS](#) Send a jpeg. of your artwork to Peter Smith at pasmith43@earthlink.net for placement on the website



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Esther's Bookshelf

Haven't we all at one time or another wanted to get off the merry-go-round, stop the world, and have time, precious time to just paint, write, read, do all the things we want, yet do not seem able to take time to do. Well, here it is! Stuck at home! Denied entrance to libraries, theatres, art events, museums, homes of friends, possibly even families! So, I now walk into the past within my own library, to read books on hand, DVDs already seen but worth viewing again, and just maybe a different one you had not yet read or seen . . .

NF (2009). STONES INTO SCHOOLS by Greg Mortenson, a humanitarian and former mountaineer who believes that the best way to peace is through education. As co-founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute and founder of the Pennies for Peace children's program, he has worked to promote peace by establishing more than 130 schools, most of them for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan (all of which includes petitioning for capital, building bridges (literally), countless sleepless hours, hard physical labor, disappointment, surviving danger, to name just a [few.in](http://www.few.in) the dedication to progress and achievement of goals established).

His first book written in 2003 THREE CUPS OF TEA began with a promise to build a school in Korphe, Pakistan, as does this new book written in 2009. Filled with harrowing adventures, difficulties to surmount unyielding tradition and culture, natural disasters, and the

ever-present necessity to address the absolute strangle-hold the Taliban had over women and the country, the reader is fascinated with the heroic efforts involved, the renegade men of unrecognized and untapped talent who became galvanized by the importance of girls' education and the triumphs of the young women who are now graduating from the schools. These women's stories are unforgettable.

Rotating Art Displays Through April and May

As of May 11, Jane Moody will display her new work in the Eustis Memorial Library.

Richard Schuchman has new work displayed in First National Bank Trust Dept.

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 7th 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 – Molly Horton – 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 impacted by COVID-19

Esther's Bookshelf Cont...

DVD produced by Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, and Chris Moore **STOLEN SUMMER** (an astounding all-star cast!) Funny, sweet, and moving film (may need a bit of Kleenex). Delightful story of a young Catholic boy who goes on a quest to help a dying Jewish friend get into heaven. "An unforgettable adventure marked by conflict and discovery . . . the boys together will learn the true meaning of hope and friendship."

DVD (1991 drama) THE MAN IN THE MOON (4 stars). Deeply moving film about coming of age and sexual discovery in rural 1950s Louisiana - poignant and bittersweet tale. "A wonderful movie . . . a victory . . . a meticulously prepared masterpiece" says Roger Ebert. Starring Sam Waterston, Tess Harper, Gail Strickland and three newcomers, Reese Witherspoon (14), Emily Warfield (16) and Jason London (17).

F (2005) Drawn from 1939 Nazi Germany during World War II, a book for people of all ages who love to read. **THE BOOK THIEF** by Markus Zusak. "Thought-provoking, life-affirming, triumphant and tragic, this is a novel of breathtaking scope, masterfully told . . . an important piece of work, but also a wonderful page-turner," is only one of the four pages of praise and acclaim for this book.

DVD (2013) THE BOOK THIEF starring Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson is an extraordinary and moving film about courage and hope - the story of a girl who transforms the lives of those around her in 1939 Nazi Germany. This film "captures the pure joy and triumph of the human spirit."

The Artist's Point of View

- ◇ "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." - Edgar Degas
- ◇ "Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do". - Edgar Degas
- ◇ "Only when he no longer knows what he is doing does the painter do good things." - Edgar Degas
- ◇ "A painting requires a little mystery, some vagueness, and some fantasy." - Edgar Degas
- ◇ "Do it again, ten times, a hundred times. Nothing in art must seem to be an accident, not even movement." - Edgar Degas
- ◇ "If I could have had my own way, I would have confined myself to black and white." - Edgar Degas



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.**

**marvynrivett@mac.com
for information about
upcoming workshops in
the Eustis Art League**

**programs@lessburgarts.com
for information about up-
coming programs in the
Leesburg Art League**

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)

A Walk a Day Keeps the Sadness at Bay

If it's humanly possible for you to get outside right now...

and go for a walk, do it. See if you can make it around the block, or to the end of your street and back. If you can, try to walk for thirty minutes or more. Letting your feet kiss the ground. Consciously taking in the world around you. Count your steps up to a hundred. And, then back down again.

Listen to your breath. Pay attention to the colors you see. Notice the way the wind is at work amongst the trees. And, how the clouds are moving. Then acknowledge any restless thoughts bouncing around inside your head. Name them. Let them go.

As you walk, list ten things you're grateful for

- Some small blessing in your life.
- A conversation you had recently.
- Something you've learned.
- The gift of this moment.
- A friend in your life.
- The fact you're alive and moving.
- Freedom to walk outside.
- The food sustaining you.
- The gift of your imagination.
- Some other small miracle in your life.

When you feel like heading back home. Pause. And, take a few deep breaths. Look around you, and take everything in.

Esther's Bookshelf Cont...

DVD (2006) HE CHANGED OUR WORLD: STEVE IRWIN MEMORIAL TRIBUTE.

Steve was known as The Crocodile Hunter who brought to the world much knowledge about our environment, taught us how to love, respect, and understand the wildlife around us. Emotionally moving. Celebrates the "incredible achievements of this inspirational Australian." Highlights Steve's "passion and dedication to his family, his work, the environment and his beloved country."