

Mount Dora Art League News

March 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Greetings,

A very happy March and the March winds. Hope this finds everyone well and ready for the beautiful flowers and green grass.

We will be meeting at the W.T. Bland Public Library Mount Dora 1995 N. Donnelly Street. You will find in the newsletter in the following pages information about our March 18th program. We will not have a business meeting and will spend the time from 10:00-12:00 working on our Plein Air project. Make sure you come with all the materials you will need. This will be a fun activity and learning experience.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone March 18th and ready to have fun and product a work of art.

Take care and see you March 18th,
Kathy Sacks

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 for placement on the website

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Looking to Travel? Upcoming Art Festivals

- March 4th & March 5th, 2023
35th Annual Las Olas Art Fair Part II (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
- March 4th & March 5th, 2023
22nd Annual Downtown Venice Art Classic with craft marketplace (Venice, FL)
- March 11th & March 12th, 2023
33rd Annual ArtFest by the Sea at Juno Beach presented by Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center (Juno Beach, FL)
- March 18th & March 19th, 2023
18th Annual Coral Springs Festival of the Arts (Coral Springs, FL)
- March 18th & March 19th, 2023
The Downtown Sarasota Fine Art and Craft Fair (Sarasota, FL)
- March 25th & March 26th, 2023
26th Annual Downtown Stuart Art & Craft Festival (Stuart, FL)
- March 25th & March 26th, 2023
30th Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair (Tampa, FL)

<https://www.artfestival.com/calendar/art>

Upcoming Art Exhibits at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts

Jan 13 – Feb 26, 2023

Nancy Dillen "Fantasy Series"
paintings and drawings

Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2023

Central Florida Watercolor Society "Watercolor workshops and exhibit"

Apr 7 – May 19, 2023

Randy Taylor "Sandy Art" photography images rescued from Hurricane Sandy



PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER 2022 – APRIL 2023 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

All meetings to be held at Mount Dora Center for the Arts at 138 East 5th Avenue in Mount Dora, unless noted otherwise.

MARCH 18, 2023

Plein Air

*Note Meeting Location

W.T. Bland Public Library—Mount Dora
1995 N Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL

Meet in the Garden - Bring supplies and chair

APRIL 15, 2023

TBA

Please make plans to attend all of the meetings for this year. We have some great programs set up!

Plein Air - March 18, 2023 Program

Plein Air

The act of painting outdoors
Morna Strengholt

Choose your medium:

Pencils or pen, drawing paper , pad or drawing board.

Paint, watercolor paint and palette, brushes, paper towel, watercolor paper, water container.

Acrylics: paint, tight closed lid container for palette, paper towel, canvas or board, water container.

Oil, paint, palette, paper towel or rag, canvas, linseed oil, paint cleaner.

If picnic tables or seats are not available, you will need a portable chair and small table and/or easel.

I put these in the car in case I need them. Dress for the weather, hat, umbrella.

Choose a location with a view, look for shade, find your spot, sit down and find the area you want to paint, look for interesting shapes and contrast, set up your work space and begin. On a white canvas, block in the darker shapes, on a dark canvas block in lights with white or light colors.

Paint what you see, have a good time and enjoy the outdoors.

Approximate 90% of the painting should be done on site but feel free to take it home for finishing touches.

Upcoming Events

March 2023 (3rd weekend)

Over 200 arts and crafts vendors spread out through the streets of downtown to display their "Spring" treasures.

Website:

www.mountdoraspringfest.com

March 11 & 12, 2023

Leesburg Arts Fuse Festival

Email for more information:

director@leesburgarts.com

Mount Dora Art League Executive Board

2022-2023



Back Row: L to R: Marilyn (Sam) McEwen (Board Member/Hospitality) and Jon Glass (Board Member/Membership)

Front Row: L to R: Claire Fairclough (Recording Secretary), Kathy Sacks (President/Programs), Esther Dirlam (Treasurer/Rotating Displays/Shows)

Missing from Picture: Marie Hammerling (Corresponding Secretary) and Jane Moody (Vice President/School Liaison/Hospitality)



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
TBA
Congregational Church
10 A.M.**

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



F - 2022. DREAM TOWN by David Baldacci. Set in the 1950's, this new thriller has become one of NY TIMES' best-selling books and Nero Award-winning Archer series. Private investigator and WWII veteran Aloysius Archer is in Los Angeles ready to ring in the New Year with a friend who is an inspiring actress when the evening is interrupted. There follows increasingly chilly events - mysterious phone calls - a bloody knife appears somehow in the sink - dead body turns up = people disappear and Archer is ensnared in a lethal case in the City of Angels where dreams are made and shattered. David Baldacci is known for his masterful story-telling; he "switches gears with magnificent results" says Bill Clinton, and this is "one of his finest books. Great characters, great story, great portrait of an era." If you have never read any of Baldacci's books, read this one first.

F - 2021. NEVER SAW ME COMING by Vera Kerlan (Debut Novel)

An unusual and gripping read that I could not put down - about a DC-based college and a unique secretive program attended by seven young adult psychopaths to help them acquire self-control so they might become more "normal" and contributing members of society. The central character, Chloe Sevre, ends up in their clinical study of psychopaths to be near someone who wronged her in the past, and when a murder occurs on campus, she goes from being a hunter to becoming prey. Robin Wasserman, author of GIRLS ON FIRE, says, "Kerlan has brought together a beautiful puzzle of a murder mystery, as impossible to solve as it is to put down. What starts as a delicious thriller becomes a fascinating investigation of amorality, vengeance, and redemption, a powder-keg of a debut." Other comments include: "witty, acerbic, and utterly compulsive" . . . "razor-sharp thriller with an irresistibly wicked central character" . . . "fresh, fast-paced and fiendishly clever" . . .

F - 2020. CAMINO WINDS by John Grisham. Takes readers inside the world of rare-book collecting. Some praises for the novel based in Florida: "Grisham weaves an engaging story with enough plot-twists and hints of danger and past secrets to keep the reader involved, and for inquiring writers, he includes tidbits about purchasing and book selling that provide the kind of insider's feel that only an established author might know." Winston-Salem Journal states that Grisham "twists the expected into a set of cascading surprises that fooled and entertained this reader just as he does in his legal thrillers."

FOLLOW UP FROM MAYOR STILE

When I spoke on Saturday (2/18) someone asked how the Art League could be more involved with the City. I recommended attending the Public Arts Commission monthly meetings. Below is the date/time for the PAC monthly meetings.

Meetings: 3:30 PM / Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
City Hall Council Chambers / First Floor / 510 N. Baker St.

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Mayor, City of Mount Dora

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Upcoming Events/Classes of Interest

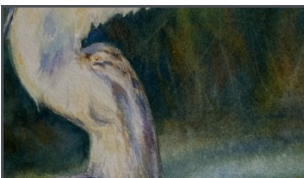


2nd Saturday Craft and Marketplace - March 11, 2023

Ol' Packing House

Umatilla

March 11, 2023 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Basic Watercolor

DATES TBD Session 1: Mondays 1-3PM (six (6) weeks) This class will explore color, composition, and watercolor techniques in this beginner and intermediate watercolor class. Each session is new and different so you are encouraged to take this class as often as you wish. We will cover all the basics as we enjoy everything watercolor has to offer. All levels are welcome, especially newcomers to the medium. Contact the MDCA for a list of recommended supplies. You are also encouraged to bring the supplies that you already have.
Instructor: Susan Grogan
\$130 MDCA members \$160 MDCA non-members

Coming Soon

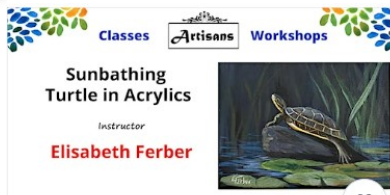


Manatee in Oils with acrylic under painting

Artisans of Mount Dora Inc.

Mount Dora

March 11, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Learn to Paint Sunbathing Turtle in Acrylics

Wed, Mar 8, 2:00 PM

Artisans • Mount Dora, FL
Starts at \$45.00



Manatee in Oils with acrylic under painting

Sat, Mar 11, 10:00 AM

Artisans • Mount Dora, FL
Starts at \$45.00



Mixed Media Art

Journaling - March 11,

2023

The Colored Easel

Leesburg

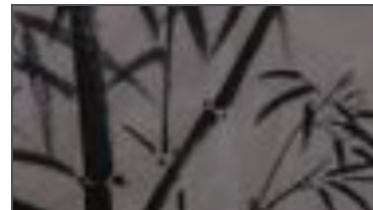
March 11, 2023 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Exploring Watercolors - Intermediate/Advanced

DATES TBD Session 1: Tuesdays 1-4PM (six (6) weeks) Learn to paint with the luminosity of watercolor and further your painting ability. Challenge yourself with new techniques as well as sharpening your skills in basic watercolor. This class will cover value, color mixing, composition, and design. Come explore new ideas and experiences! Students must be pre-approved by the instructor. Instructor: Susan Grogan \$130 MDCA members \$160 MDCA non-member

Coming Soon



Beginner Sumi-e

Skill Level: Beginner The art of Sumi-e originated in China about 6000 years ago as calligraphy and led to a beautiful fluid art style emphasizing spontaneity and life in the brushwork. Instructor: Jane Moody
\$45 MDCA member \$65 MDCA Non-member

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