

Visual Arts Association of Livonia

VAAL SPRING JURIED ART EXHIBIT

VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia) is presenting their 2015 Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions", from June 2nd to 29th inside Livonia City Hall. The exhibit was juried by Douglas Semivan, retired Professor Emeritus of Madonna University's Art Department in Livonia. Awards were presented at a gala reception at City Hall on Thursday, June 2, attended by artists, family and friends. First place prize was awarded to Al Weber for his watercolor painting, "The Parka".

This exhibit showcases the outstanding art work done by VAAL members in all media including: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. Most of the art work is available for sale.



Al Weber "The Parka"

Al has belonged to a number of Art Organizations, exhibited and continued to develop his watercolor work since. He was a member of The Scarab Club in Detroit for a number of years and attended the open studio sessions to work from live models during this time. Watercolor has been his favorite medium but he also works in Silverpoint Drawing, Scratchboard, Pen and Ink and Graphite Drawing. After making most of the possible mistakes his work has gradually improved so that, his words "I occasionally get an award and am accepted into juried Exhibits".

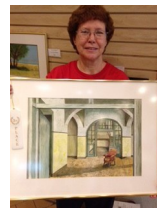
Al has been a member of VAAL almost continuously since about 1985 and was membership Chairman for 12 years. He is a member of The Michigan Water Color Society and was a member of The Livonia Artists Club before it was disbanded last year.



Chuck Schroeder "Jackson Apt. w/35 Fords"

Other winners at the VAAL Art Exhibit were: Chuck Schroeder, Second Place for his pen and ink drawing, "Jackson Apt. w/35 Fords"; and Kathleen Rodak, Third Place for her watercolor "Forgotten".

Those receiving Honorable Mentions were: Mary Ann Adams, Kathleen Boettcher, Tom Lyons, Mary Ann Relyea, and Barbara Gage Rex. Congratulations to all!



Kathleen Rodak "Forgotten"



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LIVONIA'S GARDEN WALK

On June 25th, some members of VAAL will be participating in Livonia's Garden Walk. This year, Beverly Johnson, Janus Benda, Kathy Boettcher, Kathy O'Connell, Ellen Yax and Patricia Lloyd will take the opportunity to enjoy plein air painting. In past years, paintings have been sold and commissions given. The garden owners are always gracious and excited to have painters in their gardens. This year's walk is on June 25th from 10:00am-4:00pm. Tickets are available at Greenmead, all public libraries, and the 5th floor of city hall.

Like VAAL on Facebook! Search Visual Art Association of Livonia and "Like" the page to see news and updates posted regularly.

The **Farmington Art Foundation** would like to invite VAAL members and their friends to join us on our **field trip to ARTPRIZE in Grand Rapids** on September 29, 2016.

The one day trip includes, bus, step-on-guide, tips, lunch at Grand Rapids Women's Club, and snacks.

The price is \$90.00. There are a few spaces left. Please contact Mary Kehoe at mdk-farm@aol.com or 248-478-3998 if you are interested.



CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS

We can't wait for you to see the improvements to the VAAL classroom! Many, many thanks go to Joseph Curmi and his brother, George, for remodeling our bathroom and adding a sink to wash our palettes and brushes. Not only did they donate their time, they also provided all the material. They even brought in a supply of matching water buckets and cups. Now we have a lovely restroom and a separate place to clean up our supplies. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Many thanks also to Deanna Klisz for arranging a donation of special fluorescent bulbs from Madison Electric and Philips Lighting. We need help getting these bulbs installed, so if you're tall and have a ladder, or know someone who would like to help us, please let us know.

Last but not least, Beverly Johnston coordinated the installation of blinds for the front windows. Now we can adjust them as needed as the sunlight changes during the day, and they look awesome from the outside too! Thank you, Beverly!

2016 HOLIDAY SHOPPE



The Holiday Shoppe Committee has begun their plans for our 2016 event! The Committee (Karen Judnich, Kitty Weaver, Karla Kerber, Clarine Boles, Beverly Johnston, Mary Kehoe and Virginia Bosak) have already been putting plans in place. Dates for this year will be December 2nd thru December 12th. This is a juried event. If you have a specialty, know of someone with a unique item they make or find an interesting vendor at a craft show this summer, the Committee would love to have your suggestions. Watch for details through the fall on how you can help.

VAAL ON FACEBOOK

VAAL is on Facebook. If you haven't done so already, search Visual Arts Association of Livonia and "Like" the page.

Information on classes, workshops and events will be posted regularly.

Also, we would love to feature an "Artist of the Week". Every Monday, a post will be put out with the artist's name and up to 3 pictures of their work.

If you are interested in being featured, please send your name, how long you've been a member of the association, the medium(s) you prefer working in and up to 3 pictures of your work (please include the names of each piece) to dtait15@aol.com.

NEW ADDRESS FOR DUES

Dues should now be sent to:

Diana Jamrog

15722 Woodside Street

Livonia, MI 48154

SUMMER CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Some of the summer classes are underway but there are still openings in many classes and workshops. It is not too late to sign up. Give yourself the gift of art! If you are interested, check out classes at vaalart.org or contact Dorothy Amberger, Class Registrar at dorothyann70@yahoo.com





GENERAL INFORMATION

VAAL meetings are open to the general public and held in the classroom on the third Thursday of the month excluding June, July, August and December.

Enrollment is open to everyone without restriction. Membership dues are \$40 per calendar year.

Membership is encouraged, as members enjoy reduced tuition fees, early registration for classes and the ability to be eligible to participate in our Spring and Fall Exhibits.

MEMBER NEWS

Nora Chapa Mendoza—Nora will have a one day solo display & exhibition in Detroit old cabin on Woodward and 7 Mile in Palmer Park on Sunday, June 26th from 12pm-4pm.

She will have another one day solo exhibit on Saturday, September 10th at the Hispanic Heritage Festival from 10am-3pm with a workshop at 1pm. The Hispanic Heritage Festival is at WCCCD located on Northline Road between Telegraph and Allen Roads. On October 4th from 10am-4pm, Nora has another solo exhibit “My Art, My Life” at Oakland University in Rochester. There will be a presentation at 12pm and a workshop from 1pm-3pm.

Barbara Eko Murphy— Barbara is juried into Anton Art Center DSWPS show during June, the VAAL Spring Exhibit also in June and the U of M Dearborn Show in July.

She will have a solo show “Eclectic Endeavors Revisited” at Livonia City Hall in August. Barbara will also be part of a portrait group show, “Expressions” by Mary’s Muses, during the month of September at the Lawrence Street Gallery.

Traveling up north to see the colors? Barbara is also juried into the Crooked Tree in Petoskey’s Show which runs from mid-September thru mid-October.

Sue Mallick—Sue has several one-woman shows this summer and early fall. One in the Ann Arbor District Library in the Downtown Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room from June 1st—July 16th, one in the Farmington Downtown Library during the month of August, and finally at the Picasso Café in Novi during the month of September.

Sandy Steed—Sandy is in two exhibits with pastels in the Great Lakes Pastel Society National Exhibit and a linocut and pastel in the U of M Dearborn Open Exhibit. The Dearborn exhibit’s reception is July 8th on the 3rd floor of the library. The Great Lakes exhibit is running now and is in the Holland Art Center in Holland, MI.



EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Farmington Founders Festival, July 15th thru July 17th, 2016

Farmington Art Foundation members will be exhibiting their art in a large tent in the park behind the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Roads. For more information, you can contact them through their website at farmingtonartfoundation.org

Other Upcoming Art Fairs:

Wyandotte Street Art Fair: The Wyandotte Street Art Fair has more than 250 jury-selected fine artists from 30 states and Canada showcasing jewelry, painting, wood, fiber, photography and drawing. The fair is held in a massive area spanning six blocks filled with art, music, food and activities for all ages. *Art fair: 10am-9pm July 8th-11th. Downtown Wyandotte*

Art in the Park: Michigan's second largest art fair is back for its 35th year and will welcome more than 400 artists from across the country. It features everything from paintings and sculpture to photography and folk art. There are also designated booths for kids to sell their own artwork, so don't forget to support those emerging artists, too! *11am-8pm July 10th, 10am-7pm July 11th, 10am-5pm July 12th. Kellogg Park and Downtown Plymouth*

Outdoor Art Fair (Royal Oak): There's something for everyone at the Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair, which features ceramics, painting and prints, fiber art, jewelry, photography, sculpture, wood, glass, leather and mixed media. The city's oldest fine art and craft show -now in its 45th year-hosts original works by more than 100 juried local, regional and national artists who are spread out across Memorial Park. *10am-6pm July 11th, 10am-5pm July 12th. Memorial Park, Royal Oak.*

Ann Arbor Art Fair: The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is the original of what are now four award-winning art shows in Ann Arbor. The event also includes the State Street Art Fair, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair. Together, the fairs attract more than 500,000 attendees. Expect a mix of innovative and modern art forms as well as older crafts like ceramics and wood. *10am-9pm July 15th-17th, 10am-6pm July 18th. Campus and retail areas, downtown Ann Arbor.*

Milford Memories: This full fledged festival draws more than 200,000 people annually thanks to its juried art show (featuring more than 300 artists), entertainment, food and activities. *10am-8pm August 7th, 10am-7pm August 8th, 10am-5pm August 9th. Downtown Milford*

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THE VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA (VAAL) IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF THE CREATIVE ARTS BY OFFERING STUDIO CLASSES, MONTHLY MEETINGS AND TWICE YEARLY EXHIBITS.

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