

HAPPY ARTISTIC NEW YEAR TO VAAL ARTISTS! VAAL Membership Meeting - Thursday, January 15, 7:00 pm

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This exciting program features Suzanne Bilek of Detroit, noted author and speaker on local art history. Her slide presentation is titled: Artists And Indians – a Tribute to Southeastern Michigan’s Native People.

The Native Americans of Michigan created art with themes of spirit, environment and local culture. These images dispel myths and show the truth about artists of Indian heritage.

The membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the VAAL classroom. Don't miss this wonderful presentation. Bring a friend!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

VAAL 2015 membership fees are now due. In order to offset increases in operating expenses they have been increased to \$40. ***Please pay by January 29, 2015 to ensure your name will be included in the Directory being published in February.***

As a member you receive

- Class Discount
- Quarterly newsletters
- Members Directory
- Postcard reminders
- Early registration
- VAAL exhibits
- \$10 art gallery on website
- \$40 to link from VAAL to your own website

NEWSLETTER MAILING UPDATE

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail, VAAL does not have an email address for you. The Board would like to save printing and mailing costs and plans to send various communications via email. If you do not have an email we will continue to use the post office, but our preferred system is email. So please send us your current email when you pay your 2015 dues or email it to gran03@hotmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS VAAL Fall Art Exhibit Winners

- 1st Place – Gail Churchill, “September Afternoon”
- 2nd Place – Barbara Gage Rex, “Bill’s Favorite...Near Lubec”
- 3rd Place – Sue Mallick, “Fallen Leaves”

Honorable Mentions

- Dorothy Amberger, “Wilderness”
- Allison Kardell – “Nature’s Song”
- Kathleen Rodak, “Take a Hike”
- Chuck Schroeder, “Point Aux Barques”
- Jerry Valentine, “Free Fly”

Kudos to Kathleen O’Connell and Barbara Gage Rex, Exhibit Co-chairpersons, for another excellent VAAL art exhibit! Thanks also to Rich Emrich, Tom Lyons, Virginia Bosak, Nancy Savage, Betty Lewis, Gail Churchill and Ellen Yax who filled out the committee and gave invaluable help.

Everyone at the Rec Center looks forward to this exhibit each year. We love hearing all the positive comments when we are setting up. Even the kids enjoy it!!

VAAL HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Our fourth annual Holiday Shoppe was a great success. The weather cooperated this year and Dorothy Amberger put together some wonderful press and ad material. We had many repeat and lots of new customers and lots of unique gift selections. We are happy to report we will be able to pay one month’s rent with the proceeds to VAAL.

The Holiday Shoppe Committee, Janus Benda, Beverly Johnston, Marge Masek, Yvette Goldberg, and Virginia Bosak, would like to thank all the members who came to work at the event and those who came to shop! If you didn’t come, you really missed out!!!! Don’t miss it next year!

FRIENDS OF VAAL

Laura Callow
Dorothy Amberger
John Casey
Beverly Johnston
Nancy Savage
Betty Lewis
Bonnie David
Richard Emrich
Barbara Gage Rex
Janith Rolston

If you haven't made a contribution to the Friends of VAAL, won't you please take a moment to make a contribution at whatever level is right for you? Our recent contributions were very helpful in aiding in securing advertising for our Holiday Shoppe.

Please make checks payable to VAAL, and mail to Friends of VAAL at 17556 Park Avenue, Livonia 48152.

VAAL ARTISTS EXHIBITS

Congratulations to the following VAAL members for entries accepted into the Livonia Arts Commission's Fine Arts Exhibit at the Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery during the month of November:

- Ann Cleary
- Barbara Eko Murphy
- Janus Benda
- Betty Lewis
- Kathleen O'Connell
- Barbara Gage Rex
- Al Webber
- Regina Dunne
- Larry Sekulich

Rosa Paulus will have her pastel piece, "Wine Country", on exhibit at the Farmington Hills City Hall. Her entry was one of the selected entries to be on display at the City

Hall from 1/12/15 until 1/12/17.



The exhibit will be on display for 2 years at the City Hall. There will be an Artists Reception at the City Hall on Monday, January 12, 2015 from 6-7:30, located at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road on the corner of Eleven and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills. All are invited and Rosa hopes to see you there.

Rosa has also recently shown art work in the "Students of Fran Seikaly" art exhibit in Novi and at the Scented Bean Gallery in downtown Farmington.

Sue Mallick's art work was seen in the art exhibit at the Costick Center and at the Oakwood Hospital's Arts of the Spirit Exhibit.

Both **Daria Fileta, and Barbara Eko Murphy** had art work in the "Inspired" Art Exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

NEED TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR ART WORK?

Fred Keebler, VAAL's webmaster, will photograph your artwork for entry to shows. He will travel to your location or you can bring it to him at his home. The artwork can be framed or unframed. Fred can burn CD's and create inventory lists.

The cost for travel to your site is \$25 plus \$5 per photo for Photoshop processing. For more information, contact Fred at fredkeebler@fredkeebler.com

STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Start your artistic New Year off right by taking a VAAL class. Our professional instructors are all ready to start teaching. So sign up now.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for election of our Treasurer and Vice President for 2015-16. If you are interested in seeking either position, please contact President Rich Emrich or any Board member.

It's fun being on the Board! These are two-year commitments and vital to our success.

The Treasurer keeps track of our accounts, does the banking, etc. and the Vice President oversees programming.

Be part of the action!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **Membership Meetings**

January 15, 2015
February 19, 2015
March 19, 2015

All meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the VAAL classroom at 7:00 pm.

The next VAAL newsletter will be in April. We would like to hear your news. Send to Dorothy Amberger at dorothyann70@yahoo.com.