

## *HAPPY NEW ART YEAR to VAAL MEMBERS*

### **JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JANUARY 19**

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**Thurs. January 19**

The program on January 19 will feature, Larry Sekulich, artist and numismatist. Numismatics is the study of coins, medallions, and paper money- from the artistic aspect. He finds the art in coins to be very beautiful and he collects recent coins as well as ancient and medieval coins. Since he retired from art teaching, he has become a working artist and has had time to spend creating numismatic exhibits and writing articles for magazines. This promises to be a very interesting presentation. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Jan. 19. We will meet at 7 pm in the VAAL classroom.

In addition there will be a drawing for two DIA tickets for the "Faces of Jesus" exhibition, good through February 12. The drawing is for members only.

#### **2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

This is a reminder to pay your dues for the new year. The VAAL membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

#### **VAAL HOLIDAY SHOPPE**

##### **GREAT SUCCESS**

Edie Goodsell, chair, reported that the Second Annual VAAL Holiday Shoppe was a great success, surpassing last year's Holiday Shoppe. She stated that we had more vendors and more items for sale this year. She credited Dorothy Amberger for the amount of publicity generated for the Shoppe. Many new ideas are in the planning for the Third Annual Holiday Shoppe for next year.

#### **VAAL WEBSITE**

VAAL has been in the process of updating their website. Fred Keebler and Renee Silverman are developing it and have been testing it. It will be ready to go live next week. Check it out at [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

#### **VAAL'S COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

- VAAL donated \$50 to the Good Fellows organization in December.
- VAAL is supporting "Seedlings" 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling of Braille Books Event, March 24. We are a lane sponsor at \$150.

#### **ART CARDS**

The original art cards created by VAAL artists have been well received and a great success as a fund raiser. The program will be continued and you are invited to pick up the blank cards at the next membership meeting.

#### **AMERICAN FRAME COMPANY**

The American Frame Company will no longer be donating 5% of a purchase to our club. Instead they will pass the 5% deduction directly to the artist.

#### **VAAL ARTISTS MAKE ART NEWS**

Sue Mallick is will be displaying her art works at

- Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield, "Artists Choice" through January 26, 2012
- Northville Art House February 3, 2012 to February 18, 2012

Rosa Paulus has an art exhibit at The Starring Gallery in downtown Northville during the month of February, 2012 248-347-1642.

**The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors** at the **BBAC**. Jan. 6 – Feb 3  
VAAL artists in show:  
Daria Fileta, Janet Kondziela,  
and Barbara Eko Murphy

**Sharing the Gift Within**  
**Presbyterian Church,**  
**Northville**

Three additional VAAL artists were in the Northville show:  
Lynn Paquette, Rosa Paulus,  
and Ann O'Shaunessey.

**Call for Artists**

**Lawrence Street Gallery** Body Eclectic Show, Feb 1 – 24, 2012. Juror, Meighan Jackson. All Media show, Take in 2 pieces by Jan. 25-28.  
248-544-0394

**Michigan Fine Arts Competition**

**March 30 – May 4, 2012**

All media show open to all Michigan artists 18 years and older. JUROR: Mi-Kyoung Lee, \$10,000 in cash prizes. Online registration deadline Feb. 1  
Entries will be juried online only. For more information go to [BBArtCenter.org](http://BBArtCenter.org) and click on MFAC 2012 tab.

**Artist's Network**

The Artist's Network has a comprehensive list of art magazines that are sponsoring art competitions in 2012 for all skill levels and mediums. They are listed below:

**"Acrylic Artist"** Acrylic Artist Competition, Deadline Feb. 1

**"The Artist's Magazine"** Annual Art Competition, student/beginner division  
Deadline: April 2.

**"North Light Books"** Strokes of Genius 5: The Best of Drawing.  
Deadline: April 16

**"Watercolor Artist"** Watermedia Showcase  
Deadline: July 10

**"Southwest Art"** Artistic Excellence Competition: Showcasing Emerging and Established Artists, Deadline July 15

**"Pastel Journal"** Pastel 100 Competition,  
Deadline August 15

**"The Artist's Magazine"** Over 60 Competition, All artists over 60  
Deadline: September 14

**"The Artist's Magazine"** All-Media Competition  
Deadline: October 15

**Local Exhibits Worth Seeing**

**Lawrence Street Gallery**  
**Best of the Best**,  
January 11 – 28  
Ferndale, MI  
248-544-0394

**Scarab Club**

Silver Medal Exhibition  
Jan. 11 – Feb. 11  
217 Farnsworth, Detroit

**Northville Art House**  
January Exhibit: Artist Topher Crowder – "Etch, Sketch and Stilettos". Northville, MI

**Winter Classes**

Give yourself the gift of art by signing up for winter classes or workshops at VAAL. There are still openings in most classes and workshops.

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