



519 1/2 West Lockport Street
Plainfield, IL 60544

Support the Local Arts - Become a Member

Whether you are an accomplished artist, have a burning desire to move in that direction, or would just like to hang out with artists and find out what we study and what interests us, please consider a membership in The Plainfield Art League. Members receive a discount on our art classes, and an "armchair" supporter of the arts can sustain a membership and keep abreast of local art shows and other events through our newsletter.

Memberships: \$40 (Individual) , \$50 (Family)

Contact Leanne Harris to sign-up or renew! Call 815-577-0342.

Current members should look for renewal reminders attached to the current newsletter.

(If you have a RED DOT, it's time to renew!)

The PAL is grateful for your continued support!

Winter Isn't Always Blue - PAL Classes Offer Colorful Options!

Join a class this Winter and bring a friend to share in the discoveries!

Winter 2007 Classes

Session One begins week of 1/8/07 through 2/17/07

Session Two begins week of 2/26/07 through 4/7/07

Adult Classes (suggested ages 14 & up) :

Colored Pencils - Mondays, 1:00pm -3:00 pm, with Jane Schutz

Pencil Portraits - Mondays, 7:00 pm- 9:00pm, with Bob Gonda

Jewelry - Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm, with Patty Larson

Watercolors - Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, with Marge Schlekeway

Pastels - Thursdays, 7:00 pm- 9:00pm, with Carol Baumrucker

Pastels - Fridays, 10:00am - 12:00pm, with Carol Baumrucker

Watercolors - Saturdays, 10:00am -12:00pm, with Marge Schlekeway

Youth Classes (suggested ages 9-14)

Stamping - Tuesdays, 4:00pm - 5:30pm, with Patty Larson

Watercolors - Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 5:30pm, with Marge Schlekeway

Oil Pastels - Thursdays, 4:00-5:30pm, with Kevin O'Brien

Each class meets a total of six times over the course of six weeks, and registration costs \$85 per class (\$75 for Members). *For more information or for a complete schedule, call 815-735-0726 or email plainfieldartleague@gmail.com.*

Registration Form

WINTER 2007

Yes, I want to attend! *Register early - space is limited!*

Class: _____

Please check which calendar session you want to attend:

F1 = begins week of 1/8 F2 = begins week of 2/17

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST & ZIP: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Each class is \$85. Make checks payable to Plainfield Art League, a nonprofit organization.

Please mail this registration with check to:

Attn: Treasurer,
Plainfield Art League,
519 1/2 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL 60544

Change of Schedule

Some of the demonstrators, dates and locations have changed on our list of programs, so please update your calendars! Here's the line-up at present:

January 10 - Pastel Demonstration by Carol Baumrucker. Carol joins us, at Plainfield Public Library to demonstrate her techniques for painting with soft pastels and vibrant colors. Carol is scheduled to teach a couple of pastel classes for PAL this winter.

February 14 - Books for Chocolates & Wine and a Demo by Kevin O'Brien Join us tonight at the PAL Gallery & School for some wine, chocolates and creative fun, while enjoying Kevin's techniques in oil pastels. All we ask in return is that you donate some of your Art Books/ References for a future PAL Art Library, or bring in some needed supplies or a replacement piece of member artwork for exhibiting.

March 21 - Watercolor Demonstration by Suzanne Hetzel (at Plainfield Library). Suzanne is a member of the Kendall Artist Guild, and she paints beautiful watercolors evoking a simplicity true to the medium, yet technically challenging, and not overworked. View her style at www.dragonflywatercolors.com.

April 18 - Demonstration/Demonstrator TBD (at Plainfield Library).

May 23 - Bill and Nancy Uznanski, of Uznanski Creations, are professional photographers with plenty of experience capturing the special moments of life. This evening they will be presenting an interesting and entertaining program related to art and photography. Held at the Plainfield Public Library.

June 13 - Annual Member Night Out/ Recognition Night. Location TBD.

Weaving the Network

Recently, with the growing threats of identity theft and surges in junk solicitation, there have been concerns of protecting our members' privacy, and our membership list has only been shared on a need-to-know basis. PAL also hasn't had the funding to print a directory or a list of members. However, we are keenly aware that these restrictions have limited our members' abilities to network with other members.

That said, we would like to make our member list readily available to our members, preferably via email, so you can print yourself a copy. A few copies will be made available at the Gallery & School for new members, and those that don't have email. By doing so, we will be providing our members with the ability to contact their peers and establish strong friendships or professional relationships among our artistic community and family, one of the purposes the PAL was established for. We would also like to share the list with businesses, art leagues and individuals with a genuine interest in hiring your services when inquired. Please direct any feedback or comments on this matter to Darrel Reese, via plainfieldartleague@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events:

(Member Meeting schedule is listed on opposite side.)

January 13, Saturday

AFA Artist Development Workshop(s) in Naperville. www.allianceoffineart.com

March-April 2007

Best of Best Show and Student Scholarship Exhibit, sponsored by AFA.

May 5-6, Saturday-Sunday

PAL Art Show and Sale at Gladys Fox Museum in Lockport, IL.

Another Year, Another Birthday by Darrel Reese

Recently, I turned another year older. That particular fact doesn't really affect me in the slightest, but birthdays are a big deal when you have children in the house. My son started going to preschool this year, and they've helped him make leaps and bounds in his counting.

"...Twenty-eight, twenty-nine, twenty-ten, twenty-eleven, twenty-twelve..." Or so it went that particular day in November. I was amazed that he could count that high, let alone with a little creativity. Realizing that he was just a nudge away from actually being able to count to my birthday, I pointed out that "twenty-ten" isn't a real number, and after *twenty-nine* comes *thirty*.

"Terty."

Close enough, at least from the mouth of this babe.

"Then comes 'thirty-one,' 'thirty-two,' and 'thirty-three.'"

"Terty-one, terty-toooo, terty-treeeee!"

He got it! I was very proud of him! Moments like this make me feel like a young shepard guiding my sheep.

Several hours later, I overheard him telling other people - other adults - how old I was, and it didn't quite sound the same.

"My Daddy's forty-tree!"

In that moment I literally felt a decade older, and more like a horse's you-know-what than a shepard. Maybe I should have said I was just older than twenty-three, he could count to that. But where's the fun in that? The moment quickly passed, as the adults and I shared a knowing moment and a good chuckle in the reality of parenthood.

The Plainfield Art League is having a significant birthday-or anniversary- this year. As a non-profit organization we turn five years old! Five years doesn't seem like much, but it is a lot for a small all volunteer not-for-profit organization to exist. Many of our members know we've come a long way from that first developmental meeting back in 2000, where the idea of the PAL was just a notation in a notebook. Yet, we have a long way to go still!

Certainly we're plenty green around the edges as all five-year-olds are, and we need a lot of nurturing and TLC to continue our steady growth and development. Volunteers are needed in every aspect of the League, not only for participation or labor, but for developing and organizing our community programs, our classes, our artists.

If you've got the eye, the hands or the heart for art, then we have got a home for you to hang that hat on! Join other members, artists and appreciators for some artist demonstrations, art shows and community events.

I hope this new year finds all of you cherishing the memories you've collected over the last year and looking forward to making new ones, counting your blessings, and sharing with the new friends and neighbors you've made, as well as remembering those you've lost. May your unrealized dreams be within your grasp, and may you gently guide others that need a little help finding the way!

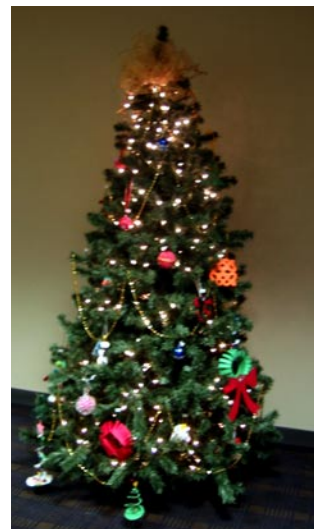
And the Winners Are...

We received 38 ornaments from three different middle schools, and are grateful for each and every one! Fortunately, we are able to display ALL of the ornaments on a holiday tree located inside the Plainfield Village Hall, thanks to a donation collected by PAL Secretary Mindy Donahue.

On December 21, the winners received ribbons and the first three places also receive gift cards to Michael's Arts & Crafts Store. Plainfield Mayor Jim Waldorf was on hand to help pass out the awards. Vinny Gragg won top honors for his ceramic snowman, complete with scarf and holding a small evergreen tree. Second and third place went to Kylie McCann (St. Marys Immaculate) and Kvetta Quagraine (Ira Jones), respectively. Honorable mentions included Nick Giefer, Nikki Auble, Alex Testin from St. Marys Immaculate, and Kelly Deininge and Brooke Staser from Ira Jones.

After the New Year the New Year the tree display will be disassembled. Each ornament entry on the tree bore a numeric tag, and a framed display hung nearby listing the tag numbers. People could look for a specific tag number, and find the artist-student, school, and award, if any, of that ornament, or vice versa.

The Plainfield Art League would like to thank the participating schools, students and Plainfield Village for letting us display the ornaments at the Village Hall.



True art takes note not merely of form but also of what lies behind.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

The Mission of the Plainfield Art League is to promote interest, knowledge, support and participation in the cultural and fine arts throughout the greater Plainfield area.

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