

VAL May 2024 Member Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER

VAL Member's Meeting



From Doug's Gym: The Last of Its Kind

MAY 14 | 7 PM

MEMBER MEETING + ART TALK

Free + Open to Public
Lewisville Grand Theater

GUEST SPEAKER

Norm Diamond
Photographer + Author



Topic:

"How I Got Here"

How I Got Here

Guest Speaker: Norm Diamond

Tuesday, May 14 • 7 p.m. (Public Welcome)

Lewisville Grand Theater - 100 N. Charles St., Lewisville

Photographers' experiences in life often determine how and what they photograph. At least, that is what happened to me. I will talk about the people and events that influenced me, including my family, my career as an interventional radiologist and how retirement enabled me to put my life in perspective and become a photographer.

After studying with many wonderful teachers, I struck out on my own and found I was drawn to themes of memory, loss, and mortality. In 2015, I began a year-long project photographing the evocative items I found at estate sales. This became a book, "What Is Left Behind — Stories From Estate Sales." My next project, Doug's Gym, pretty much found me one day while walking down Commerce Street in Dallas. I met an 87-year-old man who had owned this dilapidated, yet somehow beautiful, gym for over fifty years. Both the gym and the owner were near the end of their road. It was a fascinating experience. This too became a book, "Doug's Gym: The Last of Its Kind."

Since then I have begun two projects that are incomplete. “Dark Windows” explores isolation and loneliness. “Uses for Old Newspapers” emanated from the pandemic and considers how the dead weave through our lives.

Bio:

Norm Diamond never thought of becoming a photographer until he photographed a memorial site in Paris in 1979 that led to a museum showing. For the next thirty-five years, his family and career as an interventional radiologist required most of his time and energy. In his early sixties, Diamond began taking workshops with several great teachers, and knew that photography would become his career after retirement.

Themes of memory, loss, and mortality captivated him from the very beginning. In his first major project, Diamond photographed the sadness, irony, and humor he found at hundreds of Dallas estate sales, where the possessions left by one generation are sold to the next. What Is Left Behind – Stories from Estate Sales became a monograph published by Daylight Books in 2017.

In Doug’s Gym, he chronicled the last six months of a dilapidated, yet somehow beautiful old gym. The physical decay intrigued him as did its octogenarian owner, Doug Eidd, a character from a bygone era. German publisher Kehrer Verlag published Doug’s Gym: The Last of Its Kind in February 2020.

[Diamond’s work](#) has been shown in several solo exhibitions and multiple group shows. Based on his two projects and a work-in-progress, “Dark Windows,” he was a finalist in the Photolucida Critical Mass competitions of 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2023. The Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas acquired his photographs of Dallas’s 50-year anniversary of the JFK assassination.

Workshops



Coming Soon! Gelli- Palooza 2.0

(Gelli printing workshop) • June 22, 10am- 4pm.

This workshop was full last year so be on the lookout for registration on the VAL website SOON! If you too the workshop last year, new techniques will be taught. If you did

not take the workshop last year, it is for beginners as well as experienced Gelli printers. Don't miss this FUN workshop!



Events



Art Exhibition **HOME**

EXHIBIT DATES

May 11 - June 1

**A Visual Art League of Lewisville Judged Member Show
Lewisville Grand Theater Art Gallery
Call for Entries**

*What does home mean to you? Is it where you currently live?
Is it someplace from your childhood, or maybe a favorite vacation spot you return to as
often as you can?*

*Or maybe it is your Grandmother's apple pie?
Or perhaps it is a coffee shop where you meet friends?
The choice is yours!!*

Curators: **Valerie Corwin and Deb Kreimborg**
Judge: **Barbara Hack**

Deadline is midnight, Friday, May 3, 2024.

AWARDS TO BE GIVEN:

First Place: \$500
Second Place: \$350
Third Place: \$200
(4) Honorable Mention: \$100

Dates of Show: May 11 to June 1

Intake: May 8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Watch for email to sign up to help

Hanging of the Art: May 9, 10:30 a.m.

Opening Reception and Silent Auction: Saturday May 11, from 7-9 p.m.

During the Reception, a silent auction will be held benefiting *Bedtime Rescue, A Cloud Nine Charities Initiative*. Please see below how you can help to make this event a success

Awards: Saturday May 11, 8 p.m. at Lewisville Grand Theatre.

Strike: Monday, June 3, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Watch for email to sign up to help.

Download complete [prospectus](#).



Silent Auction

Donated artwork will be sold in a silent auction benefiting Cloud 9 Charities. Bidding will be Saturday, May 11, 7 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with the Visual Art League's upcoming gallery show "Home" reception. Location is the Lewisville Grand Theatre.

CREATE AN ALBUM COVER

CALL FOR ART

ARTBUMS EXHIBIT AND SALE

AM ART GALLERY

ArtBUMS (Art Album Covers) Exhibit & Sale

Invitation to all VAL Members to create and sell art based on your own album cover design. Art must be on 12" x 12" canvas or framed canvas or wooden boards. You can submit as many ArtBUMS as you like. Art will be exhibited at AM Art Gallery during June (Father's Day Month). To receive complete details and participate in this exhibit and sale opportunity contact VAL Member, Jose Angel Hernandez at contactjoseangel@gmail.com.

VAL 2024 Shows

Main St. Cafe

The Main St Cafe will have our art rotating out mid-month. The new artists installing are Steve Rodriguez, Susan Coco and Sheeba Mathew.

Show	Location	Dates

Home	Gallery	May 11 – June 1
Movement	North Corridor	June 1 - July 6
Cowboys and Critters	North Corridor	July 13 - Aug. 24
Patterns and Textures	Gallery	Aug. 17 – Sept. 14
Fresh Ideas	Gallery	Sept. 21 – Oct. 19
New Member Exhibit	North Corridor	Nov. 9 – Nov. 30

About VAL

The Mission of the Visual Art League of Lewisville

The Mission of the Visual Art League is to promote the visual arts through education and exhibitions for the enrichment of the individual and the community. The Visual Art League supports the visual arts by providing the facilities for instruction in wide-ranging aspects of the arts such as drawing, painting, sculpture, and fine crafts, and providing gallery space for exhibitions in a variety of media.



The MCL Grand is made possible through the generous support of the Greater Lewisville Arts Council and the City of Lewisville.



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To get into the rotation for the Main Street Cafe (formerly Tierney's) please contact Darla Bostick: darlabostickart@gmail.com

If you have news about your art - exhibits you're in, prizes you've won for your art or any other news you'd like to share with VAL members, email Ricky Sanders at VALMemberNews@gmail.com

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