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JANUARY 2021
NEWSLETTER

VAL Members' Monthly Meeting

January Meeting
Speaker: Rita Kirkman
Pastel Artist

[Join us via Zoom](#) on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

Rita Kirkman, PSA, CPS, IAPS-EP, has been using pastel since she was 11 years old. Since 2003, she has consistently won major national and international awards. Her work has been featured in the Pastel Journal and the Pratique des Arts Spécial Pastel. Rita, who is from New Braunfels, TX, is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and an IAPS

Emminent Pastelist. Her work is in public and private collections all over the world. She is a popular workshop instructor and enjoys seeing students get excited about what pastel can do! In 2020 she created a Patreon Page ([www.Patreon.com/RitaKirkmanStudio](https://www.patreon.com/RitaKirkmanStudio)) where she posts video demos from her Virtual Open Studio Days.



Watch Rita demonstrate pastel over her signature underpainting method to capture the glowing warmth of sunlight on a ranch animal (or bunny, or squirrel, or...)

To join in the meeting via Zoom:

Visual Art League is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Jan 2021 Members Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[Click here](#) a few minutes before 7 p.m.

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December Recap

Seventeen VAL members joined together via Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 8, for some holiday fun and games. They were joined by Chuck and Suzan Hendrickson's granddaughter's and a special guest, Santa Claus. After announcements, including the winners of our Volunteers of the Year Rewards and Artist of the Year (see below), Santa interacted with the children, reading them a story about how one boy tried real hard not to be on the naughty list, (but probably failed!). He answered lots of questions, then led the VAL members in a game of Vintage Toy Bingo bringing back memories of our childhood. Chuck and Suzan Hendrickson both one the first round and maybe Alice Agafon did too, we're not sure, and if not she definitely won in the second round along with Lisa Chittenden and Cary Cox.

Santa wished us all a Merry Christmas, then left to return to supervising the elves hard at work. The party continued on with Santa Art Trivia, a guessing game about vintage and modern artworks featuring Santa. We all learned a bit and had a bit of fun to boot (a Santa boot, of course!).

2020 VAL Volunteers of the Year

The VAL Board of Directors and Officers thank everyone who volunteered their time this year. It has been a tough year for all, but VAL members came through, volunteering to keep our organization's events going. Thank you, all!

Five members put in hours above and beyond, and the Board chose them as our 2020 Volunteers of the Year. They will share a hallway show featuring each artist. They will also be in a video to be played during a Lake Lewisville Symphony concert that will give them and their art even more exposure!



Congratulations!

David Mask,
our top volunteer!



Deb Kreimborg



Jackie Haugen



Nancy Busey

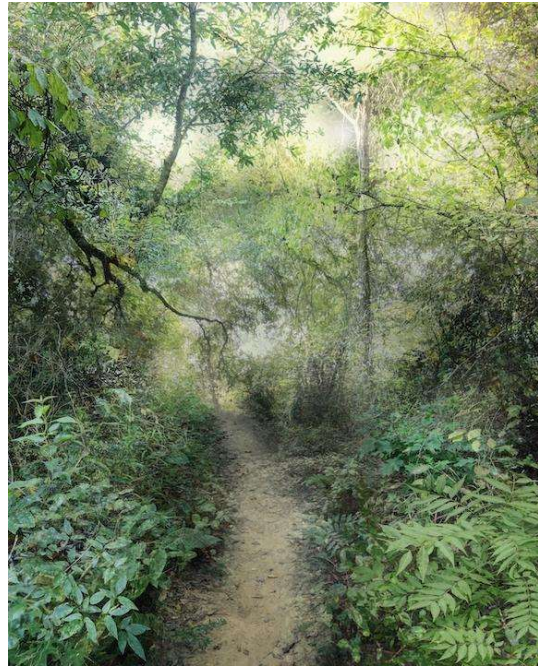
Not pictured is **Cary Cox**.

2020 VAL Artist of the Year

The voting was intense due to an error in the voting email. Even with the confusion, there was a clear winner. Congratulations to:

Jerry McKay (aka JAM)

Her prize is a solo show in the VAL display case in 2021. Congratulations, Jerry!



VAL Notes

VAL Featured in Symphony Commercial

VAL, along with several members, were featured in the Lewisville Symphony's December commercial. The video can be seen on the [Symphony's youtube channel](#).



Volunteer Hours

Thank you to all our VAL members who continue to Volunteer! Please record all volunteer VAL Volunteer Hours Book, which is kept on the desk in the gallery. Volunteers hours will be calculated to determine who the *VAL Volunteers of the Year* will be, and we will announce winners at the December general meeting.

Area Opportunities

Lancaster Gallery

VAL has been offered the opportunity to exhibit art at the Lancaster Gallery in Grapevine for an extended period in February/March/April. We'd like to rotate artists at least twice during the exhibit. Space is limited and number of artworks each artist can submit will

depend on how many artists respond. There is also a display case that can accommodate small pottery and jewelry. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Chittenden at lisa.chittenden@yahoo.com.

Flower Mound Traffic Box

First Flower Mound traffic box art competition for 2021 submissions deadline is January 29. For information, visit www.flower-mound.com/trafficbox.

Local News

[Premier Gallery](#) has moved to a new location. Their new address is 308 FM1830, Bldg. 2, Unit D (TX Business Park), Argyle, TX 76226.

VAL Show Schedules

2020 Show Schedules

North Corridor

Nov. 21 - Dec. 26 - Baby, It's Cold Outside

2021 Show Schedules

Jan. 5 - Feb. 27: Artist of the Year - North Display Case

Jan. 9 - Feb. 6: World Cultures - Gallery

Feb. 27 - Mar. 27: Select Members Solo Shows - North Corridor

Mar. 2 - May 1: Mixed Media - North Display Case

May 4 - July 3: Artist Trading Cards - North Display Case

May 8 - June 5: Lost in a Garden - North Corridor

June 12 - July 10: Fresh Ideas 2020 Winner Barbara Oliver Hartman Solo Show - Gallery

June 12 - July 10: Common Threads - Gallery

June 12 - July 10: United We Stand - North Corridor

July 6 - Aug. 28: Artists' Choice - North Display Case

July 17 - Aug. 14: Fresh Ideas 2021 - Annual Premier Juried Exhibition - Gallery

Aug. 31 - Oct. 30: Self Portrait - North Display Case

Sept. 26 - Oct. 23: Western Round Up - North Display Case

Oct. 30 - Nov. 27: Call of the Wild - Gallery

Oct. 30 - Nov. 27: Day of the Dead - North Corridor

Nov. 2 - Dec. 31: Holiday Magic - North Display Case

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.



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

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