

Delray Art League

December, 2015 Newsletter



DAL General Meeting Demo Artist

Renee Plevy

A Portrait of a Woman



Award-winning Palm Beach/ NYPortrait artist, Rene Plevy, has captured the attention of art lovers, students and aficionados for more than 35 years. Renee's painting has been featured in more than 65 shows & galleries, including a one-woman museum show at The Paterson Museum. She has received national attention and gathered numerous awards including *Artist of the Year* from The Bloomfield Art League, and *First Prize* from the Boca Raton Museum Artist's Guild.

Starting in 2011, she founded *Portrait of a Woman*, which annually raises monies for Quantum House by honoring prominent Palm Beach women with a special luncheon. Six oil portraits are unveiled at the luncheon, all of which become part of a legacy portrait series for PB County.

Frequently called upon for special projects, Renee painted a portrait of Vanilla Ice for his *Vanilla Ice Project* TV show, as well as being a part of it. Doing TV & radio are always a fun part of being a bit of a celebrity in the PB Community.

While a member of the art community in NY, her art studio at 41 Union Sq. was always jumping with activity. She taught portraiture at the School of the Visual Arts and was part of the Artist Equity committee to find a visual arts center for the Tri-State area for the 16 national art organizations based in NYC.

Renee studied under internationally renowned portrait artists John Howard Sanden, David Leffel, Robert Beverly Hale, Cynthia Smith. Renee developed her own style using classical museum quality techniques. As a colorist, interpreting personalities through upbeat colors, Renee has incorporated magnificent SoFlo tropical colors into her portraits, resulting in joyous life-like paintings.

It would be difficult to find a more cultural rich environment to grow an artist than the south Bronx in the 1950s. These early sensory impressions were akin to living in a John Sloan pinging with fire escapes, clothes line & stick ball. But it was later, going to school in the Chicago area, that the commitment to art was set. Exploring the Art Institute of Chicago and The Field Museum, Renee developed a mutual admiration for contemporary artists & ancient artisans
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The DAL now has 209 members!

Holiday Showcase entry forms due Monday Dec. 1st!

Gerard Smith, senior member of the Parks & Rec Dept., represented the City of Delray Beach to receive a check for \$1000 to cover the cost of replacing grass & mulch in Veterans Park, after the Outdoor shows have been completed in April. We appreciate the helping hand the city gives us in putting on our shows!



Next DAL Monthly Members meeting Monday **November 9, 2015**

Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue

6:00 Jury into the League 6:30 Sign-in & Social

7:00 - 9:00 Meeting & Demo Artist



www.delrayartleague.com

Facebook page: [delray art league](https://www.facebook.com/delrayartleague)

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New DAL Members! Contact info available at www.delrayartleague.com (artwork L to R)

Dana Bear, Friend
Michael D'Amato, Photography
Sheila Davidson, 2D Acrylics
Sun Goodyear, 2D Acrylics, Oils
Carol Guggenheim, Friend
Anita Lovitt, 2D Watercolor
JoAnn Maroldo, 2D Pastels
Max Matteson, Rejoined Friend
Jacqueline Rosabal, 2D
Carmen Santo, 2D Oil



Bios from the 10-13-15 new members:

Barbara Pardon "I am a south Florida native who enjoys painting the natural life of the state I love. The beautiful ocean I've played in and around my entire life, above and below the waves. The ocean has always been a tranquil place for me and I like to express it on canvas for others to enjoy. My professional career was in the world of advertising & marketing. I have been married to my husband, Barry, for 32 years . We have 2 children, 1 grandchild."

Karen H. Salup "My paintings are inspired by creating work with gestural, expressive lines and intuitive color choices. The paintings contain elements of emotional experiences in nature and landscapes, which I personally connect to. The ultimate goal as an Abstract Expressionist Artist is to create richly textured abstract paintings, introducing mixed mediums to the mystery and imagination of the environments in which we live in. The painting technique begins by applying a basic underpainting of neutral colors to a blank surface. A second layer of acrylic or watercolors are added to create a fluid texture. Then I begin drawing with black bold and fine brush strokes, and finally I infuse an array of color theory to bring these images to the viewer. I find within the process, new intuitive emotions that are based on nonobjective expression. Continuing to add and subtract colors from nature, I then will start to define brushstrokes and create images that appear from within, creating multiple layers of materials to the work either on canvas or paper. I am manipulating the surface until the work evolves to its final stage."



Daniel Wehnes has created over 600 pieces of art over 50-plus years. All are European inspired. Only a few pieces remain in his personal collection. Even in his golden years, he manages to create a few new works every year.

Claudia Hafner approaches subjects as portraiture, whether people, wildlife, flowers or architecture. She recreates the character of the subject through color and water in a loose style. With a major move to S. FL in late '13, she decided to declare herself an artist, sell her work. She recently won an Emerging Artist Award with the Gold Coast Watercolor Society.. She also received a couple of Awards, Honorable Mention and Special Recognition for submissions to online art competitions at Light Space & Time online gallery.

Artists in the Park dates:

Dec 5 & 6 VP	Jan 9 & 10 Vet Pk	Jan 16 & 17 VP	Jan 23 & 24 VP	
Feb 6 & 7 OSS	Feb 11 OSS	Feb 12, 13 & 14 OSS	Feb 20 & 21 OSS	
Feb 27 & 28 VP	Mar 5 & 6 VP	Mar 12 & 13 VP	Mar 19-20 Vet Pk	Mar 26 & 27
Easter wkend OSS	Apr 2 & 3 OSS			

The Delray Beach Historic Society is partnering with **Plein Air Palm Beach** and **Delray Beach Preservation Trust**. The “Preview Party” for this event is scheduled for Saturday 11/21/15 6:00-8:30PM. Tickets \$40/DBHS Members \$35 To reserve: 561.274.9578 Don't miss this extraordinary ART PREVIEW PARTY! Whether you are a long-time resident or new to Delray Beach, we invite you to fall in love with our Village by the Sea! Delray's historic and treasured neighborhoods, homes, cottages, landmarks and oceanfront have been beautifully captured on canvas by Plein Air Palm Beach. Celebrate our cultural heritage and support preservation efforts by attending this event. Enjoy French Market hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and music as you stroll through three galleries of paintings & nostalgic stories!

Interested in becoming a member of the **Palm Beach County Cultural Council**? contact Debbie Calabria: dcalabria@palmbeachculture.com | (561) 472-3341

Reed Dixon will be part of the “Trunk” show at the Cornell Art Museum on Black Friday, Saturday and Sunday....all are invited looks like it’s going to be a great show. He is also exhibiting at the Derek Gores Gallery in Melbourne.

Deborah LaFogg Docherty's solo show at the Ernest Coe Galley in the visitors center of Everglades National Park is now open for the entire month of November.

Carolyn Barth has a painting juried into the Women in the Visual Arts exhibition at the Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL Oct 31 - Nov 24, 2015 (right).



Vicki Siegel 2-Day Workshop POWERFUL ACRYLIC PAINT LAYERS Fri/Sat Jan. 15-16 9:30 3:30 pm \$315. Location: Delray Center for the Arts, Delray Beach, FL Artists working in all media and any abstract or representational style will benefit from this innovative way of thinking about materials. Contact the registrar for the supply list. Old School Square Creative Arts School; 561-243-7922,x 317 (Ann) or x.478 (Sharon).

PAPB Highland Beach Library Show *Between the Waters*-The following DAL artists had plain air pieces include d in the exhibit, many of which have already sold! Kathryn Barry, Manny Jomok, Pati Maguire, Moneta, Ralph Papa, Lorrie Turner, Donna Walsh. On exhibit through 12/15/15.

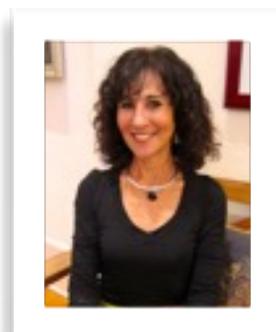
PAPB * PLEIN FUN FEST Feb 19-21, 2016 *** Pati Maguire (right)**

With the success of the plein air competition PAPB planned and executed for DAL50, we will be having a three day festival focusing on excellence in plein air artwork, camaraderie among artists and fun, of course. More info will be coming but basically the schedule is:

- Friday, Feb 19, 2016: Paint-out & Critique
- Saturday, Feb 20, 2016: Plein Air Competition
- Sunday, Feb 21, 2016: Youth Plein Air Event
- Co-Chairs Plein Fun Fest: Lorrie Turner & Donna Walsh
- Chair of Paint-out with Critique: Manny Jomok
- Chair of Youth Plein Air Event: Ralph Papa
- Marketing and PR: Pati Maguire & Elfrida Schragen

We will need many more volunteers and even that part will be fun!! So please come forward and help out and join the fun.

Thank You **Nancy Nadel** for donating \$50 toward the Art Education Fund at the Nov. 9th General Meeting!



Crest Theatre Exhibit Winners (left to right)

1st Place : #24. Allegro Appassionato – M. Gosselin

2nd Place: #41. The New Normal – D. Martinetti

3rd Place: # 38. Blue Eyed Blond – E. Lovre

Honorable Mention 1. #46. Green Shadows – P. Maguire

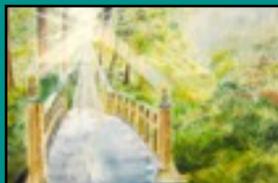
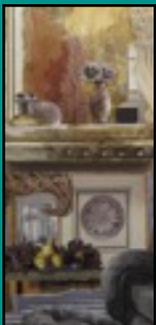
Honorable Mention 2. #51. Artichoke – N. Odorisio

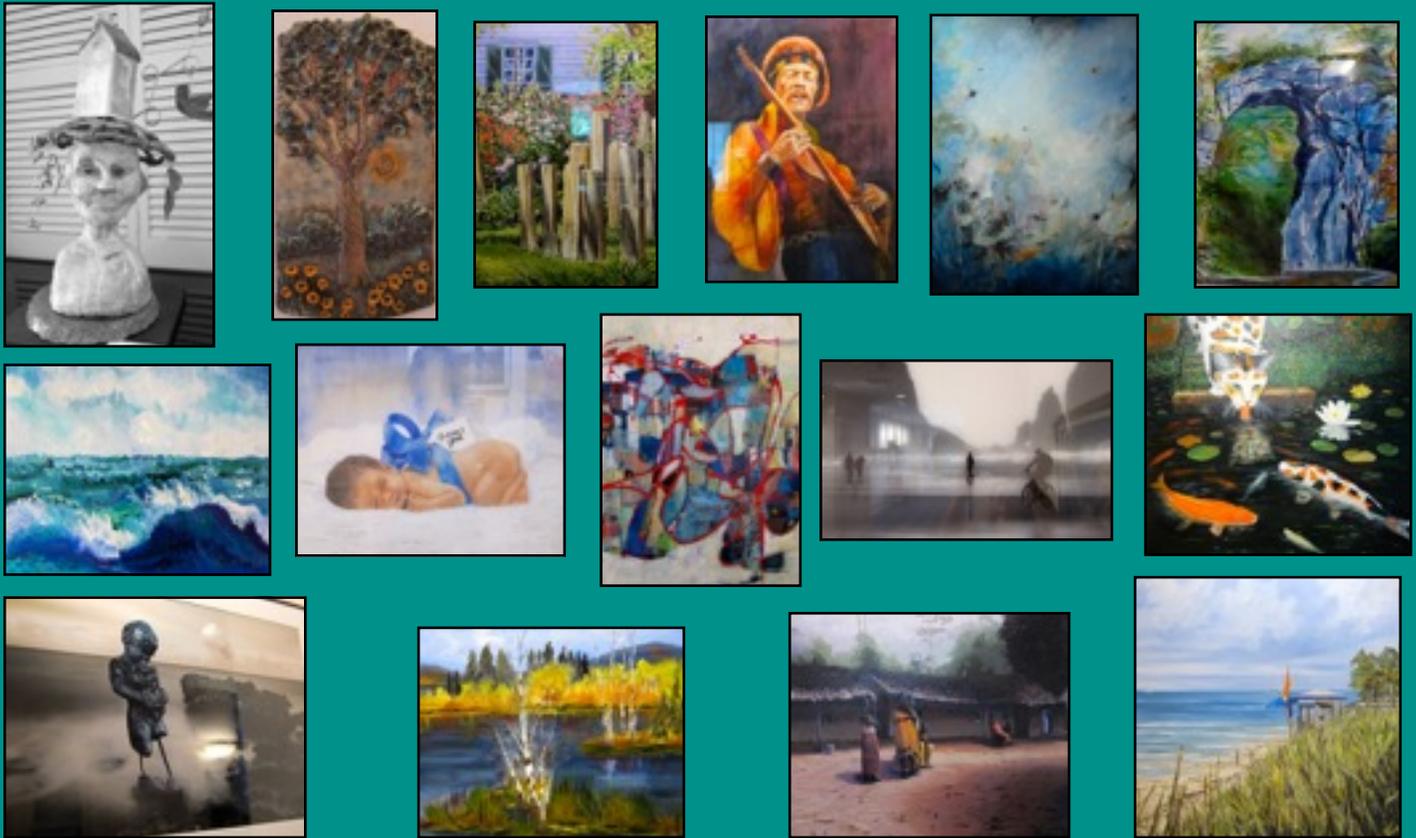
Honorable Mention 3. #27. Sea Cove Schooner- M. Jomok

Honorable Mention 4. #68. Pelican Pose – M. Taylor



Some of the many other DAL member pieces on exhibit:





EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CREST THEATRE GALLERIES AND THE DELRAY ART LEAGUE.

Each year, the DAL is honored to be invited by the Delray Beach Center For The Arts to exhibit our member's creative work in their prestigious Crest Theatre Galleries.

For many years, Yvonne & Chuck Passarelli have coordinated & managed our DAL relationship with the Delray Beach Center For The Arts. They have handled all aspects of putting this special exhibit together starting with the selection of a judge for this juried show as well as creating the art entry forms & the promotional brochures - including managing the art take-ins on opening day as well as the art pick-ups at the end of the exhibit.

They have even planned the artist's reception at the beginning of our Crest Theatre Gallery exhibits.

Did you know that every year we have had to limit the amount of entries to be around 60 art pieces from our DAL exhibiting members. In spite of this limitation, we still manage to create a wonderful display of the most creative art for all viewers to enjoy.

This year, **Patricia Maguire** was asked by Yvonne & Chuck to coordinate this entire event because they were remaining in MiI until late Nov. Patricia has taken on all of the responsibilities mentioned above to make this exhibit successful and one of the best ever...THANK YOU PATRICIA!

In addition we have a few other folks that have been helping make this show very successful. Let me mention a few more people: **Cheryl Gibbs** has handled the graphics for our entry form & promotional brochure. She continues to do a great job for us! **Eileen Lovre** has worked so hard in handling all the art entry forms and checks as well as helping us with art take-ins. **Carolyn Barth and Tom Melillo** have done a great deal of the heavy work by handling and coordinating which art pieces get hung next to each other in a meaningful way. Many people don't realize all the thought that goes into creating the right harmonious grouping of different artist's work in an exhibit this size. **Kathryn Barry** has done a great job in making sure that all of our members received an entry form for this show as well as for our other indoor shows. We also have other DAL indoor exhibit volunteers that seem to be always there to help us out including: **George Chiodini, Karola Steinbrecher, Rita Feinberg and Kathi Stamm.**

Many thanks to them as well. Kind regards, **Bob Birkenes**, Indoor Exhibit Chair

Many thanks to **Bob** for all his years dedicated to creating such professional perfect indoor exhibits!

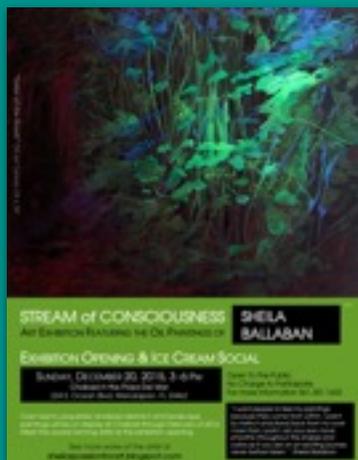
Crest Exhibit Juror's Diane Reeves

Artists and art lovers alike are impacted by a powerful painting masterfully executed! Therefore, as I viewed all the wonderful work entered for this exhibition, the primary consideration was visual impact, which is often the catalyst for an emotional response from the viewer. Other considerations were compositional integrity, sound craftsmanship, color sensitivity, artistic flair, and technical challenge.

It was rather difficult to select seven award winners! The Delray Art League should be very proud to have such talented members! It was an honor and pleasure to jury this show!



11/8/15 Birthday cake celebration for Rita Feinberg, Gay Williamson & Tom Melillo!



New DAL member
Self Portrait by
ClaudiaHafnerwatercolor.com

Plein Air painting by new member **Alfred Biegel**. This painting is actually still wet!



About New DAL member, **Michael J D'Amato**, Photography

My first foray into photography dates back to the SLR days when film was king and one waited a week for gratification. As a professional rock and classical guitar player, photography was the next step on my journey into the arts. After a long hiatus from photography spending this time in the music industry and raising a family. I returned in 2011. My interests range from landscapes and travel to street shots and studio shoots. Lately my studio has been my backyard where backdrops, rippled glass tables and flashes are used to create a surreal environment for inanimate objects.

I am largely self-taught and as such bring my own perspective to my work. I believe that the photographer is the counterpart to the subject. It's only when both are in sync that a better photograph is produced. Traveling, another passion, has enabled me to capture those one-of-a-kind moments in foreign countries when the uniqueness of a place and the right time of day all align to present themselves to a watchful eye.

I've had my work featured at the Boca Raton School of Art and was recently accepted into the Signature Level Artists' Guild of the Boca Raton Museum of Art and the **Delray Art League**.

"Angles & Curves I" recently won 1st Place at the FAU Living Room Theater Exhibition XXIII

"Radiator Cap Chrysler Building" won 7th Place in the Overall category nationwide in the Light Space & Time Exhibition in August.

My work has also appeared in the October edition of the Photographic Society of America's magazine.



Call to artists: Your works are beginning to come in for our "Call to Artists" for, "It's A Dog's Life." A large group of collectors has reserved a tour of the studio and gallery during the afternoon of the opening. We hope they will begin purchasing your works in advance of the show. We have heard from some of you that you would love to participate, but do not have a place in which to create your 3-D works. We are offering those of you who are going to participate a FREE 2 days in our studio on F Street. For your entry fee to the show, you may use our studio this Sat. and/or Sun. We will fire your works & have them ready for you by the next wkend so you can finish them. Call Joyce at [215-205-9441](tel:215-205-9441) (Joyce@FlamngoClayStudio.org).

DAL Art Demos 2015-16

Dec. 14	Renee Plevy	"A Portrait of a Woman"
Jan. 11	Dee Utasi	"Encaustics: The Oldest & Newest Art Form"
Feb. 8	Serafima Sokolov	"Night Vision & Fluorescent Techniques"
Mar. 14	Carol Z. Brody	"Techniques Using Transparent Watercolor"
Apr. 11	Rolando Chang BAarrera	"Art Critiques"

Call to Artists: The Wellington Art Society ArtFest is open to all artists to be juried into their 10th annual **ArtFest**, Jan. 30 & 31st. Apply by Dec. 15th. Contact: Adrienne tilemaker@aol.com / 561-301-4498
Leslie mysticway1@bellsouth.net / 561-632-3677

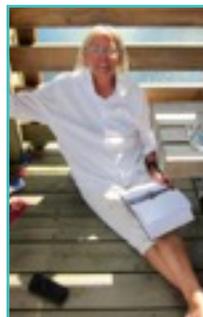
Call to artists: My name is Candy Evans and I am on a task force at Cason United Methodist Church (Swinton & Lake Ida) to develop the 3 acre unused lot just west of the church . In the next year or so we will be installing an amphitheater and prayer garden for the community to enjoy. Concerts, weddings, speakers, poetry readings, book clubs, exercise groups, art classes and other types of events will be welcomed.

The reason for the email is we are looking for an artist rendering/interpretation of what the finished lot may look like to generate interest and use to approach potential donors. We have a preliminary computer rendering and pictures. If this is something you are interested in or know someone who may be able to help us we'd love to hear from you.

Blessings, Candy Evans onatripw3@gmail.com
Cason United Methodist Church West Lawn Development Task Force

Charles Walker Art Show Reception Jonathan Dickinson State Park- Kimbell Education Center Friday, December 4, 2015 6:00pm-8:30pm

Join us for the opening night of Charles Walker's art show at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Charles Walker, a native Floridian, is one of the area's well-known Highwaymen Artists. He was considered one of Florida's outstanding wildlife artists in the 1970s and 1980s. On March 24, 2004 he was inducted into the Florida Artist Hall of Fame along with 25 other Florida Highwaymen. This is the highest and more prestigious cultural honor that can be bestowed upon an artist by the State of Florida. Charles has dedicated his life to painting Florida's natural environment and he simply describes himself as a Painter of Nature, Wildlife, and its Habitat. information, call (561) 745-5551.



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If you have something you would like to have featured in the Newsletter, please email the materials, including photos of artwork, by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

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Reminder

The next DAL meeting
Monday December 14th
Delray City Hall
100 NW First Avenue
6:00 to jury into the DAL
6-7:00 50th Video Screening
7:00-9:00 Demo Artist/Mtg.

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