



The Mission of the Valley Art Association is to promote visual arts and artists in the Chippewa Valley of Wisconsin through networking, creative development, and support for exhibits and workshops

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### From the president:

- Next meeting **THE PICNIC 5:30 pm on June 4** at the Dixon's Autumn Harvest Winery- 19947 County Road J; **Bring your own food- just found out NO FOOD TRUCK. VAA will provide dessert, plates, napkins, cans of water;** there will be a **cash bar.**
- Program for the picnic: Bring your art for "show and tell" **AND** paint an abstract disc for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary VAA canvas bag décor-materials provided; bring musical instrument if you want to play for fun.
- **Raffle for bottles of Autumn Harvest wine-bring a new member and get a free ticket OR buy a raffle ticket for \$5- 12 bottles to raffle!**
- **PAINT OUT** before the picnic starts at **1pm.** See the flyers attached for more details- join in for some plein air painting in the beautiful winery.
- Dedication for park bench for **Priscillamae Olson** will happen right before the VAA picnic meeting on **Thursday, June 4 at 4:30pm** at **Flag Hill in Irvine Park.** It's very close to the new pavilion. Hope you all who expressed condolences at Priscilla's art sale and other friends can come. For more information contact Barb Harling  
[barbharling@yahoo.com](mailto:barbharling@yahoo.com)

## **Welcome New Members in 2026**

Thomas Dirksen\*Patty Martinson\*Roger Nielsen\*Louise Schotz  
Sheryl Rupprecht \* Linda Hurt

### **Exhibiting at VAA venues- May/June 2026**

Decadent Gifts – **Barb Harling** Acoustic Café- **Fiber Artists**

### **Artists Around the Valley:**

Decadent Gifts Artists in residence: **Mindy Huntress and Helen Buck**

**Helen Buck-** miniatures acrylic paintings at Two Roots

**Jeff Nelson-**Art Z Gallery, Amery and Arts in Hand Gallery, Spooner

**Kay Brathol-Hostvet-** Abel Contemporary Gallery, Stoughton  
4/24-6/14;

**Karen Scarseth-** artwork on display at the Art Z Gallery in Amery  
and The Stone Barn near Nelson WI.

**Ken Krautbauer-** Spring Exhibit at the Orange Dragon Gallery in  
Prescott, WI. It will run through early July.

Arts West: **Sarah Williams, Gerlyn Basic, Kay**

**BratholHostvet, Marlin Hostvet, and Steve Cole.** March 14-  
June 6

**Falling Leaves Art Trail-** sign up now at

<https://www.fallingleavesarttour.com>

**Jeff Nelson, Ellen Nelson, Heidi Schreiner, Sarah Williams-**  
LE Phillips Summer Show, “Something in the Water”, **June 15th-**  
**August 24th.**

**Holli Jacobson-** Altered Landscapes through June 21 (see  
attachment)

**Jeff Nelson-** Watercolor Basics June 17 at ArtZ Gallery in Amery,  
WI.

**Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists-** Showing at Beaver Creek including many VAA members through July 22.  
**(See attachments for various exhibit and Calls for Artists details )**

### **Dates to Remember**

- 2026 Fall Heyde Member Show dates- **November 25-December 23; artists reception December 3.** Theme for this year “Planet Earth” Load in Nov 23 & 24 and Artist Reception Dec 3. Load out Dec 28 & 29

### **VAA School of Heritage Arts**

The VAA School of Heritage Arts will be sponsoring three Saturday classes this summer featuring counted cross stitch, basic embroidery, and beading on fabric. Attached to this newsletter is the flyer that includes class details and a link to registration. Each class is \$35. The **first class is June 13** featuring counted cross stitch. Registration **deadline for that class is June 6.** This is the registration link: [link for summer SHA class registration](#)

### **Your VAA Board Members 2025**

**President** – Kathy Stockton-Behnke - [vaapresident2024@gmail.com](mailto:vaapresident2024@gmail.com)

**Vice President** – Paula Delfosse **Secretary** – Sarah Williams **Treasurer** – Val Naber

**Members-At-Large:** Randy Palmer, Barbara Dunham, Mindy Huntress, Noriko Slowinski, Helen Buck, Jeff Nelson, Lillian Hillis **The VAA Website Gallery** is available to **all members in good standing.** A PDF is available on the website **EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP Pages** with instructions for both current gallery members and new to gallery members. Updates are completed twice per calendar year.

### **Programs 2026 -subject to change**

January 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday party at Market on River

February 5<sup>th</sup> Valentine after Robert Indiana-Helen Buck

March 5<sup>th</sup> Kay Brathol-Hostvet on “Presenting Your Art...”

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Constance Heffernan -making feathers w/roving wool

May 7<sup>th</sup> Constance Heffernan- Making feathers with roving

June 4<sup>th</sup> –picnic, Plein Aire event before the picnic at 1pm

June 13- SHA cross stitch -Kathy Stockton-Behnke

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Professor Tim Tozer -Portrait Artist of the Year experience

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30 pm

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Heyde Center 1:30 pm CANCELLED

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Autumn Harvest Winery 5:30 pm

Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm

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| July 11- SHA Basic embroidery - Val Naber                         | Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm  |
| August 1- SHA Beading- Nancy Erickson Dutmer                      | Mill Ridge Community Center 1:00pm  |
| August 6 <sup>th</sup> – Susan Sveda Pachau on Installation Art   | Mill Ridge Community Center 5:30 pm |
| August 15-16- Drawing workshop with Prof. Tim Tozer               | Mill Ridge Community Center         |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Des Sikowski-Nelson “ hand lettering” | Mill Ridge Community Center 1:30pm  |
| October 1 <sup>st</sup> – Pamm Spooner on needle work             | Mill Ridge Community Center1:30pm   |
| November 5- VAA banquet                                           | TBD                                 |
| December 3- Artists reception for Fall Heyde Show                 | Heyde Center                        |