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VAA newsletter **October, 2026** **Volume 23, Issue 10**

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 is the fall banquet on **November 5** , 5:30-8pm. **Event held at Wild Ridge Golf and Event Center, 3647 Kane Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703 Preregistration is closed.**
- Election of 2027 officers of secretary and vice president will take place at the banquet on November 5. Currently standing for secretary is Jeff Nelson; standing for Vice President is Val West Naber. Nominations will be taken from the floor.
- Paula Delfosse who has been interim VP will serve as interim treasurer for 2027
- Please bring an item for **silent auction** valued at $20 or more. This is our primary fundraiser for the banquet
- **VAA 20th anniversary bags** available at the banquet for a $20 donation to cover the cost of producing the bags. VAA artists created designs on the bag!

New Venues for exhibit in 2027!!

The Nucleus in Eau Claire AND
County Inn and Suites in Chippewa Falls

Sign-up information is on the *valleyartassociation.org* website- go to EVENTS tab to find the calls for artists for these two new venues plus current venues Decadent Gifts and Acoustic Cafe

Sign up now for 2027

Welcome New Members in 2026

Thomas Dircksen* Patty Martinson* Roger Nielsen
Louise Schotz * Sheryl Rupprecht * Linda Hurt* Cheryl Ungaro* Dallas Bennet*
Kevin and Brenda Doberstein* Jill Granlund* Molly Linton* Lona Marks*
Diane Nelson* Barbara Pladziewicz

Exhibiting at VAA venues- November/December

Decadent Gifts –Christina Chalk
Acoustic Café-Christina Chalk
Country Inn- Sarah Williams

Artists Around the Valley:

- Decadent Gifts Artists in residence: **Mindy Huntress and Helen Buck.**
- **Helen Buck-** miniatures acrylic paintings 2Roots and Pablo Confluence of Art Annual September 28 to November 22.
- **Valley Fiber Artists-** first biannual fiber art exhibit at the Heyde through **November 18**. Artists reception and fashion show on the 25th was very well attended by the public! Our own Jean Young's entry won top prize as Peoples Choice award! Congratulations. Stop by the Heyde to take in this wonderful exhibit of fiber art.
- **Gerlyn Brasic-** "Exploring Identity" exhibit at the Pump House in La Crosse from November 24-January 9. "Wool Mitten"s: November 12 from 12-3pm, Dragonfly Retreat, Bangor *Hand-tied Fraser Fir Christmas wreaths" at Dragonfly Retreat, Bangor 11/22, 2-4 pm, 11/ 24, 6-7pm,11/27, 2-4pm, 11/28, 9-11am,11/29 2-4pm Registration: www.dragonflyretreatwi.com
- **Landscape Watercolor Painting- Val West Naber,** November 10,11, 1-4:30 Korger Chestnut Center, Chippewa Falls https://chipfalls.revtrak.net/

Call for Art - 37th Annual Midwest Seasons- January 6 - March 13 , 2027
Caroline S. Mark Gallery,Wausau - for more information- https://www.cvawausau.org/for-artists

Barb Harling- offering beginning watercolor classes spring of 2027
barb_harling@yahoo.com

Artfluence- Connect with artists and smaller art communities in the Chippewa Valley – https://www.artfluenceec.com/

VAA School of Heritage Arts

The **VAA School of Heritage Arts** –We are looking for artists who might be interested in teaching introductory classes in heritage arts. Our goal is keeping the heritage arts alive! Share your talents. Contact schoolofheritagearts@gmail.com

Your VAA Board Members 2026

President – Kathy Stockton-Behnke
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

VAA Website Gallery is available to all members. A PDF is available on the website **EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP Pages** with instructions for both current gallery members and new gallery members. Watch newsletter for next update window.

Calendar 2026

November 5- VAA banquet 5:30-8:00pm	Wild Ridge Golf Center, EC
November 25- December 22- Fall Member Show	Heyde Center, CF
Nov 23 & 24 - Load in for fall show	Heyde Center, CF
December 3- Artists reception for Fall Member Show 5:30pm	Heyde Center, CF
December 5th - Banbury Holiday Market 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Banbury Place, EC
December 22- Load Out for Fall Member show	Heyde Center, CF