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VAA newsletter **September, 2026** **Volume 23, Issue 9**

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 **October 1 at 1:30pm** at the Mill Ridge Condominium community center at 4299 Mill Ridge Circle, Eau Claire. **Bring your art for Show and Tell.**

1. The program this month is by **June Haigh-Boley- Finishing your art for exhibit.** June will demonstrate proper hanging hardware and backing your painting with paper dust cover. She will also demonstrate proper way to attach wire to D-rings. Bring a pair of needle nose pliers.

- The new VAA 20th anniversary bags are ready. They will be at the next meeting. A **$20 donation** (or more) will help cover the costs. Here is the bag modeled by Noriko. Job well done by **Noriko, Mindy, and Helen**. A great way to celebrate 20 years of VAA!

MEMBER SURVEY

Only 14 of 104 members have completed the survey. If that number doesn't include you, please participate. Help make the plan for 2027: Place your cursor and click the link then press enter or copy and paste it. (Let me know if the link doesn't work for you.)

https://forms.gle/nE6CbeMsk7tUDooBA

VAA Website Gallery: The Fall Gallery Update window has closed. We had 5 updates completed, with 2 new member and 3 current member updates. Check the newsletter for the next update window. (Thank you, **Lillian**!)

Other links:

General Meeting Minutes: (also an attachment)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sa2brrLyOgzk9z2QWeMnFY67KhTeytN/view?usp=sharing

VAA Member Call to Artists:
https://www.valleyartassociation.org/events.phtml/C79D6344/vaa_sponsored_class_introduction_to_perspective/#details

Banbury Call to Artists:
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Welcome New Members in 2026

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

Exhibiting at VAA venues- September/October

Decadent Gifts – **Ken Krautbauer**
Acoustic Café- **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.
- **Gerlyn Brasic-** QuiltFest on the Mississippi, October 2&3, at the Omni Center in Onalaska;
- "Exploring Identity" exhibit at the Pump House in La Crosse from November 24-January 9.
- Decadent Gifts, Eau Claire, through the end of September; Fiber Lab, Menominee, month of October; "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

- **Intro to Crochet- Kathy Stockton-Behnke**- Sept.28,1-4:30 Korger Chestnut Center, Chippewa Falls to register https://indd.adobe.com/view/2081fb0a-13fe-4a74-aee5a505dda49b9e
- **Floral Embroidery- Paula Delfosse (School of Heritage Arts),** October 12, 1-5pm Korger Chestnut Center, Chippewa Falls- https://chipfalls.revtrak.net/
- **Introduction to Watercolor- Kathy Stockton-Behnke,** October 21,22, 5:30-8:00 Korger Chestnut Center, Chippewa Falls https://chipfalls.revtrak.net/
- **Landscape Watercolor Painting- Val West Naber,** November 10,11, 1-4:30 Korger Chestnut Center, Chippewa Falls https://chipfalls.revtrak.net/
- **Valley Fiber Artist- exhibiting at Decadent Gifts: Artists Reception** Friday, September 25, 6-8pm
- **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
- **Artfluence-** Connect with artists and smaller art communities in the Chippewa Valley – https://artfl\uenceec.com

VAA School of Heritage Arts

The **VAA School of Heritage Arts** – The fall class at the Cardinal Learning Center in
Chippewa Falls is **intermediate embroidery** being taught by **Paula Delfosse** using her own design. This will be offered **October 12, 1-5pm**. Registration begins in September. We are looking for artists who might be interested in teaching introductory classes in other heritage arts. Check out the member survey to sign up. Our goal is keeping the heritage arts alive! Share your talents.

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

October 1st	– June Haigh-Boley "framing for exhibitions"	Mill Ridge Community Ctr 1:30pm
October 1st - sign up for 2-month exhibits 2027		
October 15th - Deadline for Banbury Holiday Market		
October 23rd - Deadline for Fall Member Show		
November 5- VAA banquet		TBD
November 25- December 22- Fall Member Show		Heyde Center, CF
Nov 23 & 24 - Load in for fall show		
December 3- Artists reception for Fall Member Show		Heyde Center 5:30pm
December 5th - Banbury Holiday Market 10:00 am – 4:00 pm		Banbury Place, EC