



Signs of Spring (Ruth Paul)

CPPG COLORED PENCIL POINTS



President's Message

I hope you are all doing well and finding plenty of fun projects to fill your days. As they say, this too will pass, and we'll soon be together again and resuming our many activities here in The Villages. Of course, we will be working with The Villages Recreation Department and their plan to resume activities.

But as our age group is the most vulnerable, our primary goal is that all of our members remain safe and healthy. In the meantime, our May Guild meeting has been cancelled. I will update you on any significant recreation center changes that are communicated to me.

We will be trying to send out a new activity each Wednesday. I would appreciate any ideas you can send me for colored pencil activities members would enjoy. Is there something you learned that you can share? Also, do you know of any inexpensive guides or online lessons you could suggest? Any suggestions would be helpful.

This newsletter gives information on how to reclaim your paintings that are on display at Lake Miona, Rohan or Fenney. As we do not want to lose our wall space in these recreation centers, we are encouraging members to follow the guidelines in this

newsletter regarding picking them up or, where possible, leaving them on display until the next changeover.

There is still so much going on. Joan O'Donnell is collecting Thank You cards for The Villages Hospital workers. Mary Tougas is promoting cash donations for the Christian Food Pantry. Steven Newhouse and his team are working with local schools to select our 2020 Art Award winners. Cathy Stone has setup a CPPG private Facebook site where members are posting their paintings. Last time I checked there were almost 70 members! Thank you to all of you that have led or participated in these important activities.

Fashion Show ticket holders, thank you for your patience while we wait to reschedule the event. As soon as we are able to safely hold the luncheon, we will reschedule and your tickets will be good at that time.

Our Membership Renewal Drive is in progress. The emphasis on the June 30 deadline is for members who wish to be listed in the 2021 Membership Directory which will be coming out in October of this year. In order to make this all go smoothly, please make your check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to CPPG, and mail it to Sondra Dwiggins, 1209 Oak Forest Drive, The Villages, FL 32162.

Take Care
Diane

Rohan Exhibit

May 20th would be the usual change out for artwork at Rohan. Since we don't know if we will be back in the recreation centers by then, we will have to stay flexible. The thinking is, that if we are back on that day we can hang the work completed during our enforced isolation. So be thinking of displaying your recent work and have it tentatively ready for hanging. If we are not in the recreation centers by then it may be best to wait for the next change out date which would be in September.

Fenney Exhibit

The Fenney Colored Pencil Exhibit change over that is scheduled for May 14, 2020 will be rescheduled once the Fenney Recreation Center is reopened. The artwork that is currently on display can be picked up and the new artwork can be hung on the second Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm after the Recreation Center is reopened. The rules and entry forms are on the Website (www.pencilpainters.com). This will be an open exhibit, so it will be up to you what subject you select.

With us spending more time at home, we should all be able to participate. If you have any questions about either picking up your artwork or displaying new artwork, please call Mary Tougas at 507-381-3328.

CPPG Judged Show

As you all know, our CPPG Judged Show for May has been cancelled. We thought that this was in the best interest of all participants due to timing etc. in this uncertain time. Yadda, yadda, yadda. The question now is what to do with the quarantined paintings held captive on the display wall at Lake Miona Rec Center! We have come up with a plan that may work. We don't have the details yet (again, these uncertain times) but this is a general idea of what is going to happen. When the Recreation Centers re-open, we would like to set aside one of the Wednesdays that we have a workshop at Lake Miona and have artists come and pick up their paintings. If you are agreeable, you may leave the painting on the wall or bring in another painting that you have done. It may be old, new, an award winner or something that you weren't real pleased with - we all have those! This would be a good opportunity for you if you aren't sure you want your artwork to be judged, just displayed. There will be no judges, critiques or ribbons!

We just want the wall filled. When we are ready to do this, an email will be sent out to members. As for those who are leaving for the summer, I'm not sure how we will handle this when the time comes. All that we ask is that if you are taking your painting down and with you, please, please send me an email saying so. It is for your protection. (Ellen's email is megsm48@comcast.net).

Thanks to all for your cooperation. As Dory in “Finding Nemo” says, “Keep swimming, just keep swimming”. We will all keep swimming.

Ellen Miller and Cathy Stone Judged Show

NEW FACEBOOK GROUP

COLORED PENCIL PAINTERS GUILD

OF THE VILLAGES

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, many of us feel the isolation, not only from family and friends, but from the fellowship we enjoy with other colored pencil artists. As a member of the Facebook community, I take part in a number of private groups where I am able to share with people who have similar interests. A few weeks ago our president, Diane Dumas, suggested that some of us split up our membership list and make calls to be sure that everyone was okay. During some of the calls that I made, many people expressed how much they missed the classes and the meetings. This made me think that a private Facebook group for our members would be a great way for us to share our work with one another. Diane gave her approval and the group “Colored Pencil Painters Guild of the Villages” is now a reality.

If you are a current member of CPPG and would like to be a part of this group, go into Facebook and search for “Colored Pencil Painters Guild”. When you find it, click on “Request to Join”. Your request will come to me or to Diane, as administrators of the group and you will be added.

Please enjoy posting your work, viewing other’s work and asking for feedback.

Sincerely,
Cathy Stone

Your Art in the Newsletter

You may have noticed that there is a colored pencil painting displayed at the beginning on each newsletter. Has one of your paintings been so featured? If not, why not? Perhaps it is because you haven't sent it to me. Colored pencil paintings are incredible and everyone has a painting worth showing off to a very appreciative audience. I won't show your name if you are really shy. Send it today before you forget to Bob Galbraith at rmgalbraith46@gmail.com



How many of you followed the Ann Kullberg 18 day Emiko Portrait and completed the portrait? She showed a gallery of completed works on her web site and I think it is amazing how different yet the same the each portrait looked. I think it would be wonderful if we had a similar gallery for the CCPG. Please send a photo of your completed drawing to rmgalbraith46@gmail.com so we can have a gallery in the June newsletter.

By the way if your picture isn't perfect, because it needs cropping or it is a little crooked, send it anyway because Bob can fix it. Just send a request for the fix you need.

Sunshine

If you know of a member who is ill, recovering from surgery, or has had a death in the family, please let me know. I'll send that member an appropriate card on behalf of our Guild.

Teri Neff

Featured Artist --- Jean Martin



Kudo



Pumpkin Vase



Long Tail Hummingbird

Camp Villages

The Villages Recreation Department says that Camp Villages is scheduled for June 15th & 16th and July 27th & 28th. It is assumed it will be held again at Big Cypress recreation Center. Hopefully we will hear more in June.



Barb Perron

Christian Food Pantry

I hope this finds you all well and staying safely at home. I miss seeing you all at our monthly meetings, but know we will survive and meet again. During this time at home, I thought about those without enough to eat and remembered how generous the CPPG members were when donating food to the Food Pantry during the holidays. I talked to Jim Courtney, who delivers the donated food to the Christian Food Pantry, and he said that they are definitely in need of donations now. Not wanting to go out, Jim told me that they are also accepting cash donations. All I had to do was to mail a check directly to the Food Pantry and they would purchase the food at a reduced cost.

I feel so grateful that I have an abundance of food and that I am able to make a donation. Jim gave me the address and I will pass it on to you. Any and all donations, no matter the amount, will be welcome. And this Food Pantry also serves needy Villagers. You can make your check to payable to Christian Food Pantry and mail to

Christian Food Pantry, 103 High Avenue, Lady Lake 32159

Take care of yourself and reach out to fellow CPPG Members if you are in need of a friendly voice.

Keep Coloring
Mary Tougas
507-381-3328

Art Award Program Status

Due to the closure of all schools until early May, the Art Award Committee notified all participating area schools that the deadline for the student applications would be extended until Friday, May 15th and that we would only require one letter of recommendation, not two.



Since most teachers are in daily or weekly contact with their students during this shutdown, the committee is confident that the word has sufficiently been transmitted to the art students. The Committee will then evaluate all applications during the last half of May and select the first and second place winners by the first part of June. Given the uncertainty of just how open everything will be in the next 6-8 weeks, the committee decided to no longer require the student to make a presentation to the CPPG membership during a monthly meeting as has been our past practice.

Despite all the challenges with school closures and communications, the committee has already received three applications, so we are confident at this point that we will be able to award first and second place winners for this year. Hopefully, more will apply before the new deadline. The committee wants to thank the full membership of the CPPG for their ongoing support of the Art Award program.

Fashion Show and Luncheon



Thank you to all of you that bought tickets to benefit our annual CPPG Art Award. As many of us were looking forward to the Fashion Show and Lunch which was scheduled for March 30, it is certainly disappointing that the current coronavirus guidelines will prevent us from holding the event at this time. But rather than cancelling, we have decided to postpone it until a future date. Because of the changing situation, we can't determine the new date yet, but your current tickets will be valid for the rescheduled date. And Demshars and Chico's have agreed to work with us to help us reschedule.

We are hoping that you will be able to make the new date. However, if you would prefer a refund now, we will be happy to refund your ticket price. Once we have rescheduled the event, if you find that you are unable to make the rescheduled date, you will be able to request a refund at that time. Please contact Marie Rosich with any refund requests.

If you have invited non-members to the event, please communicate this message to them.

MEMBERSHIP: 197 Members

Hello, Everyone in CPPG-land.

I hope you're getting a lot of colored pencil painting time in your day-to-day home-life. I'm certain that no one expected this virus to show up and take away our wonderful Villages Life-Style. We just have to "grin & bear it" for now.



May I suggest, in the meantime, that you just take a little minute and write a check for next year's dues (if you've not already done so) and mail it to me. This way, you won't have to scramble at the last minute to get your dues paid. It would certainly help the committee that's in charge of getting the Booklet ready for printing, as well. The dead-line for getting your name & picture in the booklet is June 30th.

Please be kind to one another and watch over your friends and neighbors as well.

Hope to see you "back at the ranch" soon!

Sondra Dwiggin
Membership Co-Chair
1209 Oak Forest Dr.
The Villages, FL 32162

Thank you notes for The Villages Hospital Workers

I know we are all looking for ways we can show our appreciation to our brave healthcare workers that are helping us through this difficult time. In response, our member, Joan O'Donnell, has graciously organized a drive to collect cards for The Villages Hospital employees.

We will be collecting Thank You cards. They can be hand-made or purchased cards. In keeping with The Villages Recreation Department guidelines, verbiage should not be political or religious in nature. Please note THANK YOU NOTE in the lower left corner of the envelope.

Cards can be mailed to Joan at the following address.

Joan O'Donnell
2486 Havana Trail
The Villages FL 32162

Or they can be dropped off in a plastic bin at her front door the whole week of April 26 - May 2. Joan will make arrangements to deliver them the following week to the hospital.

Note that every precaution is being taken with the envelopes. Joan will hold on to them for several days before touching them or delivering them to the hospital.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Since the Recreation Centers are closed and we are Social Distancing with an unknown ending date, I can't tell you when programs will be scheduled. However, I do know that when we can meet again our first program will be one of pure JOY, lots of talking and laughing with friends and showing our artwork.

Sandy Phillips put together a program for making Holiday cards to give to the Hospital in December. We sent the candle pattern and instructions out in an Email. Experiment and have fun with the various designs and colors that Sandy gave us or make up your own design.

CPPG Calendar for 2020

As of April 23, 2020

**** NOTE THIS IS THE STANDARD MEETING SCHEDULE, BUT DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE
**** CORONAVIRUS ALL MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY CANCELLED
**** OR POSTPONED. ONCE THE RECREATION CENTERS REOPEN, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL
**** UPDATING YOU ON ACTIVITIES

Monthly meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. for social time with the business meeting and program beginning at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

Planning meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. at La Hacienda Recreation Center. Planning Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

Lake Miona Workshops are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
Laurel Manor Workshops are on the first and third Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Rohan Regional Recreation Center Workshops are on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
Fenney Workshops are each Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

May

May 1, 2020 1:00 p.m. Planning Meeting – La Hacienda Rec Center

May 4, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

May 7, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

May 13, 2020 9:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting – TBD

May 14, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

May 16 , 2020 08:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center – Winter Judge Show Take Down & Spring ShowHanging

May 17, 2020 1:00 p.m. Lake Miona Rec Center - Judge Show Reception

May 18, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop –Jan Jones

May 20, 2020 9:00 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Art Exhibit Change Over – Victoria Peterson

9:30 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Workshop and Critique – Victoria Peterson and Doree Voychick

May 21, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

May 27, 2020 9:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

May 28, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

June

June 1, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

June 4, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

June 5, 2020 1:00 p.m. Planning Meeting – La Hacienda Rec Center

June 10, 2020 9:00 a.m. Monthly Mtg – TBD

June 11, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

June 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

June 17, 2020 9:30 a.m. Rohan Rec. Center Workshop – Victoria Peterson

June 18, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

June 24, 2020 9:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

June 25, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

July

July 2, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

July 3, 2020 1:00 p.m. Planning Meeting – La Hacienda Rec Center

July 6, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

July 8, 2020 No Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

July 15, 2020 9:30 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Workshop – Victoria Peterson

July 16, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

July 20, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor rec Centers Workshop – Jan Jones

July 22, 2020 9:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

July 23, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

July 30, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

August

August 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones

August 6, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

August 7, 2020 1:00 p.m. Planning Meeting – La Hacienda Rec Center

August 12, 2020 9:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting – TBD

August 13, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas
August 17, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones
August 19, 2020 9:30 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Workshop – Victoria Peterson
August 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas
August 26, 2020 9:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop - Jan Jones
August 27, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas

September

September 3, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas
September 4, 2020 1:00 p.m. Planning Meeting – La Hacienda Rec Center
September 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. Laurel Manor Exhibit Hanging – Sue Franz
9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones
September 9, 2020 9:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting – 9th CPPG Anniversary
September 10, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas
September 16, 2020 9:00 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Exhibit Change Over – Victoria Peterson
9:30 a.m. Rohan Rec Center Workshop – Victoria Peterson
September 17, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas
September 19, 2020 8:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center – Take Down Spring Show – Hang Fall Show
September 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. Lake Miona Rec Center – Judged Show Reception
September 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. Laurel Manor Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones
September 23, 2020 9:30 a.m. Lake Miona Rec Center Workshop – Jan Jones
September 24, 2020 1:00 p.m. Fenney Rec Center Workshop – Mary Tougas