



Watauga Valley Art League Newsletter April 2019

The Watauga Valley Art League welcomes all who wish to visit us during our educational and instructive monthly gatherings. <u>Be Happy and paint more!</u>



The next WVAL General Membership Meeting will feature LaDonna West as speaker and has recently joined the Watauga Valley Art League. LaDonna has proved that by fusing mosaic art and paper maché to create brightly colored textured paintings. As a mixed media artist and owner of The Mosaic Maché Studio in Johnson City, her paintings implement both art techniques. She calls

it 'mosaic maché' because it's really a cross between mosaic art and paper maché,". By taking torn paper and making it into pulp, she adheres the mold to a wooden panel to sculpt and set the shape of her subject. She then

uses acrylic paints to add color to her creation.

LaDonna attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. And then took a year of graduate school at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.

The next WVAL General Membership Meeting is April 14. As always this is an opportunity to have great fellowship with fellow WVAL Members.

WVAL artists' artwork may be seen at www.wataugavalleyartleague.com. For more information about the Watauga Valley Art League please contact Judy Donley, 423 547-9707 or email us WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com

*** Dues for 2019: \$33 per person (\$45 per couple and \$18 for students) ***
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***For your convenience, all forms and applications are in PDF Format

and can be downloaded and printed from www.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com***



President's Message

My goal for the league is to meet the needs of our members. When I joined WVAL in January 1996, I wanted to be around fellow artist, I wasn't interested so much as to sell my work as I was to improve my art and to have fun learning from others in our league. I am inspired by all your creative endeavors. I want everyone who joins our league to feel welcome, we are blessed to have all levels of artist and as President, I strive to meet the needs

of each member and to help them achieve their goals whether it be to socialize; to enter art shows; or to be a professional artist, the last thing but not least I want is for everyone to feel they belong in our league and have an enjoyable experience being a member of our fantastic league. The goals I laid out this year was to improve several aspects for our shows and to provide workshops for our members and to have interesting programs. We also will be providing tips on our website and we encourage our members to provide their biographies and we encourage our members to take advantage of the use of our website to showcase your artwork. Many of these goals I put forth and am implementing have come from listening to our members and if you have suggestions you may email me at donleytreasures@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for 2019



Monday, April 8, 11:30 am.....WVAL Board Meeting, One Acre Cafe Sunday, April 14, 1:30 pm.....WVAL General Membership Meeting, Sycamore Shoals



June 9 WVAL Member's Picnic

July 9..... Judged Show

July 14...... Artist Reception, Summer Art Show Begins
August 10...... Tennessee Water Media Art Show Begins

October 20..... Small Works Art Show Begins

December 8... Christmas Art Show Begins