



SKETCHES...

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

MARCH 2017

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The Lake County Art League year runs from September through June. We meet on the third Monday of these months, 7-9:00 pm. Meetings in September, October, January, February, March, April and June include presentations and are held at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. November and May meetings are the closing critiques for our popular fall and spring membership shows, and are held at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts theatre in Waukegan. Finally, we take a holiday break in December. Here are dates that should now be on your horizon now:

Monday March 20 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

Saturday, April 1 Spring Membership Show Check-In
Jack Benny Center, 10-1:00 pm

Monday April 17 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

Monday May 15 Spring Membership Show Critique
Jack Benny Center, 7-9:00 pm

Monday June 19 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

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PHIL SCHORN WILL DEMO COLOR PENCIL PAINTING AT MARCH 20 MEETING

Art league member Phil Schorn will be doing a drawing demonstration at our March 20 general meeting. "I'll be showing my techniques with the color pencil, transferring an image and various blending methods. There will opportunity to try out the techniques shown."

We have all played with color pencils as a kid, but an artist-grade color pencil contains a much higher degree of wax and pigment, and can produce rich, deep and luminescent color. If you've seen Phil's work you can agree that color pencil is certainly fine art.

As always, the March meeting will be from 7-9:00 pm at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.

PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE CHANGES WORK TOGETHER

At our February 20 general meeting Chris Tanner, Ali Albakri and Phil Schorn (Corresponding Secretary, Publicity Chair and Webmaster) explained how our long-time use of newspaper publicity has become ineffective, and that we have moved in a new direction. Ali has now focused on getting our members to contact others outside the art league, and the LCAL.org website has become a convenient tool for doing that.

If members want to promote LCAL membership or an LCAL event they can simply use e-mail or social media to direct others to the appropriate tab at LCAL.org to find the facts, and then add their personal thoughts and recommendations. Our website makes this simple to do, and can be used to present something as specific as a piece of member art or a general as the direction and energy of the art league. Someone considering joining the art league, for instance, can be directed to the “Membership” tab on our website to find a link to our membership form. Better still, once on the website they can browse other tabs to get a very clear picture of what we are about, and also what’s happening in the coming weeks and months.

Phil explained how the LCAL.org website has been updated to include a list of our current members along with their city of residence and the art media they use. This gives a more intimate view of our membership, and it allows members and prospective members to find others they can identify with and maybe share rides with.

In an important new development, the LCAL.org website list of members will soon be expanded to identify personal websites or other links that display a member’s art. At our June general meeting Phil will show members how to create a simple website, or how to instead create and manage a page at LCAL.org to present their art. Phil will provide specific guidance at this meeting and will work with members directly if necessary.

Questions about this website initiative should be directed to Webmaster Phil Schorn at phil@pschornstudio.com.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP SHOW CHECK-IN APRIL 1

This is the last newsletter before the April 1 check-in for our annual Spring Membership Show at the Jack Benny Center. That’s just a few weeks away, so it’s time to decide what to enter. It must be something you have painted, drawn, photographed or sculpted in the past 3 years. Members will receive a reminder with more detail a week before the check-in.

Leisa Shannon Corbett will perform the May 15 critique that concludes the show. Leisa, once president of the art league, is a landscape, figurative and abstract painter with a professed “passion for creating psychological and spiritual depth” in her work. Probably the best way to appreciate her understanding of art and the artist is to see a 12-minute video and narrative on her painting one of Monet’s “Stacks of Wheat.” The video can be found on her blog at this link: <http://www.leisascorbettartstudio.com/leisas-blog/teaching-online-with-skillsharecom-and-loving-it>

RESULTS OF THE MONTHLY COMPETITION

In our February monthly competition Doris Monti, who demonstrated printmaking at our meeting, awarded a ribbon to Debbie Kalinowski for her pastel painting titled “Blue Boat.”



PLEIN AIR SATURDAY MARCH 25 IN DOWNTOWN LIBERTYVILLE

The LCAL Plein Air Group's next event will be Saturday, March 25 in downtown Libertyville, where there are three coffee shops near the train station if you need a break from the spring weather. One has some classy art on the wall.

Libertyville's downtown area was largely destroyed by fire in 1895 and rebuilt with brick, resulting in a village center whose architecture is substantially unified. [Encyclopedia of Chicago: Libertyville, IL, chicagohistory.org.] In 1997 the National Trust for Historic Preservation gave Libertyville a Great American Main Street Award, called the downtown. They said this is "a place with its own sense of self, where people still stroll the streets on a Saturday night, and where the tailor, the hometown bakery, and the vacuum cleaner repair shop are shoulder to shoulder with gourmet coffee vendors and a microbrewery." Now it is best known for its 70 restaurants and bars.

We will initially gather at 9:00 am in Cook Park, located at the foot of a prominent local landmark historical residence. There is plenty of street parking, and there are two parking structures within a block; all parking is free.

LCAL AT THE JUNE 3 DANDELION WINE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Lake County Art League has long showed work at the Dandelion Wine Fine Arts Festival in Waukegan's Bowen Park at the Jack Benny Center, which this year will be June 3. That may be almost 3 months away, but fees for LCAL members will be discounted \$10 if you submit your application in March. Get an application form from the Corresponding Secretary and submit it directly to the Waukegan Park District. Anyone interested in sharing a booth should start organizing that now; LCAL will be happy to help you connect with other members through E-News or *Sketches*.



The festival will occur during the CLC student show inside the Jack Benny Center, an event hosted by the art league. That show will run from May 16 to June 18.

SKETCHES ARTICLES OR GRAPHICS NEEDED

We often have space for a small member's article or graphic. These give a personal touch that boosts us all and helps *Sketches* more correctly reflect the character of the art league. It can be serious or whimsical, prose or poetry, artful or an offhand doodle. Mostly it needs to be genuine and personal.

A BEQUEST TO LCAL NEEDS AN EIN

A member who wished to leave a bequest to the art league recently said that an attorney writing the will needed LCAL's Employer Identification Number (EIN). This is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number, and is used by the IRS to identify a business entity. The art league had to have an EIN to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our Treasurer provided the LCAL EIN: **90-0135168**.

ON-THE-WALL AVAILABILITY

On-The-Wall venues for displaying LCAL member art in the coming months are shown in the following table. White boxes mean a location is available for that month, and the number to the left is roughly the number of paintings that can be hung at that location.

Display at the Lake Villa Library involves a paid casual demo as patrons stop and talk to the artist. This is a popular opportunity and must be booked at least several months in advance.

The still-available July show at the Jack Benny Center will start June 19.

On-The-Wall Spaces

	pieces	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Jack Benny Center *	20-44	NA	FMS		CLC		NA		SMS		NA		NA
Lake Villa Library	8												
Mirror Images, Antioch	12												
State Bank of the Lakes, Antioch	6												
Heartland Bank, Antioch	10												
Antioch Dental Center	6												
Antioch Township Office	7												
Undercroft Gallery, Waukegan	20-30												

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Undercroft Gallery	Ali Albakri	224-381-0321	text message option

* Waukegan Park District; NA = Not Available, FMS = Membership Show, SMS = Spring Membership Show, CLC = CLC student show

MEMBER NEWS

A **Tobi Abrams** acrylics and collage painting titled ""Gray Day in the Mountains"" was juried into the 9th Annual National Juried Exhibition at the Willard Art Center in Idaho Falls Idaho. The show opens March 16 and continues to June 11 in the center's Carr and Hall Galleries. It is presented by the Idaho Falls Arts Council, and accepts only about a third of the work submitted. Contact Tobi at artbytobiabrams@gmail.com with any questions.

Thom Kapheim is exhibiting large paintings and bronze sculptures at "A Cuban Experience" at the Waukegan Cigar Lounge, 119 N. Genesee St. in Waukegan. The shop is open daily 10-10:00 pm, except that Sunday is 12-6:00 pm. Both gentlemen and ladies are welcomed in the lounge. Contact Thom at kapart1@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Sandra Peek is showing a group of paintings at the Whisk Cafe in Wauconda, 216 S Main Street, for the month of March. Sandra also says she is showing work at the Barrington Cultural Arts Center at the Ice House Mall "for the next three months, maybe longer." Contact Sandra at artisticgrandma@aol.com with any questions.

Priscilla Powers will be participating in Winnetka's "Art in the Village Fine Art Fair," 10-5:00 on June 24 and 25. This will be downtown in Hubbard Woods Park, and is sponsored by the North Shore Art League. Contact Priscilla at priscillapowers@hotmail.com with any questions.

Sue Schneider is teaching painting classes at the Gurnee Park District on Tuesdays. Sue also says she has a really good show at the Dandelion Gallery. The gallery is only open for special events and by appointment, however. Contact Sue at ssusan960@gmail.com with any questions.

Phil Schorn and Jim Brooksher will be showing multiple pieces at the Grayslake Heritage Center on Saturday, March 11, 5-8:00 pm. The show is produced by the Grayslake Arts Alliance, a new art group that was formed in Grayslake last summer, dedicated to promoting the arts in Grayslake through "education, participation, and development." Contact Phil at phil@pschornstudio.com with any questions.