



SKETCHES...

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

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Since 1934

Lake County Art League meets for presentations on the third Monday of each month, September through June, with a holiday break in December.

Sketches is sent to the membership about ten days before each meeting and previews the presentation. Meetings are held at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. November and May meetings, however, are held at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts theater in Waukegan, as these are critiques that conclude the fall and spring membership shows. All meetings start at 7:00 pm. Events that should be on your calendar are:

Monday Oct 17 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7:00

Monday Nov 21 Fall Membership Show Critique
Jack Benny Center, 7:00

Monday January 16 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7:00

Monday February 20 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7:00

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PRESENTATION / MARK MCMAHON WILL PAINT US ALL



If there were a term that describes local artist Mark McMahon it would be “chaos artist.” He uses pen and wash to fill 22 by 30-inch sheets of watercolor paper with detailed renderings of complex settings or busy people. And he does it on the spot. These paintings capture a sense of the moment, and in enough detail to make you feel you are there. He works fast, of course, yet still manages to build a unifying structure, and builds energy with colorful watercolors. Mark’s been doing this since at least 1976, when the New York Society of Illustrators identified him as one of the

youngest participants in a “200 Years of American Illustration” Show.

Mark did a demonstration for the art league some years ago, and if that's any gauge, he will again paint us as a group, even as he casually converses with us and we move about the room. One of our artists, who also works in pen and wash, watched in amazement as Mark fixed on one of us walking around the edge of the room. Drawing and talking all the time, Mark inserted a reasonable facsimile of our walking member at the edge with a posture showing exactly that movement.

Mark's father Franklin chronicled 50 years of national events in much the same way, but working more as an artist/reporter. It's a family business now, with the "Gallery McMahon" on Deerpath in Lake Forest. Also exhibited there are the works of Margot McMahon and Carolyn McGregor McMahon. There are additional works of Frank, Hugh, and Michael McMahon, and then maybe some other McMahons who just dabble in art. Mark is one of the Family McMahon.



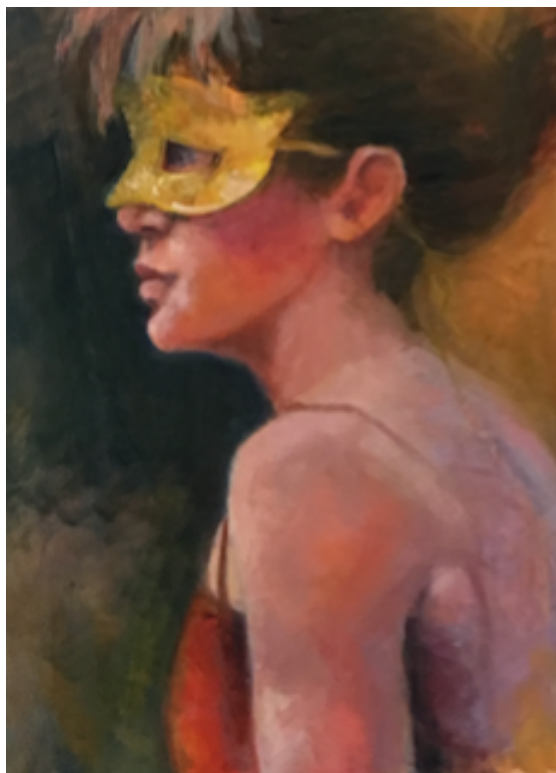
MONTHLY COMPLETION WINNERS

The following September winners were picked by presenter Les Scott:

- First Place-Phil Shorn, flower still life, color pencil.
- Second Place: Lee Radtke, urban landscape, oil.



- Third Place: Jackie Hayes, copy of Vermeer's "Girl with the Pearl Earring," acrylic
- Fourth Place: Sue Schneider, seated woman, oil



NEW MEMBER: VIVIAN MORRISON

This article continues our practice of profiling relatively new members so that you recognize them and can talk about mutual interests. Please introduce yourself to Vivian as soon as you see her.

Vivian Morrison is wholly Swedish, and a creative Swede at that. Her parents emigrated from Sweden in the 1920s to Jamestown, New York, where they later met and married. Active in the local Swedish culture, her father played folk music on his violin and her mom was a singer. Even though Vivian lost her mother at an early age, Vivian embraced both parent's love of music and grew up playing the piano and organ, and singing as well.

At age 18 Vivian followed her friends to study at Chicago's North Park College (now North Park University at Foster and Kedzie), majoring in organ performance. Then she followed her professor to study at the University of Chicago.



Vivian says that to "pay the rent" she played the organ at churches, then played jazz piano and sang at downtown clubs, and finally added a small shop in Old Town called The Lollypop Shop." This latter sold children's clothing that she designed and sewed. She had grown up sewing her own clothing, and now income from this second creative skill nicely complimented that her first skill, music.

Along the way she met and married Leonard (Lenny) Morrison, a gifted jack-of-all-trades who happened to play an instrument as well: the trumpet.

Sewing led to weaving. Vivian became fascinated with the fiber and fabric she sewed, and learned to weave in the manner of the Swedish textiles she grew up with. Threading fine yarns on a multiple harness loom to make complex woven cloth, she then designed and constructed prize-winning jackets and dresses as well as conventional home projects like curtains, table runners and rugs.

She and Lenny moved to a 21-acre former horse/sheep/mink farm near Old Mill Creek about 20 years ago, where gardens and landscaping around their home and stables became her third creative focus.

At the advice of a good friend Vivian reached for still another horizon with oil painting. More recent advice, this time from a workshop instructor, was to build her drawing skills, so she enrolled in a Hans Habeger class at CLC. Her artistic journey finally brought her to us at the Lake County Art League.

MEMBER NEWS

THREE MEMBERS AT ARTISTS ON THE BLUFF GALLERY IN LAKE FOREST

Paulette Colo, Doris Monti and Peggy Raasch will be exhibiting at the Artists On The Bluff Gallery through October 28 in a show called "Harvest." AOTB Gallery is located within the Re-invent Gallery at 202 E. Washington Ave. in Lake Forest, which is open Tue-Sat 11-5:00.

THREE MEMBERS ACCEPTED TO CLC'S "RECENT WORKS" JURIED SHOW

Mary Haas, Oliver Steven Merriam and Phil Schorn pieces were accepted for College of Lake County's 36th Annual "Recent Works: A Juried Competition Exhibit" at the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art. A free opening reception will be Friday, October 7, 6-8:00 pm, and the exhibit will run through November 13.

PHIL SCHORN GIVING COLOR PENCIL DEMO AT LAKE VILLA LIBRARY

Phil Schorn will be giving a Color Pencil demonstration at the Lake Villa Library on Wednesday, November 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. **To those not familiar with this unusual opportunity, the artist works while conversing with patrons that come and go. The artist also displays art at the library for that month and is compensated for the demo. This is part of our On-The-Wall program, below.**

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 inside the box 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.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Jack Benny Center, Waukegan	20-44	fall show	---	---	20-44	---	---	spring show	CLC	20-44	---	---
Lake Villa Library display and demo	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Mirror Images, Antioch	12		12		12		12		12		12	
State Bank of the Lakes, Antioch	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Heartland Bank, Antioch	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Antioch Dental Center	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Antioch Township Office	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Undercroft Gallery, Waukegan	20-30		20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30	20-30

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