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Official Newsletter of your
Lake County Art League

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The Lake County Art League year runs from September through June. In the past we have met 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 18 LCAL general meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

Saturday April 6 Spring Membership Show
Check-In, Jack Benny Center, 10-1:00 pm

Monday April 15 LCAL general meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

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Linda Kollacks Portrait Demonstration at the March 18 meeting

Linda Kollacks, a past-president of the art league, will once again give us a portrait demonstration. She works from a live model, the teacher in her explaining as she works. In two 40-minute periods she will nearly complete the portrait, concluding with a photo for later adjustments, especially around the eyes.

Linda has chosen realism to express herself, but it's a little more complicated than that. Wanting much more than duplication, she reaches for an imaginative interpretation using solid painting skills developed over the years. "I paint all kinds of subjects, but figures and portraits are my specialty. ... Oil is my preferred medium, but I work in pastel and watercolor as well."

Linda's early training was at the Art Institute of Chicago. A move to Brussels, Belgium brought many opportunities to absorb the great art of the past, and the charm of the Old World cast its spell spawning an interest in landscape painting. This European sojourn lasted 22 years, providing many wonderful opportunities to paint plein air. "Such exploration not only enriched my art experience, but also broadened my life perspective, and I'm deeply grateful for this."

Linda holds membership in Portrait Society of America (PSA), Oil Painters of America (OPA) and NOAPS. Linda conducts oil portrait workshops locally in addition to teaching twice a year in her home studio, does demonstrations at various art leagues like our own, and she enjoys exhibiting in selected art fairs.

The March 18 meeting will be 7-9:00 in the evening at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. It's open to the public and members are encouraged to bring guests. A refreshments and conversation break will separate the two halves of Linda's demonstration.

Spring Membership Show Check-In April 6

Bring your Spring Membership Show submittal to the Jack Benny Center on Saturday, April 6, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. There Gail Basner and Carole Otis will log you in, confirm that you are a paid-up member and ask you for a signed release form. A form is attached to this newsletter, and they will have additional forms. The art will be carefully arranged and hung by Anne Anderson and Jack Littlefield that afternoon.



You are also free to hang your own art Monday through Saturday morning of the following week, but you must attach a signed release form to the back. More copies of the release form will be available at the Benny Center reception desk, and there will be rods and hooks at the end of the hall for you to hang your own entry. The show will be cataloged by On-The-Wall Director Chris Tanner that Saturday afternoon.

There are the usual rules:

- Current dues must be paid. Contact Membership Director Betty Perri at 847-362-1730 or bettyaperri@gmail.com if you are unsure about that.
- Work should be fanned or edge-wrapped, and then wired for hanging.
- Work must have been completed within the past three years.
- Work must not have been in a previous Spring or Fall Membership Show.

Please use discretion when picking your entry. Art that is offensive by its ethnic, religious, political or sexual expression puts the Waukegan Park District in a very awkward position and will be stored until the critique.

As always, the show will close with a critique and awards by an art professional, in this case Steve Jones, who was on the College of Lake County faculty for 30 years. He is now retired, but still serves as curator of the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art on the Grayslake Campus. He has done one of our critiques before.

Status on Building a Presentations Committee

The art league has been seeking to fill the Presentations Director position being vacated by Sue Schneider after May of this year. A half-dozen members were asked to take the position and declined, but a new strategy built around having a **Presentations Committee** is succeeding. This will be a small group of members who are well-networked in the visual arts. Each year they will find and commit an interesting variety of seven

presenters and two membership show critique artists. They can work by phone, text message or e-mail, but there will be little need for meetings beyond an initial gathering with Sue in May or June. The makeup of the committee will probably change a bit each year. One person from the committee will need to attend nine board meetings, so until the following May or June the committee can shrink to one or two people once the needed commitments have been made.

Roberta Bragg, Linda Rodriguez and Jeff Harold have agreed to be on the committee, and we are seeking two others. Please contact President Oliver Merriam at 847-201-8407 or omerriam@yahoo.com if interested.

The art league offers \$200 to each of the presenters and critique artists, and Sue has found 90% acceptance by the artists who are approached. The Corresponding Secretary has always taken care of details not related to fee by contacting presenters for biographical information and to explain membership show critique requirements.

Dandelion Wine Fine Arts Festival

The Lake County Art League has long participated in the annual **Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine Fine Art & Music Festival** which on this, its 20th year, will be Saturday, June 1, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. A 10x10 foot space will cost \$50-105 depending on extras like chairs, a table and a tent, but this will be discounted by \$15 for applications filed before April and \$10 before May. Get an application form from the Corresponding Secretary, or from JBC Cultural Arts Specialist Debra Carl at 847-360-4740 and dcarl@waukeganparks.org.



Anyone interested in sharing a booth should start organizing that now. You can get your own tent space or share a space with a friend. Becky Schwarz has paid for a single LCAL tent space for members who just have a handful of pieces to display. Contact her at 847-623-8863 or qbecky@msn.com. The art league will be happy to help you connect with other members through **Member News** or **Sketches**.

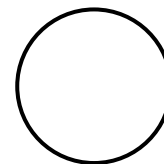
The festival handout says it is “an annual family event that celebrates the start of summer. The festival is dedicated to showcasing local and regional arts and venues, championing the arts, remaining free to the public, offering low participation fees to artists, and remembering Waukegan’s Ray Bradbury.” A variety arts and crafts are encouraged, including graphics, drawing, painting, print making, photography,

sculpture, weaving, ceramics, glass, leather, wood and fiber. The festival takes place in the pleasant environs of Waukegan’s Bowen Park, with works shown in tents along sidewalks and a brook under a towering tree canopy.

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**.

SHOW RELEASE FORM



I, the undersigned, request the item described below (the "Item") be displayed in the **Lake County Art League Spring Membership Show** at the Jack Benny Center located in Bowen Park in Waukegan, Illinois (the "Show Space"). In consideration of the privilege of displaying the Item in the Show Space, I release the Waukegan Park District, the Lake County Art League, the show organizers, and any of their agents and/or employees from responsibility for any damage and/or loss to the Item on display.

I agree to indemnify the Waukegan Park District, the Lake County Art League, the show organizers, and any of their agents and/or employees from any and all losses and/or expenses, including all costs and attorneys' fees, and to hold them harmless from any liability arising out of, or resulting from, the exhibition of the Item in the Show Space.

Further, I agree to the following conditions:

1. I am responsible for installing and removing the Item at the pre-arranged times at the Show Space from **April 6 through May 20, 2018**.

2. I acknowledge and understand that the Waukegan Park District, the Lake County Art League, the show organizers, and any of their agents and/or employees will not provide insurance coverage for the Item being displayed, and it is the responsibility of the undersigned to secure any desired property insurance coverage for the Item displayed.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ **PHONE (WORK):** _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

THE ITEM CONSISTS OF (title or clear description):

_____ **Medium** _____ **Value** _____ **For Sale? (Y/N)** _____

For any questions or to provide more information, please contact LCAL On-the-Wall Director Chris Tanner by phone at (847) 340-0275 or by email at chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net.