



SKETCHES...

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

OCTOBER 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:

Saturday Oct 28 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 10:30

Monday Nov 20 Fall Membership Show Critique
Jack Benny Center, 7:00

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2017-2018 SCHEDULE UPDATE

As explained last month, we thought we had booked the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake for our General Meetings all through 2017, but apparently not. For the balance of 2017 the bank had assigned our third Mondays to another community organization, and we were forced to settle for Saturdays in September and October. (November will be the usual third Monday at the Jack Benny Center for our Fall Membership Show critique, and we do not meet in December.) *Our next General Meeting will be at the bank on Saturday October 28 at 10:30 am.*

President Jerry Hosten met with bank on Oct 13 and they accepted our request to return our third Mondays for 2018, but they say they cannot confirm that until mid November. This is probably good news. Faced with competing requests for the same days and times, the bank will probably recognize that we've been meeting there on the evenings of third Mondays for at 15 or more years, and thus allow us to return to that practice. For now, continue to assume the following 2018 schedule:

- Monday January 15 General Meeting (Martin Luther King Day)
- Monday February 19 General Meeting (President's Day)
- Monday March 19 General Meeting
- Saturday April 7 Spring Membership Show Check-in
- Monday April 16 General Meeting, election of officers
- Monday May 21 General Meeting, Spring Membership Show Critique
- Monday June 18 Annual Meeting

On a related note, a December party was discussed at the October 2 Board Meeting, and a committee will be formed to set it that up. This will not be a Christmas party or even a holiday party, just a chance to get together and enjoy our friendships.

JIM BROOKSHER DEMO AT GENERAL MEETING

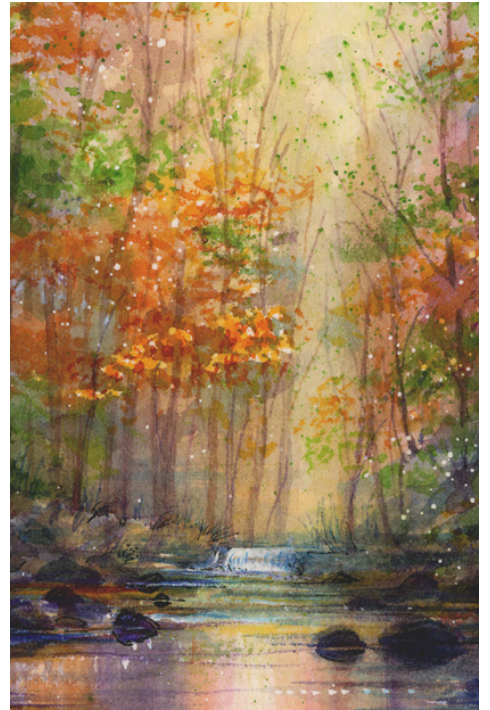
Art league member and watercolorist Jim Brooksher plans to talk about materials, tools and techniques for making his work. He will bring examples of his work.

Jim says that "my primary goal in painting is to transform actual places into 'romantic settings.' Paintings are often started on location to aid in capturing a that mood." His watercolors of lighthouses, country barns, and cityscapes are either developed from initial drawings and "first washes" done on location, and/or from multiple photographs.

It's a little unfair to call Jim a watercolorist."I've explored several media including oil painting, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, ceramics, and graphite as well as pen and ink studies," he says. "I currently work in transparent watercolor, and still create oil paintings."

Like many of our art league members, Jim came to art after first pursuing a highly technical vocation. He earned degrees in physics and mechanical engineering at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. Later he earned what he calls "minor" degrees in art and mathematics, then did home study through Art Instruction Schools based in Minneapolis.

Jim is a Coast Guard Artist - COGAP: U.S Coast Guard Art Program, and as a watercolorist he became a member of Transparent Watercolor Society and the Lakes Region Watercolor Guild. Besides being a member of the Lake County Art League, Jim has joined similar art leagues in Arlington Heights, Antioch, Glenview and Lake Forest.



FALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW

The Fall Membership Show was rehung on Saturday October 14, and is ready for viewing. If you have ever wondered why we must "rehang" our show, note that 24 pieces were submitted at the Saturday October 7 check-in, and an additional 8 pieces were added in the following week. Initially a membership show is pretty miscellaneous and a little confusing. We rehang it as a unified presentation that showcases our best work at this moment in our respective art journeys. A catalogue of the show is attached to this newsletter.



Be sure to visit the show and enjoy the current work of our membership before the November 20 closing critique.

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PLEIN AIR

Lake County Art League Plein Air Group will hold a plein air session at the home of artist Vivian Morrison on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Vivian suggested the extended time “for late comer's or for those who come from further away to stick around.”

This is a perfect time and place to capture the fall colors. We are expecting to hit the peak color on this date, and this is a charming former horse, sheep and mink farm has been converted to a private residence. You will find fall color in surprising new places.



We will conclude 2017 with a November 18 gathering at the McHenry County Conservation District's Prairieview Education Center, south of IL 176 just west of the Fox River. There you can paint the broad and shallow river valley from warm comfort behind windows if necessary.

DUES DUE

Membership dues are intended to be paid at or before our September general meeting, but at this point only about a third of our membership has paid their dues. These are \$20 per full time student, \$30 per individual and \$35 per family. Current Membership Forms were included in the last *Sketches*, emailed on September 6.

A REMINDER FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

Many of our books have been checked out too long and may have been forgotten. Members are asked to see if they might have LCAL library books that they no longer notice, and to please return them. Questions should be directed to librarian Phil Schorn at 847-548-1724 or phil@pschornstudio.com.

MEMBER NEWS EDITOR TEAM NEEDED

Member News has become so popular that it has outgrown the limited space of *Sketches*, and it now needs a small team of at least two people to support that rising interest. By switching to a strictly e-mail format it is now possible to include unlimited color images of art, and the appeal of the news will probably continue to increase as fast as the space requirements. Unfortunately the time requirement is overwhelming your Corresponding Secretary.

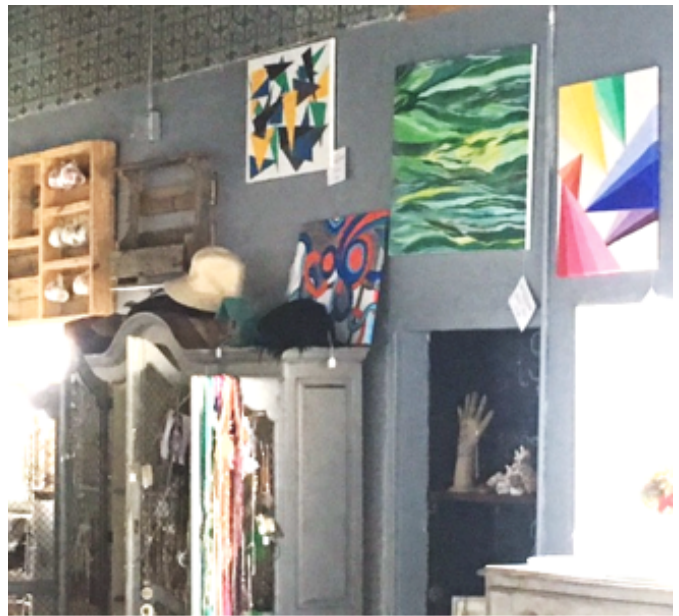
The work involves cleaning up the miscellaneous correspondence from our members once the mid-month request for news is sent to our members. This is a form of editing, but it 's mostly a matter of just working up a standard that makes everything convenient to read. It will also get a little crazy as our members are increasingly recommending things and sharing whimsical art like poetry and sketches.

We need at least two people doing this work because it happens in pulses that can conflict with other commitments. We do not publish either *Sketches* or **Member News** in July, August or December for that very reason.

Please contact Chris Tanner at 847-367-5308 or chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net.

ON-THE-WALL

Last summer member Ali Albakri found an interesting new On-The-Wall opportunity the Waukegan Art District. First we must find a member who can build the necessary relationship, however. This is the **Sweet Treasures Resale** shop on the southwest corner of Genesee and Water Streets. Owner Tina Torres puts together imaginative ensembles of vintage, new and handmade items of clothing, jewelry, accessories, furniture and home décor. She considers fine art by local artists to be part of this eclectic mix, and will often display collections of paintings in the shop windows during ArtWauk. This picture of art in the shop shows her taste trends toward the abstract, but we need that lasting relationship to fully understand what works best in her ensemble vision.



Stop by and check it out, and also see their website at redressme.com. Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday 12-7:00 pm, and Saturday 12-6:00 pm. We need to get to know Tina well if our artists are to reliably meet her needs, and she is to respect their needs. This could be exciting for all involved. Contact Chris Tanner at 847-367-5308 or chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net if this seems promising.

Notice, by the way, that January is available for the Jack Benny Center. The JBC is proving to be an excellent venue for sales if you already have a strong list of potential buyers. It's attractive and secure, they have an excellent hanging system, it's free and they charge no commission.

Available Space

	pieces	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Jack Benny Center *	20-40		FMS	FMS	NA		NA	NA	SMS	SMS	CLC		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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Jack Benny Center	Chris Tanner	847-340-0275	chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net
Lake Villa Library	Andi Walker	847-420-9479	zomombie@gmail.com
Locations in Antioch	Ken Lutgen	847-356-6975	kenlutgen@sbcglobal.net
Undercroft Gallery	Ali Albakri	224-381-0321	text message option

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

2017 Lake County Art League *Fall Membership Show*

1	Val Brandner	"Kyle"	oil	nfs	847-336-6218
2	Jim Brooksher	"From Montrose Harbor"	watercolor	\$550	847-223-1317
3	Bill King	"Water Taxi"	watercolor	\$400	224-334-2244
4	Jackie Hayes	"The Judge," an Indian Portrait	oil	\$300	224-513-5822
5	Tom Asma	"Touring Car"	colored pencil	\$125	847-263-7512
6	Pat King	"Aspen Fall"	watercolor		847-204-0343
7	Oliver Steven Merriam	"Boot Woman No. 3"	oil	\$380	847-201-8407
8	Jeff Harold	"Outhouse"	photo	\$225	847-838-9894
9	Linda Kollacks	"Dick's Kitchen"	oil	\$2,000	847-680-6334
10	Jerry Hosten	"White Elephant"	oil	nfs	847-918-9232
11	Carole Otis	"Eruption"	acrylic	\$350	874-623-0913
12	Cecilia St.Martin	"Who Me?"	watercolor	nfs	847-367-8966
13	Tobi Abrams	"The Wave"	pastel	\$385	847-255-6330
14	Gail Basner	"Picnic in Prague"	watercolor	\$750	847-432-5992
15	Sharon Templeton	"Ocean View"	oil	\$85	847-746-7145
16	Skip Wiese	"Still Life of Fruit"	pastel	\$375	847-244-0769
17	Toni Wiese	"Greenbay III"	oil	\$285	847-244-0769
18	Mary Haas	"Being a Princess is Not All It's Cracked Up to Be"	oil	\$400	847-877-8075
19	Denis Rogers	"Being a Slave to the Land Puts Some Pressure on Relationships"	pencil	\$250	847-945-1028
20	Mary Neely	"Madison and Canal"	photo	\$195	224-623-2801
21	Anne Anderson	"Farm Country"	watercolor	\$135	847-295-5168
22	Leslie Nauta	"It's a Hoot"	watercolor	\$70	847-226-5958
23	Maggie Schwarz Kraus	"Birds"	oil	\$300	847 623-1799
24	Linda Rodriguez	"Friends"	printmaking/oil	\$500	847-363-0931
25	Thom Kapheim	"Dark Star"	mixed media	\$200	847-855-3141
26	Phil Schorn	"Colorado Cactus"	colored pencil	\$485	847-548-1724
27	Jackie Hayes	"The Judge," an Indian Portrait	oil	\$300	224-513-5822
28	Leslie Scott	"Le Reprove II"	ink on scratchboard	\$300	847-336-3693
29	Doris Kucik	"Acadia National Park"	pastel	\$300	847-561-6211
30	Roger Shule	"He ... is The Light"	acrylic	\$400	847-354-1292
31	Chris Tanner	"Catania, Italy"	watercolor	\$200	847-367-5308
32	Sandra Peek	"Weathered Picket Fence"	oil	\$225	847-726-8424
33	Susan Schneider	"On the 4th of July"	oil	\$300	847-672-7535