

## LCAL Member News, September 2019

The September LCAL General Meeting will take place on **Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.**

### Ali's Adventure in Saudi Arabia

Ali Albakri will give a presentation about his recent experience to the Middle East cities of Medina and Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The presentation will be at the Jack Benny Center on Wednesday September 18, 5-7:00 pm.

Medina is the city of the second largest mosque in the world. The mosque is the burial place of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam. Mecca is the city of the location of the Kaaba, which is the direction Muslims face when making their prayers.



### Phil Schorn Participated in Mundelein Arts Festival

Phil Schorn participated this weekend (September 7 and 8) in the **Mundelein Arts Festival in downtown Mundelein**, his 6th art fair of the summer. Regrettably, we were unable to publish *Member News* before the event. Also, Phil has his book “**Life is in the Details**” available on Amazon as paperback and Kindle formats.



## Les Scott Exhibited at Artists Alley

This weekend (September 6) Les Scott exhibited at "Artists Alley" in Libertyville Artists Alley -- a walkway between Shakou and Milwalky Taco restaurants in downtown Libertyville. The exhibit is in downtown Libertyville IL for one evening with free parking and plenty of restaurants. Regrettably, we were unable to publish *Member News* before the event.

## Anne-Marie Bracken Showing at the Jack Benny Center

# Digital Art Exhibit of Anne-Marie Bracken

Multiple award winner, *Anne-Marie Bracken* delights in noticing patterns in nature and the world around her while expressing her connection to the earth through her artwork.

See the exhibit at:

Waukegan Park District  
Jack Benny Center for the Arts  
39 Jack Benny Drive  
Waukegan, IL 60087

847-360-4740

September 3-28, 2019

**Reception: Saturday,  
September 14, 2019, 1-3 pm**

Live acoustic music provided by  
Tim Bracken.

Light refreshments will be offered.



## Mary Neely Showing in Highland Park Exhibition

Mary Neely has a piece in the Art Center Highland Park juried exhibition "IMPACT Color IMPACT Black & White". Her piece, titled "Mobile", is an interesting black and white photograph taken at a demolition site. Mary is a long-time member of the art league.

**This exhibit runs from August 9 - October 2, 2019.** The Art Center is located at **1957 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035.** For hours and more information, click here: <https://theartcenterhp.org/current-exhibits>

**You can also see Mary's work every 3rd Saturday of the month during Waukegan's Art Wauk at the Dandelion Gallery, 109 S. Genesee Street, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.**

## Adler's Gallery Night

LCAL members Skip Wiese and Paulette Colo are among eight artists featured in a September/October show at the David Adler Music and Arts Center. The theme of the show is "Body and Soul." An opening reception will be Friday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 pm with wine and music. On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adler will host a "Gallery Night" when the artists "walk us through the galleries and share stories about their creative process."

*This Adler Gallery Night is a "must see" event for those who want to better understand what five of our members will be expected to do at February's much anticipated "Adler Invitational." Adler will invite five LCAL artists based only on the one piece of art each has submitted at our Fall Membership Show. Each artist will display up to eight pieces. Under a new Adler Gallery Night format, the artists will together develop a theme for Adler publicity, and later speak to the theme as it relates to much of the art displayed.*

Paulette says that Gallery Night is popular with many galleries. "People do want to know the process and the inspiration." Since the September/October show is "mostly figuratively based," she will talk about her considerable experience and love of figurative art.

"I find the human figure, no matter shape, size, color or gender a beautiful creation which deserves to be captured in art." That becomes very personal because her background is non-academic and "more hands on." As a young person Paulette drew incessantly from magazines "to train my eye and learn anatomy," and now she sketches from life whenever the opportunity arises. Twice a week she does pencil sketches of live models with two different groups, and later afternoons are spent painting in oil from figure studio sketches and supplemental photos.

For her Adler Gallery Night Paulette will say something to the effect that "The paintings I've submitted in this exhibit are real people who have modeled for me and allowed me to take some photos for reference. Sometimes I choose the actual settings as background but others I embellish or create my own. For instance, my piece "Medusa", was a model's face but her dreadlocks reminded me of snakes in her hair like Medusa so I played on that." There is another piece of rather nondescript hairless figures with no features and all in dark blue leotards. "These were manikins for sale at the clothing stores in the mall but they conveyed a sense of loneliness and separation that prompted me to paint them. I call the piece 'No-ones'".

Adler publicity includes a link to an excellent Waukegan Arts Council biographical profile of Skip Wiese at <http://waukeganartscouncil.org/spotlight-skip-wiese/>, and Paulette's web site at <http://paulettecolo.com>.

The show will run for six weeks, ending October 24<sup>th</sup>, with gallery viewing M-F, 9:30 am-6:30 pm. The David Adler Music & Arts Center is located at 1700 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, just south of Peterson/Butler Road. Question? Call: 847-367-0707.

### **Exhibit of Plein Air Artwork**

Sue Whitney, who coordinates a plein air group from **Barrington Cultural Arts Center**, has asked that our members take note of a competitive plein air event hosted by the Barrington Cultural Commission and Barrington White House. It culminates in a one evening show and juried awards ceremony on **Oct. 12** and is called "**Paint the Town Barrington.**" All the information, prospectus, prizes, etc. are now on this web site:

[https://www.barrington-il.gov/government/boards\\_commissions/plein\\_air.php](https://www.barrington-il.gov/government/boards_commissions/plein_air.php)

There will be a limit of attendees (about 30), so she suggests that those interested should enter soon. Questions? Contact Sue at 847 921 3336.

### **Looking for Artists for Potential Sales at the Chicago Botanic Gardens**

**Shelley Kohl**, from the **Chicago Botanic Gardens**, is looking for potential new vendors for their gift shop (possible a pop-up sale). Anyone who works on **floral and/or landscape subjects** are preferred. If interested, please email Shelley at: [sailcards@aol.com](mailto:sailcards@aol.com) and include **either a link to your website or four examples of your work for consideration.**

### **Art Quote**

*"Art is too important not to share."* -- **Romero Britto**

### **Meeting Refreshments Volunteers**

Those who have volunteered to bring refreshments to the **September** meeting are as follows:

- Anne-Marie Bracken....crudités
- Sunny Parenteau.....
- Terry Furniss.....cake
- Mary Neely.....cheese & crackers

Those bringing goodies to the **October** meeting are so far (**we still need one more**):

- Sunny Parenteau.....
- Betty Perri.....cookies
- Gail Gudgeon.....pastries

Thank you to all who volunteer to provide refreshments. They are greatly appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for the rest of the year.--**Fran Isaac**

## Linda Kollacks Offers Portrait Workshop

**Linda Kollacks** is planning to teach one four-week course on oil portrait and figure study in her home studio. Class will be on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 – 4:30pm.

**Saturday class: Nov 2, 9, 16, 23**

(Make-up class Sat. Nov 30 or Dec 7...to be determined)

Students may work from their own photos. I will demonstrate from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm for each session. Individual attention will be given for the remainder of the class time. I will stress a direct painting style, with an emphasis on seeing the larger shapes, correct values, hard and soft edges and lively color harmony. Class size will be limited to **ONLY** six students, intermediate to advanced.

Supply list will be provided upon registration, along with additional information.

Cost of four sessions is \$190. Registration is effective upon receipt of check on a first-come-first-served basis.

***NOTE: Credit for missed classes cannot be carried over beyond the make-up class.***

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### **After a Hot Day**

*(Portrait of my son-in-law and grandson)*

Oil on canvas, 20 x 24"

## Memories of Josephine Alberti

By Gail Gudgeon



On June 3, 2019 my friend of twenty years, **Josephine Alberti**, left this wearying world a little less loving for her absence. She took with her a generous love for all God's creations. This gentle soul celebrated the fruits of life while bearing the thorns with no malice. Jo embraced life with a passion for food, music, dance, friends, all mediums of paint and last but really first, family.

Her endeavors to improve her artistic skills span five decades. Her preferred medium was oil, which combined with her proficient drawing ability and vivid imagination resulted in many magical scenes.

Having spread her love generously over her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, co-workers, friends and fellow artists she has left a living legacy that goes beyond her work in oil.

Josephine enjoyed eighty-four years of life.

### NEW LCAL RIDE SHARE PROGRAM

LCAL has created a new program to connect members who might require a ride to a monthly meeting with those who would be willing to provide one. Kindly complete your contact info (phone/email) below. This will be listed in every monthly *Member News*.

#### Ride Connections

Needs Ride (contact info)	Available Ride (contact info)

For inclusion in a future *Member News*, please send your news of exhibits, classes, awards and art-related comments to: **Anne-Marie Bracken**, [amabracken@gmail.com](mailto:amabracken@gmail.com) by the end of the month.