



Sketches...

Official Newsletter of your Lake County Art League

JUNE 2019

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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 these 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, June 17
General Meeting with Demo
State Bank of the Lakes, 7:00 pm

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General Meeting on June 17 About Teaching and Fund Raising

For the first part of our demo on June 17th, Artists Skip Wiese and Pat King will be instructing two non-artists in painting their favorite Waukegan scenes. This will be an education for our members in how experienced teachers approach the challenge of teaching non-artists. The paintings produced will be part of a larger fundraising project to benefit arts instruction in areas of need.

Ty Rohrer, Waukegan Park District's Manager of Cultural Arts, will emcee, explaining the participants' backgrounds, questioning them, and taking questions from the audience.

After the break, Pat and Skip's coaching will continue while Ty talks to the audience about how the Waukegan Park District can turn our members' coaching of prominent non-artists into an entertaining fund-raiser. Funds raised could be split between the artists and/or the League and the non-profit organizations that could benefit from arts education.

This should be a wonderful educational demonstration and discussion.

JBC June and July LCAL Shows at the Benny Center

June: New Member Carol Fink Sackschewsky, Watercolorist

Exhibition at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, continuing through June 26

The Artist Reception will be Sunday June 23. 1:30-4:30 pm, "an afternoon with the artist and friends of the Arts."

Carol is showing the following 14 pieces:

- LOOKING FOR A SUNSET BIRD IN WINTER, 27" X 22" \$ 450
- THE OLD HOME PLACE, 26" X 24" \$ 400
- NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTRY, 26" X 22" \$ 400 (shown below)
- NEW MEXICO COTTONWOODS, 26" X 24" \$ 400
- WINDING SUNSET AGLOW, 28" X 22" \$ 400
- FROSTY MORN ALONG THE FOX RIVER, 30" X 22" \$ 900
- MOTHER AND CHILD, 24" X 20" \$ 450
- SANDS OF TIME –NATHAN #1, 26" X 20" \$ 500
- LAUREN #1, 20" X 20" \$ 500
- RITA'S COCO POT, 30" X 27" \$ 400
- HAVERST ON HOLD, 30" X 27" \$ 400
- EDNA'S PEARLS, 34" X 27" \$ 600
- LIGHT ON LAKE MICHIGAN, 27" X 19" \$ 600
- SWEPT BYE! WINTER STORM, 29" X 19" \$ 900



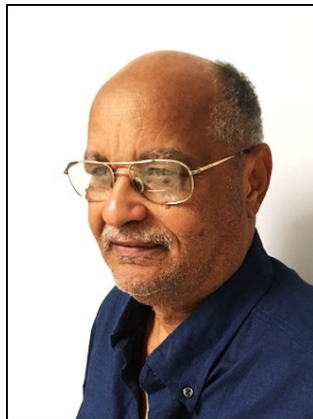
July: Member Leslie Scott, Scratch Art

Les has had a number of exhibits in the area, and decided not to have an artist reception here.

Leslie "Les" Scott grew up observing the natural world. To make a living he studied and became a graphic artist in the commercial world, but has now returned to those memories. Here he shares them using the little-known medium of Scratchboard. We certainly see Les' artistic insights, but more than that he wants us to sense the creative potential of

the medium. Scratching black ink from the surface of a white clay board may seem as simply the reverse of penning black ink on white paper, but in Les' hands that has yielded nuanced expression and opened doors for an artistic journey far beyond graphic arts

Come see his work.



Legacy Collection News

Two years ago the art league board of directors approved Thom Kapheim's proposed Legacy Collection project. The art league will protect, preserve and exhibit significant works of art from Lake County artists for the benefit of future generations. Works will be accumulated from donations and from families or artists themselves. These artists do not need to have been affiliated with the art league.

Those donating art will be required to have it framed and ready for hanging. They must sign a release for transferring ownership to the collection unconditionally to the LCAL. Once art is catalogued as part of the LCAL Legacy Collection and any repairs made, it is anticipated that the collection will be exhibited at various venues. These venues will be asked to donate to the project to pay some of the expenses related to transporting, hanging and storing the pieces.

Legacy art repair, transportation and storage will become part of the LCAL budget. The initial agreement was that for two years the art will be stored at Thom and Carol Kapheim's leased building in Waukegan for the collection. Recently, however, they have purchased the building and art league storage can continue there at no cost to the art league.

2019-20 General Meeting Schedule

- Monday, September 16
- Monday, October 21
- Monday, November 18 (critique at JBC)
- Monday, January 20
- Monday, February 17
- Monday, March 16
- Monday, April 20 (election of officers)
- Monday, May 18 (critique at JBC)
- Monday, June 15

2019 Plein Air Schedule

LCAL plein air activity is changing significantly. Winter and early spring sessions have been dropped because they require excessive set up, scheduling is now shared between Chris Tanner and Deb Edmunds, and our Facebook presence is being expanded. The goal is still the same as when this was started in 2006: have an ongoing and exciting experience that gives the art league visibility in the community and helps all artists – not just our members – experiment with spontaneous expression. As before, each session concludes with discussion of what worked and what didn't, but there is no instruction and no fee. As before, the group is open to painting, drawing and photography.

Deb will handle Facebook notifications, and Chris will handle e-mail notifications. Chris will make arrangements for about half the scheduled sessions and Deb will handle the remainder. Each of us will lead the sessions he or she has arranged. Here's our planned list of plein air sessions:

- Saturday June 15, 9-12:00, Prairie Crossing, Grayslake, with Chris
- Saturday June 29, 9-12:00, Emily Oaks Nature Center, Skokie with Deb
- Saturday July 13, 9-12:00, Reed-Turner Woodland Preserve, Long Grove, with Chris

- Saturday July 20, 10-12:30, Volkening Heritage Farm, Schaumburg with Deb
- Saturday August 3, 6-8:30 pm, Sunset at Druce Lake, Grayslake with Deb
- Saturday August 10, 9-12:00, David Adler Music and Arts Center, Libertyville with Chris
- Saturday August 24, 9-12:00, City of Lake Forest with Deb
- Saturday September 14, 9-12:00, North Unit, Illinois Beach State Park, Zion with Deb
- Saturday September 28, 9-12:00, Oak Openings Nature Preserve, Libertyville with Deb
- Saturday October 19, 9-12:00, Vivian Morrison farm, Antioch with Chris

The list is necessarily preliminary, as it may be adjusted to resolve conflicts with other events or with Chris and Deb's personal schedules. Deb says "I will do a few more sessions if the weather is good and I have time. These I will do at several of the forest preserves. If I have one that I do at the last minute, I will give 3-6 days advance notice. All notices will be posted on our Facebook events page and sent to members and non-members via email."

Deb feels that Facebook is the key to building plein air discussions with Lake County artists. We will contact everyone on our 270-artist e-mail list and encourage them to join "Lake County Art League Plein Air Group" on Facebook.

2019-20 Membership Form

The new Membership Form for the 2019-20 year, attached to this newsletter, was needed to show new dues, some raised and some simply clarified. We also took this opportunity to update the "interests list" to reflect an always growing understanding of our need for volunteers. It's also kind of bullet list of breadth of our efforts to promote fine art in Lake County – our stated purpose since 1934 – which gives new members an introduction to the unique rhythms of our organization.

The expanded list below tries to make it clear that volunteers will only be "helping with" the listed efforts. We are not asking them to take on responsibilities, but merely asking them to help directors and elected officers who have those responsibilities.

- meeting membership desk
- meeting library setup
- meeting audio/visual aids
- meeting refreshments prep and cleanup
- spring/fall membership shows
- help with art workshops
- help with tours
- help with plein air sessions
- help with social media
- help with website
- help with newsletter
- help with member news
- help with display of member art
- help with legacy art preservation
- help with meeting setup and cleanup

June hospitality Commitments

The people who signed up to provide refreshments for the June meeting are:

- Betty Perri
- Let Radke
- Richard McFarland
- Sunny Parenteau
- Beth Engle
- Marshall Philyaw

Remember: Library books are due at the June general meeting.

Remember: Annual dues are due at or before the September general meeting.



Please complete this form and
submit it with your payment

Membership Form

2019-2020 Year

The membership year runs from the September general meeting to the September general meeting of the following year. Annual dues are to be paid at or before the September general meeting, and are \$20 for a full-time student (12 hours minimum), \$35 for an individual and \$45 for a family. New members joining after March 1 will pay half the annual dues.

Make your check payable to "Lake County Art League" and mail it to our Membership Chair person:

Leslie Nauta, 1216 Sun Lake Ct., Lake Villa IL 60046

Questions? Contact Leslie at 847-226-5958, or nautateam@comcast.net,
or you can contact Betty Perri at 847-362-1730, or bettyaperri@gmail.com.

Payment: ☐ \$20 Student ☐ \$35 Individual ☐ \$45 Family

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ (for correspondence, news and notices)

Art Medium _____ ☐ Renewing Member ☐ Returning Member ☐ New Member

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As a member of the Lake County Art League we look forward to your sharing your time and talent with us as we strive to share our experiences with you. Your active involvement in the many activities of the art league will help you grow as an artist and us grow as an organization. That involvement will also give you greater personal contact with your fellow members, including directors and elected officers. Please circle interests below that suit you and your sense of how to bring fine art to the people of Lake County.

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Other special interest - tell us _____

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