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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

MAY 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:

Monday May 15 Spring Membership Show Critique
Jack Benny Center, 7-9:00 pm

Monday June 19 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

Summer Break

Monday September 18 LCAL meeting
State Bank of the Lakes, 7-9:00 pm

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MAY 15 JBC SPRING MEMBERSHIP SHOW CLOSING CRITIQUE

Leisa Shannon Corbett will perform the May 15 critique that concludes the Spring Membership Show. Leisa, once president of the art league, is a landscape, figurative and abstract painter with a professed "passion for creating psychological and spiritual depth" in her work. She will be awarding Best of Show, First to Third Place, and at least one Honorable Mention. With 35 entries, her critiques will average a little more than two minutes per piece.

Susan Kronowitz will emcee the critique, her second time in that role.

MAY 16 - JUNE 18 JBC STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR ART EXHIBIT

The Lake County Art League will host a College of Lake County Student/Instructor Art Exhibit at Waukegan's Jack Benny Center for the Arts from May 16 to June 18. This is titled "Celebrating Art Education: CLC Student Art Exhibit," but by convention it usually includes some instructor art as well. The reception for this exhibit will be held on May 23, 6-8:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with this reception. Please contact Rebecca Schwarz 847-623-8863 or qbecky42@gmail.com.

MAY 19 DEADLINE FOR JUNE 3 WAUKEGAN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL DISPLAY SPACE

The Lake County Art League members have long showed their work at the Dandelion Wine Fine Arts Festival in Waukegan's Bowen Park at the Jack Benny Center. This year that will be June 3, and fees for LCAL members will be discounted \$5. Get an application form from the Corresponding Secretary and submit it directly to the Waukegan Park District. All forms and payment are due by May 19.

There will be a LCAL member tent and individual artist tents at the festival. Get involved in this event by having your own tent/space, helping out with the set-up/manning of the member tent, or at the very least attending the festival. It is a lot of fun.

The festival will occur during the CLC Student/Instructor Art Exhibit noted above.



JUNE 17 LAKE BLUFF PLEIN AIR WITH ANTIQUE CAR AND LIVE MODELS

The Lake County Art League Plein Air Group will be participate in an unusual plein air opportunity hosted by Artists on the Bluff at their annual Lake Bluff Arts Festival on the Village Green. Their festival is the weekend of June 17 and 18. From 10:00 to 1:00 on Saturday June 17 there will be one or two experienced artist's models in period costumes posing with a 1923 Ford Model T.

The festival otherwise features local and area artist display tents and food vendors arrayed around a large gazebo platform used for musical entertainment. Hands-on activities will be included for children. The models, provided by a local figurative art group, will do long and short poses in a variety of positions in and around the car, a visual center of an energetic tableau for our artists.

The 1923 Ford Model T will be on display in conjunction with the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America as a preview of their auto show the following weekend. The Model T will be raffled off at the auto show.

Artists from Chicago will find easy connection to the Lake Bluff Metra station just 500 feet from the event. The Chicago to Kenosha train arrives at 7:42 and 9:36, and the return train leaves at 12:21 and 2:21. Come early or stay late to enjoy the many fine Lake Bluff restaurants.

Artists on the Bluff is asking for 10% of any sales made at the event.

CLC STUDENT SHOW WINNERS SELECTED APRIL 12

On April 12 Art league members Paulette Colo and Denis Rogers judged the College of Lake County Student Art entries. Paulette says that the entries had already been narrowed down and hung as a show in the gallery so it was very easy to view the pieces. "It was a great experience and I'm so happy that I was involved. It's a wonderful feeling to know you may be encouraging someone to further their efforts in pursuing their art."

Winners will be given membership in the art league for one year. This gives them important exposure to community art that excites individual interest in art and fosters support at all levels of government.



Chuck McCann

First place went to Apryl Poister. Denis explained that her "Police K-9 Training" photograph was an unconventional choice for a competition like this, and she was rewarded in part for her conviction in the importance of her work. Apryl attended our April general meeting and discussed her work with many of our members. First place wins the Phoebe Boyd Award \$500 cash prize. Phoebe Boyd was a supporter of Art in Lake County and it was her wish that her family fund a scholarship after her death. She chose Lake County Art League to administer this because of our mission to promote art in Lake County.

Second place is a \$200 cash prize. It went to Chuck McCann, "Winter Comes and Winter Goes," an acrylic on glass shown on the previous page. Paulette and Denis were unaware that Chuck has been an art league member since 1993, and is now 86 years old. May we all be taking classes and making award-winning art at that age.

MORE ON APRIL 17 REQUEST FOR ART MATERIALS DONATION

At our April 17 General Meeting art league member Alice Winter asked us to donate art materials and tools we no longer need but that would help people paint where she volunteers. Alice volunteers at NorthPointe Resources, a respected provider for people with disabilities and mental illness. The organization serves Lake, Cook and McHenry counties, supporting approximately 500 people who are often housed in 17 Zion homes. Alice says that many of the people being provided for have outlived their parents. Her work is in the Art Therapy Program, which NorthPointe describes as an "integrative tool for encouraging creative ways to go beyond verbal expression."

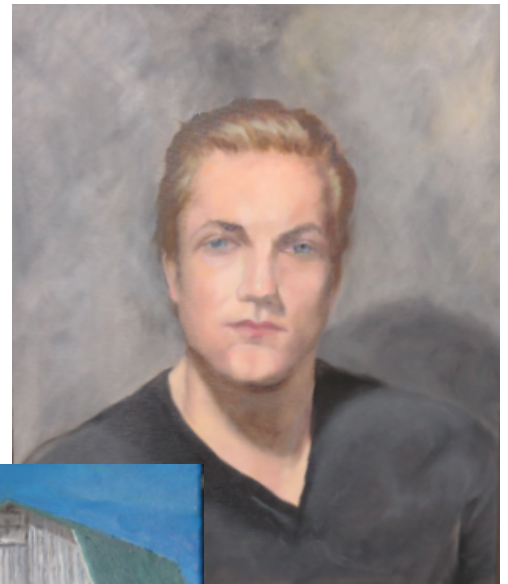
At our meeting Alice specifically asked for acrylics and watercolor pigments as well as brushes and paper, but said that oil and easels would not work well in the program. "Think about this when you do your spring cleaning," she suggested. Donated art kit is tax deductible, and should be sent to NorthPointe Resources, 3441 N. Sheridan Rd., Zion IL 60099. See their excellent website at <http://www.northpointeresources.org>, and contact them at 847-872-1700 for more information.

WINNERS OF THE MONTHLY COMPETITION

Barbara Rogers oil painting titled "Portrait"

Lee Radke oil painting titled Chicago Alley

Oliver Merriam oil painting titled "White's Gray Barn"



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR WEBSITE LINKED TO LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE WEBSITE?

LCAL.org

Go to LCAL.org, and click on the words "Member Directory." You have entered our website and clicked on the tab that takes you to a list of members that shows you and the media you work in. Notice that some of the names also have the words "website" in burnt orange letters. Click on one to see how

easy it has been to find and enter the website of a member of the Lake County Art League. Click on all burnt orange links to get a sense of the possibilities open to you.

If you do not have any sort of Internet presence and want something less than a website, you can instead have a link to a personal page within the LCAL website.

The LCAL website is updated one to two times per month along with the Facebook account.

Contact Webmaster Phil Schorn at phil@pschornstudio.com, 847-548-1724 to add a link to your personal website, to discuss development of a personal website, or to discuss development of a personal page within the art league website. Contact Corresponding Secretary Chris Tanner at chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net, 847-340-0275 to report errors in the Membership listing. Contact either if you have something that the membership would benefit from knowing.

GRAYSLAKE ART ALLIANCE OFFERS QUALITY DISPLAY VENUES

"The Grayslake Arts Alliance is a new community group that came together last summer and is dedicated to promoting the arts in the community through education, participation and development," wrote Wendy Petera, Community Contributor in an April 10 Chicago Tribune article. She was drawing attention to GAA's Saturday April 22 Fine Art Show at the Grayslake Heritage Center. At that time a total of ten artists had committed to the show, but event organizer Marie Hines was quoted as saying their goal is to have 16 artists at each show, including students from Grayslake schools. The article also noted a GAA presence at the Grayslake Farmers Market.

LCAL On-The-Wall director Chris Tanner visited both the show and the market on April 22, and found them to be active and intimate venues for GAA members to display their art in person. Both venues share a warm and friendly downtown area with modest eateries and a park. Both venues were well attended. The Grayslake Heritage Center show is essentially a 30 by 20-foot meeting room adjoined by a small food space and a staffed museum reception area. Music was provided by a professional jazz guitarist, and refreshments came from a local brewer and a local confectioner. About ten local artists, including LCAL's Phil Schorn and Jim Brooksher, were there. Chris felt more artists would have seemed crowded. The Farmer's Market is a one-block section of a barricaded street, and the 10 by 10-foot GAA tent was prominently located at the main entrance. There were no similar tents so it stood out for that reason as well. The market was open earlier in the year than others in the area and featured well-known local vendors of quality agricultural and home-cooked goods. It was very busy that sunny morning.

Professional photographer Ernie Schweit seems to be the driving force behind the GAA, and was interviewed by LCAL. He said that monthly shows at the Grayslake Heritage Center meeting room usually draw between 500 and 150 people, featuring art, a demo, music and a kids/student display. He said they recently decided to end monthly shows in May and resume them again in the Fall, probably October or November.

The GAA will have a weekly tent Saturdays in the Spring and Wednesdays in the Summer. Ernie acknowledged that "we are a new group, so our being at the market is to raise public awareness of the GAA and its mission while giving our members the added value of free exposure. ... We've worked out a nice partnerships with the people who run the market and, if we can fill at the dates with artists or other activities, we will have a presence." Art sales need to be conducted privately and offsite."

GAA is in a growing mode at the moment. Meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 am at the Heritage Center, or at a local coffee shop when there is a schedule conflict. Joining is as simple as “liking” the Grayslake Arts Alliance Facebook page. Yet for now members must live or work in the Grayslake zip code. Ernie said he understood that might seem a bit parochial “but at this stage its important that we establish a strong local base. I suspect we'll expand in the near future, but for now, we are sticking to 60030 zip code.

GAA is officially organizing as an Illinois corporation and is about to start the process of seeking charity status with the IRS. They are also developing strategic plans for business, marketing and branding. This is a lengthy process, but they believe that doing so is the right way to build a strong and lasting organization.

Contact Ernie Schweit at ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net for more information.

NEW MEMBER: LINDA (SUSIE) RODRIGUEZ

This article continues our practice of profiling relatively new members so that you recognize them and can talk about mutual interests. What follows is biographical, penned by Susie Rodriguez. Please introduce yourself to her soon.

“I am a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago (BFA, MAE), and have worked many years as an art therapist and art educator both in the Chicago Public Schools and in Glenview District #34. I officially retired in June of 2016, and have continued my education at CLC in a painting class with Bob Lossmann.

“I have dabbled in almost every imaginable medium, from weaving, pottery, printmaking, drawing and painting to sculpture. Combining mediums and found objects into 'constructions' are a favorite way of expressing myself while including three dimensions into my finished product. Two years ago I worked with a mosaic artist in residence to build a huge mural for the school where I taught. It was like taking a master class in mosaics; learning and creating at the same time. A year ago, I took a special weeklong museum education class for Chicago Public School teachers (I snuck in); they selected 12 teachers from across the city, and we spent one day at each museum; the Mexican Fine Arts



Museum, the DuSable, the University of Chicago Smart Museum and Hull House. Incorporating architecture, map making, drawing and sculpture, I learned to look at art in a more critical way. What a fascinating field museum education is! I wish I had known about it when I was searching for a career in the arts!

“As a mother and grandmother, teacher and therapist, I have tried to nurture the creative inner drive that lies within all children and adults. Inspiring interest in the arts and art history has been my passion, and I have always enjoyed developing curriculums for schools and psychiatric facilities that include a multitude of arts and crafts. At this point in my life, though, I am interested in reaching deep into my own creative process and following my interests wherever they lead me. I am enjoying the freedom and peace that retirement brings as well as the time to work for extended periods on my projects. My husband is from Mexico, and we often travel to the 'colonial' areas to collect pottery, woodcarvings and weavings.

"I look forward to an exciting collaboration with the other artists in the Lake County Art League!"

In a closing comment, Susie said "I think many of the 'eclectic' membership of the art league will understand how exciting retirement can be, with the freedom to explore their bucket lists of interests! But it's also a little bit like unfolding the wings you haven't used for a while and jumping off the edge of a cliff! Mostly, I am interested in exploring Lake County's community of 'creatives', since I have spent so much of my adult life (working and going to school) traveling to Chicago."

OTHER MEMBER NEWS

LEE RADTKE

For the Month of June Lee will have a one man show at the **Washington Inn** in downtown Cedarburg Wisconsin. This coincides with the **Cedarburg Plein Air Painting Event** June 6-16, where he will be painting for several days. 150 artists participate in this major gathering. June 10 and 11 Lee will be at the **Old Town Art Fair**, one of the most prestigious and oldest fairs in the Midwest. This will be his 3rd year. See details at <http://www.oldtownartfair.org>.

JIM BROOKSHER

May 13 Jim will be at the **Arts & Crafts Adventure** in Park Ridge, 10:00-5:00 in Hodges Park at Prospect and Vine streets. June 24 he's at the **Grayslake Arts Festival**, 10:00-5:00. Three blocks of Whitney and Center Streets will be barricaded for this. Mid-June through July 28 Jim will have a **one-man show at Jack Benny Center for the Arts**.

FRANKI JOHNSON, MAINSTREET ART CENTER

Mainstreet Art Center is promoting a **June plein air oil workshop** with Kathie Wheeler. Frankie says she is "a wonderful painter from southwest Wisconsin. She creates remarkable landscapes and portraits and works primarily with a rich oil palette." Kathie paints plein air throughout the year, as well as working in the studio. She is a Signature member of Oil Painters of America and an Associate Member with Distinction of The American Women Artists. She is also a member of The American Impressionist Society, the Portrait Society of America and the Palette and Chisel in Chicago. Her workshop, titled "Taking it Outdoors," will be Friday-Sunday June 2-4, 9-4:00, and will cost \$400.

TOBI ABRAMS

Tobi will have a pastel titled "The Dancing Tree" at the **Elk Grove Library** for their annual tree exhibit. She has a mixed media painting titled "Jazzy Shoes" at the **Art Post Gallery in Northbrook**, where the show has a "shoes" theme. It will be up for a month and is located at 984 G Willow Road (at Waukegan Road).

SUSAN SCHNEIDER

Sue is presenting her work at the **Undercroft Gallery** through July, with a reception on Saturday June 24, 2-4:00 pm. The gallery is located in the Layson Room in the undercroft of Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan. Hours are by appointment during regular office hours, 9-3:00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call Ali Albakri at 224-381-0321, or the Parish Office at 847-662-7081 to schedule a visit.

PHIL SCHORN

Phil will be participating in the **Grayslake Arts Festival** on June 24. He notes that a few spots are still open for the **Botanical Colored Pencil class** at the David Adler Music and Arts Center starting Thursday May 11 and continuing through June 15. For details contact the Adler center at damac@adlercenter.org, 847-367-0707.

JIM BROOKSHER, PEGGY RAASCH

Separately both of these members attended the Richard Harris art collection showing at the **Urban Edge Gallery** in Waukegan and are recommending it to other members. The show continues through June 1. Peg said that "Richard Harris is a nice guy, easy to talk to."