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September 2021

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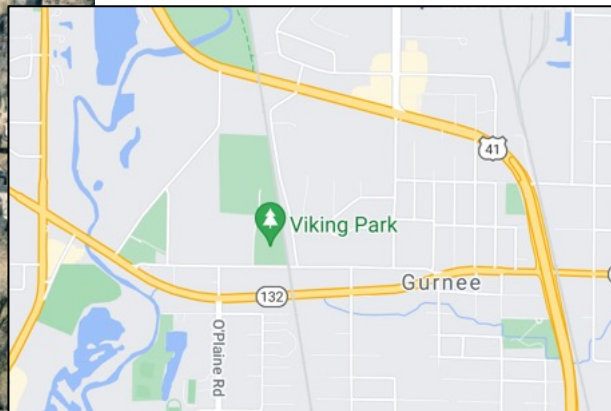
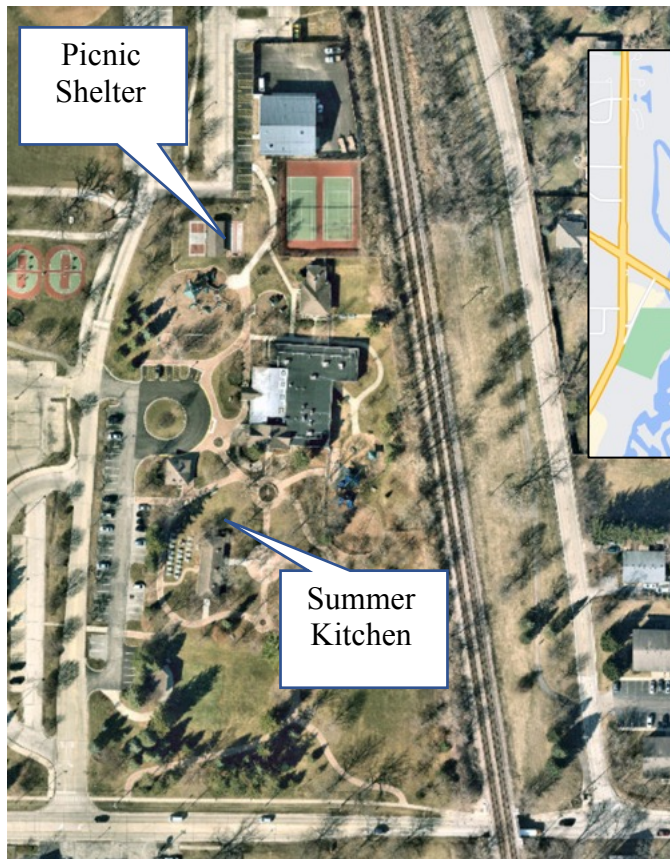
COVID precautions

Governor Pritzker has mandated that all individuals age 2 and over must wear face coverings inside public buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Since the virus can affect our many members who are vulnerable to the virus because of age or underlying health concerns, the Lake County Art League asks that unvaccinated people consider not attending our events unless special arrangements are made to protect our members. Our members will be notified of any special arrangements, but no one will be asked about their vaccination status.

We have returned to scheduling live events, inside and masked. However, all of our plans have contingencies and we are prepared to return virtual meetings if government mandates make that necessary.

Our live September meeting will be art league business and “Serving Our Seniors”

Our September 20 General Meeting will be outdoors in the Gurnee Park District picnic shelter in Viking Park, 4:30-6:30 pm. If you do not recall being there next to the Summer Kitchen in June, the GPS address is **4374 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee IL 60031**. The picnic shelter is just behind the Administrative/Registration Office.



This is our opportunity to have the membership conversations we sorely missed, to renew friendships and to discuss art.

The first half hour of our September 20 meeting will be a business meeting were officers and directors explain how things work, followed by questions and discussion ...

... then Morgan Ghys, Junior Miss lake County 2021, will talk about the Lake County Community Pageants programs and her platform “Serving Our Seniors.” Morgan will have us paint blank 8½ x 11-inch jigsaw puzzles that she will send to local nursing homes. Acrylic supplies will be provided.

Feel free to be creative! Bring your own supplies if you want to draw on these puzzles with ink or colored pencil, or if you want to work with watercolor. Maybe do a collage with puzzle pieces.



In our upcoming October presentation Bob Nonnemacher will demonstrate painting a broad pattern of color, texture and shape, then cutting it apart and assembling a fractured pattern that engages the viewer in a different way.

Check-in for 2021 Fall Membership Show is September 25, 9-Noon at the Jack Benny Center in Waukegan

We have had spring and fall membership shows since 1934, and for many years they have been held at the Jack Benny Center in Waukegan. These shows start with a Saturday morning check-in of entries, and after about six weeks we close each show with a Monday evening critique in the Benny Center theatre. The critique is performed by a professional artist who also awards Best of Show, First through Third Place. Artists get as much comment and suggestion from other members as they get from the critique artist, and in many ways that's another prize.

These shows have probably always been more about sharing and socializing than competing for awards. Detailed records are scarce, but the first shows were probably one-day affairs where artists hung their paintings on fishermen's nets drying next to Waukegan Harbor. Weather permitting, the day probably started with artists putting up their art, then a couple of hours of conversation about art (or the Great Depression, or a growing military tension in western Europe). Maybe a piece or two were sold to patrons before everyone broke for lunch at Mathon's Seafood Restaurant next to the nets. After lunch everyone followed as the critique artist went from painting to painting, suggesting more contrast here or simpler shapes there. Then all returned to the beginning as the critique artist identified the winners, explained those choices and complained (always, even today) that there should be more awards because there was just so much good art. Finally, there was more conversation as artists retrieved their paintings and walked home.



The restaurant and nets are long gone, but we will try to do something like this again in 2024 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the art league.

Last year we had to do our Fall Membership Show virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year we return to a live show because our members seriously missed gathering with their art friends.

Once again we have a few rules. Dues must have been paid. Artists enter only one piece, and it must have been done over the last three years. Paintings must be framed or edge-wrapped, and must be wired for hanging. And the Benny Center does not allow the nudity that fishermen once enjoyed.

As always, check-in this fall will be on a Saturday and the critique weeks later will be on a Monday, but please notice that this year everything is a little earlier than usual because of unusual time constraints:

- Check-In: Saturday September 25, 9:00 am to noon
- Critique: Monday November 8, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

More details will soon be sent to members as arrangements are finalized, and that will include a Show Release Form.

The Fall Membership Show critique always signals the beginning of our break for the holidays. We start again with our first monthly meeting of the new year on the third Monday in January.

October show at refurbished Starline Factory in Harvard

We are having an October encore of our June/July show at the Starline Factory gallery in Harvard IL.

Starline Factory has become a regional art venue that cuts a wide swath because it's notably fresh, dynamic and entertaining. For the last 10 years they have brought a monthly night – their popular Fourth Friday event – of art and music to the Northwest suburbs. They offer an exciting and culturally relevant evening with a first-floor juried art exhibit by established and emerging regional artists. That is complimented by a second-floor Featured Artists Gallery surrounded by about 30 open artist studios. The Featured Artists Gallery will be ours from the **October 22 Fourth Friday to November 8.**

Starline Factory estimated that between 300 and 400 people attended the **June 25** Fourth Friday opening, and four of the five sales that evening were by LCAL artists. The October show has always been their largest crowd for the year, and it should bring even more people and more sales this year.

August 30 was the deadline for entering our October/November Lake County Art League Starline show. Our best entries will be bought to our October 11 meeting, again at Viking Park but inside, after being ranked by a professional artist. They will be hung in the available space at the Starline Gallery a week later.

Join the hundreds of people visiting the Starline Factory the evening of October 22. Come early for dinner or you may need to walk several blocks from your car later in the evening due to a shortage of parking. Contact Jeff Harold at 847-361-1153 or jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com with any questions.

Coming election cycle

The Lake County Art League year runs from September through June. Per our constitution, our presidents have a two-year term, and while Gail Gudgeon is just now starting her second year, in April we must elect a new president who will start one year from now. We will also elect a vice president who will immediately fill a vacancy. The Board of Directors, which includes our five elected officers, will soon name an elections chairperson. The chairperson must be a member, of course, but cannot be an elected officer. It's too early to know, but we may need to elect some other officers as well.

Dues due

Membership dues are to be paid at or before our September general meeting. They are \$20 per full time student, \$35 per individual and \$45 per family. Make your check payable to the Lake County Art League. Bring it to the September meeting or mail it to the address shown on the attached Membership Form. That Membership Form is an effective and convenient way to update our contact information and volunteer interests. Please consider those interests seriously. We are looking for help as we adapt to the constraints and opportunities brought to us by the pandemic, and your identified interests can be a big help.

Timely payment of dues is important if you want to routinely receive newsletters or notices after November, and if you want to enter a membership show. If you are ever uncertain of your dues payment status please contact membership director Betty Perri at 847-362-1730 or bettyaperri@gmail.com.

Membership Forms will also be available at the September meeting, or for another copy of the Membership Form please contact Chris Tanner at 847-340-0275 or chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net.

And ...

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 included presentations, usually a demonstration. November and May meetings are the closing critiques for our popular fall and spring membership shows. Finally, we take a holiday break in December.

We will finish 2021 with an unusual schedule. Our plans have been complicated by our October show at the Starline Factory in Harvard, and more generally by the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic:

- September General Meeting: outdoors **September 20, 4:30-6:30 pm** in the Gurnee Park District picnic shelter in Viking Park
- October General Meeting: indoors **October 11, 7:00-9:00 pm** in the Gurnee Park District Dance Hall in Viking Park
- November General Meeting and closing critique: indoors **November 8, 5:30-8:30 pm** at the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center theatre in Bowen Park

Elected Officers

President	Gail Gudgeon	gaille.gudgeon@gmail.com
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Also

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Membership Form

2021-2022 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 2021** will pay half the annual dues.

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

Betty Perri 1720 Tall Pine Way, Libertyville IL 60048

Questions? Contact Betty at 847-975-1730, or bettyaperri@gmail.com,
or you can contact Leslie Nauta at 847-226-5958, or nautateam@comcast.net.

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

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*for correspondence, newsletters and notices

Art Medium _____ Renewing Member Returning Member New Member

LCAL Newsletter **Sketches**: Send e-mail edition only (preferred) Send printed edition

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.

- 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 Zoom hosting

Other special interest - tell us _____

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