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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF YOUR LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

JUNE 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 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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OUR GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 19 WILL DISCUSS THE POWER OF YOUR ART.

We have all found joy in our art, and then occasionally made a precious painting, drawing or photograph that just lifts us up and drives us to do more. Now we have a chance to celebrate all of that that. The Waukegan Arts Council has asked us to join a Waukegan ArtWise initiative to showcase the power of the arts to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. Each year, Waukegan ArtWise brings together artists, cultural and civic organizations, and community members to engage a theme like this. It reaches citizens of all ages through art exhibits, community arts projects, fitness events, parades and festivals, culinary arts events, performances, and more.

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of every day life."
-- Pablo Picasso

Our Board of Directors has committed our September show at the Jack Benny Center to sharing how our art has touched us and others, and the June General Meeting will be an open discussion of how our artists might best do that. For many of our artists it will be a piece or a series of pieces that struck a vein of personal expression. For others it might be a something that expresses an inner piece, or maybe the very energy of life.

A lot of people will be seeing work in this show through the lens of their own feelings about the power of art in all its forms, and they will want to be affected by what you have done. That's an amazing forum for your work and the work of your art league peers.

There are no rules. There is no obligation to provide titles, explanations, prices or even your name. You can submit an original painting, drawing or photo, a series, a photo of art that you are unable to display, a sketch of art you are working on, a story about a piece of your art that you feel touched others, or maybe an exciting experiment gone wrong. Or it can be something else.

Near the end of August we will check in submittals exactly the same way we check in our spring and fall member shows, so your work will be secure. A reception will probably be held on Friday September 15, the kickoff date for Waukegan ArtWise 2017. You will be able to pick up your work any time in late September, or you can wait until you check in for the Fall Membership Show on October 7.

JBC STUDENT ART EXHIBIT THROUGH JUNE 18

Lake County Art League's "Celebrating Art Education: CLC Student Art Exhibit" is continuing at the Jack Benny Center for the Fine Arts through June 18. There were 33 submittals, all by students. The reception was attended by all but three students, and there were also some parents and grandparents.

Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center is located in the preserved woods of Bowen Park near the Glen Flora Ravine. JBC is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Its GPS address is 39 Jack Benny Dr. Waukegan, IL 60087.

JIM BROOKSHER SHOW AT JBC IN JULY

Jim Brooksher will present a one-man show titled "Landscapes" at the Jack Benny Center starting a week after the CLC exhibit closes. His show will run from June 26 to July 28, with a reception on Saturday July 1, 5:30-8:00 pm. It will feature about 30 of his landscape paintings.

Jim says his primary goal in painting is to transform actual places into what he calls "romantic settings," and his show will reflect that. "When I travel, I see possible paintings everywhere. Works are often started on location to aid in capturing a specific mood. Paintings of lighthouses, country barns, and cityscapes are either developed from initial drawings with 'first washes' started on location, or from multiple photographs."

As an artist, Jim has explored several media including oil, watercolor, acrylics, pastels, ceramics, and graphite as well as pen and ink studies. He currently works in transparent watercolor and oil. "I like to add more visually exciting color to help enhance mood," he says. "This use of accentuated color has become my noted trademark." That, and the fact that he uses only four or five colors in a painting.



Jim recalls that his first oil paintings were created when he was seven. Later art education included general art studies from the Art Instruction Schools in Minneapolis, and from MacMurray College, in Jacksonville, Illinois. He has shown his paintings at more than 300 outdoor art shows, mostly in the Midwest, and instructs at watercolor classes and workshops.

WINNERS OF THE SPRING MEMBERSHIP SHOW

Best of Show - "Reflections Tampa," a watercolor by **Gail Gudgeon**.

"Love the blend of colors you chose.....really nice painting...."

First Place - "Lower Water Street," an oil by **Lee Radtke**.

"Complex elements.....wonderful colors.....beautiful use of reflections..."

Second Place - "Prairie Crossing Chicken Run," a watercolor by **Chris Tanner**.

"Great use of color..."

Third Place - "Lake Metionga I," an oil by **Toni Wiese**.

"Water is done beautifully...."

Honorable Mention - "Shades of Blue and Green," an acrylic by **Carole Otis**.

"Exceptional use of color in this abstract...."

Honorable Mention - "Reflected Dawn," a photograph by **Mary Neely**.

"Beautiful layers of textures....."



SUE SCHNEIDER AT UNDERCROFT THROUGH JULY

Sue currently has a one-person show at the Undercroft Gallery that is continuing through July 31, with an artist's reception scheduled for Saturday June 24, 2-4:00 pm. The gallery is located in the lower level of Christ Episcopal Church at 401 W. Grand Ave. in Waukegan. Church office hours and thus gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3:00 pm. Call Ali Albakri at 224-381-0321 for details and to see the gallery outside of these hours.

You will find that Sue has been attracted to peaceful, natural settings, something that brings a positive feeling to her viewers. She was initially trained as a fashion artist, and to this day especially enjoys drawing people and portraits, especially from a live model.

Sue's mother was her artistic influence. Both parents liked art, and seeing her mother doing drawings and pastel landscapes seemed to pull her into this magical world. Yet art was not available in her Lansing, Michigan high school, at least nothing of substance, so she talked her parents into letting her take a couple of years of art correspondence school during her high school years.

After high school Sue attended the recognized Ray-Vogue school of professional art and fashion education in Chicago, which has since become The Illinois Institute of Art.

She became a fashion illustrator for a brief time, and then went on to broaden her art background with several years at College of Lake County. After a hiatus for kids and family she has continued her studies at CLC. In recent years she has focused on portraiture outside of CLC, taking classes from Linda Kollacks, Frankie Johnson and Gay Riseborough.

Ask about her artistic heroes, and Sue will mention Mary Cassatt and her friend of 40 years Edgar Degas, most especially their pastel drawings from the 1870s and 1880s.

Oil is her favorite medium because it is forgiving, and is more luminous than even watercolors. Still, she likes to experiment, having drawn with pencil, pen and pastels, and she has enjoyed watercolor as well. Somewhere on the horizon she'd like to try collage. Being a grandmother is liming her art time somewhat, but she strives to paint as frequently as possible.

Sue now teaches basic drawing and painting at the Gurnee Park District. She is an active exhibitor at the Dandelion Gallery in Waukegan, and has found her work sells well there. She has often sold pieces to other artists.

LEGACY COLLECTION PROGRAM APPROVED

The art league board of directors approved Thom Kapheim's proposed Legacy Collection program at its May meeting. 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 then sign a release for transferring ownership to the collection unconditionally. Once art is catalogued as part of our Legacy Collection it will be exhibited at various commercial and government venues. These will be asked to donate to the project to pay some of the collection's operating expenses.

The collection's program costs will otherwise become part of the LCAL budget. For two years the art will be stored at no cost in Thom and Carol Kapheim's leased Waukegan building, after which there will be a commercial storage cost of about \$70 per month.

Thom Kapheim will serve as the first Chairman of a committee in charge of administering the collection as part of Lake County Art League. He will keep the Board of Directors and thus the art league informed monthly either in person at a board meeting or by email. Member volunteers will be needed to serve on the committee, screen possible donations and oversee displays of the art.

OTHER MEMBER NEWS

Oliver Merriam will have two paintings in the Wright Museum's 60th annual "Beloit & Vicinity" retrospective, running from May 27 to July 27. In the North Gallery, this show includes work from the Wright's permanent collection, past participating artists like Oliver, and local collections. The theme centers on the nostalgic feeling of Wisconsin and the Midwest. The Wright Museum of Art is part of Beloit College, and is located at 700 College St., Beloit, Wisconsin. Contact Oliver for details at 847-201-8407 or omerriam@yahoo.com.

Phil Schorn will be displaying, selling and drawing at the Grayslake Arts Festival on June 24, 10-4:00 pm in downtown Grayslake. There will also be a Wine Tasting tent next to the Festival. See the excellent flyer at http://www.grayslakechamber.com/documents/2017ArtsFestivalApplication_000.pdf. Contact the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce at 847-223-6888 for additional information.

Pat King will be teaching a two-day watercolor workshop at the Waukegan Park District's Visual Art Center on Wednesday and Thursday July 12 and 13, 10-3:00 pm. The workshop at 533 Grand Ave. will help students with composition, color mixing or other areas of individual interest. Pat will also be teaching an eight-week watercolor class there in the fall where each student will work on his or her own projects with one-on-one instruction. Contact the Waukegan Park District at (847) 360-4740 for details.

Paulette Colo and **Peggy Raasch** will be showing their work in the Artist on the Bluff gallery presentation of "Route 66 Members Show." The show opens with a 5:30-7:30 pm reception on Friday June 9 and continues through June 30. The gallery is located at 202 E Wisconsin Ave. in Lake Forest. Contact Paulette for details at 847-913-1628 or dpcolo64@comcast.net.

New member **John Fleck** will be in a dual show (representative image below left) with Anita Miller at the Danon Gallery, 1810 Central St. in Evanston. There will be an opening reception on June 15, and the work will be up for three weeks. Contact John for details at 847-674-2405 or jwfleck@gmail.com.



Tobi Abrams had a painting (image below right) juried into the Highland Park village hall art show, where her painting "The Glacier" is appearing through August. The show is sponsored by The Art Center. Village hall is located at 1707 Saint Johns Ave. in Highland Park. Contact Tobi for details at 847-255-6330 or artbytobiabrams@gmail.com.



Tony Stencil was commissioned by the publisher of Long Grove Living magazine, Harvey Stein/N2 publications, to create a watercolor painting (image below left) of the Village of Long Grove's well-known covered bridge. The painting depicts the bridge in autumn, in a representational style. Raffle tickets are being sold to benefit the "Save The Bridge" drive through the Long Grove Historical Society. Contact Harvey Stein of N2 publications for details at 224-639-3331.



Lee Radtke will for the entire month of June have a one-man show of his paintings (representative image above right) from several years of participation in the Cedarburg Wisconsin annual plein air competition. This will be at the Washington House Inn in Cedarburg. The annual competition is one of the largest of its kind in the country, with 150 artists entering. This year it will be June 6-17, and he will be painting there June 6, 7 and 12-14.

He will interrupt his Cedarburg painting to exhibit still more art at the Old Town Art Fair in Chicago on June 10 and 11. That will be Saturday 10-6:00 pm and Sunday 10-7:00 pm. His booth number is 260, located on Orleans St in front of the Crave Bar, an outdoor cafe. The Chicago show was voted America's #1 art fair. Contact Lee for details at 847-438-2778 or lee737@att.net.

ON-THE-WALL STATUS

Display at the Lake Villa Library involves a paid casual demo as patrons stop and talk to the artist. Without exception our artists have enjoyed it. **This is an amazing opportunity for artists in LCAL, AFAP and other area groups, but for some reason it is being underutilized and may be withdrawn. Please seriously consider using it to build your confidence in working and speaking in public.**

Available Space	pieces	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Jack Benny Center *	20-40	NA	FMS	FMS	CLC		NA		SMS	SMS	NA		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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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