LCAL Member News, June 2019

Spring LCAL Member Show

Instead of a monthly meeting in Grayslake, a critique took place on Monday, May 20th, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts in Waukegan.

Steve Jones, a former teacher at the CLC, was the guest judge for the Spring Member Show. The following artists/art earned awards:



Honorable Mention:

Anne Anderson

"After the Storm III" (watercolor)



Honorable Mention:

Thom Kapheim

"Entry" (mixed media)



3rd Place: Marshall Philyaw "The Hiker" (oil)



2nd Place: Lee Radtke "Waiting for Parts" (oil)



1st Place: Jack Kordt "Do-si-do" (acrylic)

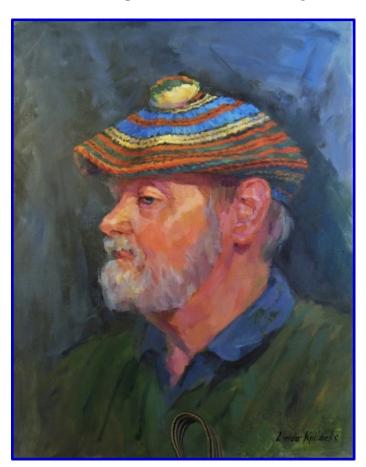


Best in Show: Linda Kollacks "Artisan at the Lathe" (oil)



Winning Group: Marshall Philyaw, Anne Anderson, Linda Kollacks, Lee Radtke, Thom Kapheim, Jack Kordt

Finished Image of March Demo by Linda Kollacks



This image is of the finished demo piece **Linda Kollacks** did for LCAL meeting in March.

"I knew I would not be able to complete the piece, but I had fun attempting to do as much as possible showing how I begin by noting the larger shapes. I then work within those shapes to find other smaller shapes, and low and behold, an image emerges!!! One is always looking for true values and color notes as one proceeds. I really like the way the Tam is molded around his head. My model was **Tim Anderson**, and he loves his Tam!

Of course, it was a challenge, but this is always good for artists."

Lake County Art League Was at June 1 Dandelion Wine Festival

Val Brandner photographed the LCAL tent at the annual Ray Bradbury Dandelion Wine Art & Music Festival in Waukegan's Bowen Park. There were about 30 pieces displayed for 10 members on the walls of the tent as shown. It was another 2019 rainy day, so attendance was a little low. The rain stopped in time for the opening, but it returned around 4:00 and effectively caused the festival to close two hours early.



Lee Radtke to Show at the Old Town Art Fair



Lee Radtke will be at the Old Town Art Fair in Chicago again this year — June 8-9, 2019. He will have many new pieces from different parts of the city, as well as a variety of other subject matter. Below is a sample of his work to be displayed. The website http://www.oldtownartfair.org/attend/ will provide information about the event.

Instruction Demo by Pat King and Skip Weezy at June LCAL Meeting

Pat King and **Skip Weezy** will be teaching two selected beginning artists to paint at the monthly LCAL meeting on **June 17, 2019**. The subject will be a scene from Waukegan. All LCAL members will have the opportunity to observe how the instructors coach these new art students. The demo will conclude with the Waukegan Park District explaining a fund raiser they are proposing that would involve teaching beginning artists who are prominent Waukegan citizens.

Carol Fink Sackschewsky to Show at the Benny Center in June ...



At the JBC, Carol Fink Sackshewsky will be exhibiting through June 26. There will be an **Artist Reception on Sunday June 23**, **2019**, **1:30-4:30 pm**, "an afternoon with the artist and friends of the Arts," and there will be refreshments.

... then Les Scott to Show at the Benny Center in July

Les will not be having a reception this time. In May he was in a three-man exhibit at Lemon Street Gallery in Kenosha, part of a Featured Artist program, and his July show will feature some of the same paintings.

... then Anne-Marie Bracken to Show at the Benny Center in September

An exhibit of Anne-Marie's digital works will run from September 3-28, 2019 at the Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive. A reception will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 1:00-3:00 pm. *Acoustic guitar music will be provided by Tim Bracken*. Light refreshments will be offered.

Philip Schorn Outdoor Summer Shows

Art & Wine Fest, downtown Grayslake, June 22, 10-4:00

Festival of the Arts on August 3-4, 2019, 10:00 am-5:00 pm at Cook Park in Downtown Libertyville. For more information, please see: https://festivalnet.com/9307/Libertyville-Illinois/Festivals/Festival-of-the-Arts

A Walk in the Park Arlington Heights, Sunday, August 25, 2019, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the North School Park, located at E. Eastman St. & N. Evergreen Ave. For more information see the website: https://www.ahpd.org/events/walk-in-the-park/.

Leslie Nauta and Roger Shule at Antioch Art Gallery June 8

Leslie says she and Roger will be showing at Art on The Lawn at Antioch Art Gallery, Saturday June 8, 11-6 pm. The show was open to AFAF member and non-member artists. She says dog rescue people will be at the show.

Art Quote

"The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity." Alberto Giacometti

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*.

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

Adler's LCAL Invitational Will Become Themed

The Adler Festival of the Arts will take place on August 3-4, 2019, 10:00 am-5:00 pm in Cook Park, historic downtown Libertyville. For more information: http://www.adlercenter.org/attend/festival-of-the-arts/.

Chris Tanner, On-The-Wall Director, sent a proposal to David Adler Music & Arts Center that should renew their annual February LCAL Invitational show starting in 2020. In 2018 Adler changed the Exhibitions program to be nearly revenue-neutral, to attract more visitors with an interesting theme, and to sell more art. The timing and scope of this change caused the 2019 LCAL Invitational to be lost to other exhibitors, but we have been assured of a 2020 LCAL Invitational.

Starting in 2012 Adler has annually selected five LCAL artists for a February exhibition. Each was invited to show 5-8 pieces based on the single piece entered in the Fall Membership Show.

The resulting Adler invitational show carried no theme beyond the honor of being selected, but was reliably viewed by family, friends and patrons of the artists. Adler chose not to select artists a second time, so over time their selections reached deep into the LCAL talent pool to showcase of the works of probably a third of art league members. Such diffuse recognition nicely reflected the LCAL emphasis on friendly competition and mentoring to grow its member's skills, and the Adler opportunity has been well received by our members.

Starting with our 2019 LCAL submission for a 2020 exhibition, LCAL will each year make a fresh proposal to the Adler Exhibitions Committee. Over time these submissions will reflect a growing Adler and LCAL understanding of how to stage an interesting theme within an invitational framework.

Now and in coming years the themes for the LCAL February Adler Show will somehow echo our stated purpose to "create more interest in art in Lake County ... and to develop a higher appreciation of visual art." We will address important elements of visual art, like the artistic quest, creative processes and how engaging the viewer will lead to viewer insight. The February 2020 Adler show will probably have a title like "Where Fine Art Starts." At a new Gallery Night feature each artist will discuss his or her displayed work, explain how a particular piece was entered in the 2019 Fall Membership Show, and how their collective artistic journeys converged at that moment. It will be about sharing and mentoring, and how artists speak to their viewers through art. It will be personal and compelling, and it will convince Adler that we should continue to be part of their annual exhibition series.