

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

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**Authentic and Beyond Presented by**  
**Joseph Barabe**

**President's Letter**

Hi all,

Well usually in March, I am so glad to be talking about the warmer weather, the spring bulbs starting to appear in our yards, and longer days of sunshine to fuel our creativity! Unfortunately, this month's president's letter comes with the sad news that our **March and April meetings are cancelled in order to comply with the social distancing that is in effect right now due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. Right now, the Homer Township Public Library is closed until further notice. As I am sure we would all agree, it is important to do what is necessary to help stop the spread of this virus and keep everyone healthy. **If anything changes we will keep you posted regarding our meetings so please check your email and our website as I will keep that up to date.**

I do want to say, that even though we all will be staying in more, we can still stay connected and do our art and share our art. I am going to work on some social media platforms for LAG that we can still share what we are doing artfully. As artists, musicians, writers, & art appreciators, we are very lucky for our gifts that will keep us preoccupied in our homes and give us something to do while we wait this out. I am sharing several art links here that our publicist, Betty Burian Kirk, found that you can check out. And also a link with many resources on COVID-19.

Also, I also want to share the newspaper article that was written about our own LAG member, Emily JB Christian, in the Joliet Herald News. Emily is a longtime LAG member and a part of the Lemont Center for the Arts. She is a wonderful person and helps out so much and it was great that the Joliet Herald recognized her!! Please take the time to read the newspaper article on her, link is below. Thank you to Denise M. Baran-Unland for writing this fine article!

I hope everyone is staying well and taking proper precautions as we get through this time to stay well! Thinking of all of you and thank you for your support! Please offer any ideas you have for staying connected and stay posted to your email and our LAG

website for ways we are staying connected to you. While there is never a good time for something like this to happen, we are fortunate to have internet technology to help us support each other and stay connected during times like these!

Sincerely,  
*Liz Connelly*  
LAG President

**2020 Programs and Important Events**

- ✚ **Mar. 25\*(4<sup>th</sup> Wed): CANCELLED**
- ✚ **April 15: For now: CANCELLED (Will announce if anything changes)**
- ✚ **Sun, May 17: AFA Best of the Best Reception at DuPage Art Gallery, 2-4 pm, awards at 3:15 pm, more information below.**
- ✚ **May 20: Art Journaling-April Schabes-Feel free to bring your sketchbook or art journal if you want!**

**Links to check out:**

**Joliet Herald Newspaper Article on Emily JB Christian:**

<https://www.theherald-news.com/2020/02/21/at-98-lemont-jewelry-artist-champions-the-creativity-of-others/dje2iem/>

**Public Facebook Group called**  
**Bildwissenschaft / Image Science:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/303114418443/permalink/10157874011753444/>

**Virtual National Park Tours:**

[https://totallythebomb.com/heres-33-national-park-tours-you-can-take-virtually-from-the-comfort-of-your-home?fbclid=IwAR2Nj8UlbzGNWBLHVITisSuZK74vp0p\\_u6s8xd0Fx5nqIsBflspDmX7QXhhU](https://totallythebomb.com/heres-33-national-park-tours-you-can-take-virtually-from-the-comfort-of-your-home?fbclid=IwAR2Nj8UlbzGNWBLHVITisSuZK74vp0p_u6s8xd0Fx5nqIsBflspDmX7QXhhU)

**Metropolitan Museum of Art Publications:**

[https://www.metmuseum.org/art/metpublications/titles-with-full-text-online?fbclid=IwAR0wwKyianLFjhf37SQ-Pta3VEop3\\_A-4nsV\\_N\\_5au8HIGO0yC4-L-b4zxA](https://www.metmuseum.org/art/metpublications/titles-with-full-text-online?fbclid=IwAR0wwKyianLFjhf37SQ-Pta3VEop3_A-4nsV_N_5au8HIGO0yC4-L-b4zxA)

**Up to date information on COVID-19:**

<https://www.coronavirusnow.com/>

**Do you have one?—e-mail me at [Lizypopp@hotmail.com](mailto:Lizypopp@hotmail.com) and I'll post it for others and include in April's newsletter!**

## CONGRATS! Feb. Back of Hall Winners!

- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup>: Gene Mark "From My Dad's Garden"
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diane Harn "Lets Play"
- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Kosl Truesdale "Morning Mist Lifting in Smoky Mountains"

### Notes from the Editor:

- ✚ Information for the LAG newsletter should be sent to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or [bbkirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbkirk@sbcglobal.net)



*They could have fought against it, begged for another way or gone off the path in hopes of finding an easier passage. Instead, they looked upon the trail ahead, the rough ridge, now bound by thick snow, and they accepted the path they had chosen.*

- Author: Sage Steadman

## Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

### 2020 Best of the Best Show Information:

If you are in this year's Best of the Best show, you have been notified from Liz about it. Here is information on this year's show:

**Show Location: DuPage Art League & Gallery**

218 West Front Street

Wheaton, IL 60187

**Show Dates: May 2-May 25, 2020**

**BoB Reception: Sun, May 17, 2020 in the afternoon 2-4 pm, Judge presentation & awards at 3:15 pm\***

*\*This is the information we have right now, if anything changes due to COVID-19, we will update you.*

- ✚ The AFA meets at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the People's Resource Center, 104 Chestnut Ave, Westmont, IL 60559. Upcoming meeting is April 14, 2020 (*unless announced it will be cancelled, more updates to follow at a later date*). LAG members are welcome to attend these meetings and volunteer to help out AFA. (Let Liz know if you want to attend.) The AFA website is [www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org).
- ✚ **AFA Student Scholarship Competition:** Look on the **next page** for pictures of the two students from Lockport Township High School that were entered into the competition.

*A good goals like a strenuous exercise – it makes you stretch.*

Mary Kay Ash

*Silence is a true friend who never betrays,*

Confucius

*Through the unknown, we'll find the new.*

Charles Baudelaire

## 2020 AFA Student Scholarship Competition

Each year, the Alliance of Fine Art holds a Student Scholarship Competition where each guild that belongs to AFA brings two student artworks from their local high school. LAG has partnered up with Lockport Township High School and we brought two wonderful student works to the competition. The AFA gives out (2) \$500 scholarships and (2) \$250 scholarships and we voted for the winners at our March AFA meeting. The pieces were up at Naperville Art League and Gallery and usually we have a reception for the students, but it was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 precautions.

**ALEXIS RAI A-"LIFE CYCLE"  
-PEN AND INK**



(Later this spring, LAG will be giving a student from Lockport and Lemont High Schools a \$200 scholarship. We only require that the senior is planning to study some form of art in college.)

We thought it would be great to highlight the two pieces we brought from Lockport. While they were not voted to win a scholarship, LAG is giving each student a \$25 honorarium for being chosen to be in the competition.

***Great work Alexis and Averi!***

**AVERI MALOWSKI-"2 SWEET 4 YOU"  
-MIXED MEDIA**

