

- ✦ **April 15: CANCELLED** (Will announce if anything changes)
- ✦ **Sun, May 17: AFA Best of the Best Reception CANCELLED**
- ✦ **May 20: CANCELLED** Art Journaling-April Schabes

President's Letter

Hi all,

I hope everyone is hanging in there and able to “Shelter at Home” during the COVID-19 Crisis we are all going through right now. I also pray that you and your families are well and this has not affected you or your family physically. Unfortunately, as I can guess you all expected, **Lemont Artists Guild will not be able to meet on our usual April or May dates.** 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 deadly virus and keep everyone healthy.

I have heard from several LAG members and some have made DIY masks for friends and loved ones. Others are making sure their loved ones are being cared for and getting them the groceries/medicine they need if they can't go to the store. I know a lot of us are “discovering” what is like to be at home much more than we are used to, without working or going to school to teach or take kids to and from school or afterschool activities, or go out with friends to dinner or.....the list goes on and on.

I would love to hear from you! Tell me what you are up to! A lot of us are on social media, but some aren't. If you can't communicate via social media, give me a call 815-34-1145 or send me an email at lizzypopp@hotmail.com and let me know how you are doing and spending your time. For those of us that can interact online, here are two Facebook links that you can check out, if you haven't already:

We finally created an **LAG Facebook Page:**
Look up **Lemont Artists Guild**
Or https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-Artists-Guild-107474634245261/posts/?ref=page_internal

(Note: This page is a learning experience for me, so I am sort of doing it as I go, and know there are so many ways to improve it!! If you have anything to add or pictures I could post, or whatever, please do so, so we can “boost” the page. *Please keep in mind to not post other people's artwork unless you have his/her permission. I want to be clear that we still have to protect the wishes of the individual artist.*

And LAG member and watercolor artist, Cyn O'Brien created a PRIVATE “**Interactive Artists**” Facebook page that you can be invited to! Contact her or myself and we'll send you a link. (I don't have everyone's Facebook, so I don't know if I invited all that are on it.) If you want to look me up, I am listed as **Liz Rende Popp Connelly** on Facebook and I would be glad to add you as a friend and invite you!

I am sorry to say that the 2020 Alliance of Fine Art Best of the Best Show has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. If you were a participant this year, your artwork will be eligible for next year's show. Hopefully we will be able to display in a gallery next year. This year's gallery has closed until further notice and they cancelled us showing there and did not offer a make-up month.

For now, please check your email for LAG updates. I am thinking about putting together an “online” LAG show on our website. Just working out details and getting board approval. I also would love to do some online videos or a Zoom call, but working out that as well. If you have an idea or have a video we can post on our website and Facebook page about your artwork or teaching a skill, please send it to me!! **WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!** *It is up to us to stay connected, and come up with new ways to do this.* That is all we can do right now, and pray we get through this time healthy and safe.

If you celebrate Easter, happy Easter to you!! I think I will actually have time this year to color some Easter eggs!! I will close with what is the new mantra:

Wash hands, don't touch face, stay at home!

Sincerely,
Liz Connelly
LAG President



LINKS TO CHECK OUT:

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(Or type Lemont Artists Guild in the search bar)

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=IwAR2Nj8UlbzGNWBLHVITisSuZK74vp0pu6s8xd0Fx5nqIsBflspDmX7QXhhU>

Metropolitan Museum of Art Publications:

https://www.metmuseum.org/art/metpublications/titles-with-full-text-online?fbclid=IwAR0wwKyianLFjhf37SQ-Pta3VEop3_A-4nsV_N_5au8HIG00yC4-L-b4zxA

Up to date information on COVID-19:

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

Do you have one?—e-mail me at Lizzypopp@hotmail.com and I'll post it for others and include in May's newsletter!

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

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

✚ 2020 Best of the Best Show Information:

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