

Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter



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MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

President's Letter

Hi all,

How are you doing? I hope your May is off to a good start, amid the unprecedented circumstances we are all experiencing due to COVID-19. I hope you and your family and friends are staying well.



Wishing a **Happy Belated Mother's Day** to our mother's out there! Hard to believe how fast spring is going and that mid-May is upon us! I hope your day was nice!

We have **EXCITING NEWS** to share, the Lemont Artists Guild currently has our first **ONLINE VIRTUAL MEMBER SHOW** on our website! Thank you to the members who were able to share their artwork. (If you did not see the notice about it, we will be having more of these, so stay posted for the next one.) We will have this one up probably until mid-June and then try to have a summer show. Visit our website at www.lemontartistsguild.org to view it!!

Finally, with things being so "up in the air" and us not being able to meet this spring, I haven't been able to work on our annual member renewal letters. (We usually do renewals in the spring.) I will plan to get them out in June. Hopefully by then we may know more about what our future holds as far as the next time we can have meetings, etc. and what our upcoming plans look like so we can present them better to our wonderful members and outside supporters! Stay tuned!

Have a wonderful May and please enjoy our online virtual exhibit!! We miss you but we are so glad we can stay connected to each other!!

Sincerely,
Liz Connelly
LAG President

2020 Programs and Important Events

- Our Meetings are cancelled at this time due to COVID-19.
- Visit our Website to see our **First Virtual Online Member Show** at www.lemontartistsguild.org

WEBSITE LINKS TO CHECK OUT:

Lemont Artists Guild Facebook Group:

Or https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-Artists-Guild-107474634245261/posts/?ref=page_internal
(Or type Lemont Artists Guild in the search bar)

Lemont Center for the Arts News:

Congratulations to **LAG Member Mona Parry** and Rob Moriarty for their recognition in the Sun Times for their amazing efforts and accomplishments for the Lemont Art and Culture Commission!! Go for a walk in downtown Lemont and you'll see the beautiful public art.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/murals-mosaics/2020/4/24/21232028/murals-lemont-illinois-labor-strife-rudy-king>

They also have a posting of their current exhibit called "ARTITUDE" that can be viewed online at:
https://spark.adobe.com/video/8kyFgSg4asqNu?fbclid=IwAR0IcalRNOoKNbTSkymuSvVZ-ewsv2A4ABO-Gj9sZB7Vh8XO_DW2FgNuyTO

Call for Artists: Illinois State Museum Covid-19 show
<http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org/content/upload-and-share-covid-19-experience>

Up to date information on COVID-19:
<https://www.coronavirusnow.com/>

Recreated Museum Paintings:

<https://www.boredpanda.com/art-recreation-at-home-getty-museum-challenge/>

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

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 815-341-1145 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**

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(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!

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

✚ **2020 Best of the Best Show Information:**

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. The AFA will plan to start meeting again in the Fall.