



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

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Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:00 to 8:30 pm (via Zoom)

**Photo Techniques for Macro Photography,
Depth of Field,
and Soft Focus Photography**



On May 12th, the Homer Township Public Library and the Lemont Artists Guild present Photo Techniques for Macro Photography, Depth of Field and Soft Focus Photography. Photographer and

Instructor, Laurie Piton, will give an open discussion/lecture on Macro Photography, Depth of Field and Soft Focus Photography. In her discussion of Macro Photography, she will discuss the different types of macro lenses and macro filters on the market, focusing for macro, and lens opening techniques. In her discussion of Depth of Field, she will discuss what depth of field is, how to control it, how to expand it, and how to use it creatively. In her discussion of Soft Focus Photography, she will discuss image editing techniques and filters on the market. You will have the opportunity to ask questions while discussing these topics. This is a great opportunity to learn about some very useful, creative, and fun photo techniques from an experienced photographer!

Laurie's photography instruction, called Creative Imagery, Inc., established in 1991, has been offering photography programs to students in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Her classes have equal part instruction and hands-on experience utilizing her experience of on-location assignments to aid students in real life photographic situations. Her courses include: Digital Photography, Digital Photography and Using the Computer, Advanced Digital SLR Photography, and Composition. Visit her website at <http://photog-class.com/> to find out more about her classes and find her on Facebook under her name, Laurie Piton.

**TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM,
YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE HOMER
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WEBSITE:**

Register at:

<https://homerlibrary.org/photo-techniques>

**OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED
BY THE:**

**Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**

www.homerlibrary.org

708-301-7908

Spring 2021

*****Please note that our events with the library are taking place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via ZOOM*****

- ✦ **May 12-7 pm: Laurie Piton-Photo Techniques for Soft Focus, Macro Close-Up, & Depth of Field**
- ✦ **We will resume our meetings in the fall starting in Sept. (most likely via Zoom) on the 2nd Wed. of the month. Have a great summer! Program topics TBA.**

President's Letter

Hi all,

I hope you are enjoying some of the nice weather we have been having in between some of the cloudy, rainy days. I guess Spring is kind of like that, a little unpredictable! I think we are all getting used to things being a little different than they used to be, so the up and down weather is just part of the "swing of things." We have great news that one of our LAG members has just become a Grandmother! Congratulations to Dee Everson and her husband on becoming 1st time grandparents and we welcome Asher Lea to the world!

In other news, be sure to look on the following page, the information for this year's **Alliance of Fine Art, "Best of the Best" show. And, I also have listed information on the 2021 AFA Student Scholarship Competition Online Exhibit.** We had a student winner this year from LAG's two submitted entries!! We also are pleased to announce LAG's annual scholarships of \$200 to one Lemont High School Student, congratulations to Emma Stout, and one Lockport Township High School Student, congratulations to Ellie Anselmo.

Hope to "see" you on May 12, 2021 for the LAG monthly program that will be presented by Laurie Piton on a few different photo techniques to help enhance your picture taking!

Sincerely,

Liz Connelly, LAG President

E-mail: lemontartistsguild@gmail.com

Notes from the Editor: Information for the LAG newsletter should be given to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or bbkirk@sbcglobal.net or bettykirk321@gmail.com.

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

The next AFA meeting will be May 10 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. If you want to participate, please check with Liz.

The AFA website is www.allianceoffineart.org.

AFA 2021 Best of the Best Show Update:

Location: **DuPage Art League and Gallery**

218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

Duration: May 1st to May 26th, 2021

VIRTUAL AWARDS RECEPTION:

Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 2 pm – 3pm

(Streaming Link TBA on their website)

Gallery Hours: M-F: 9 am-5 pm, Sat: 9-2 pm*

*Social distancing measures and face covering required when visiting the gallery.

LAG artists showing this year are: Cheryl Ferber, Diane Harn, Teresa Moorehouse, Michael Preski, Lynn Rozycki, Mary Kodl Truesdale, and Jackie Uznanski

Visit the AFA Website to see the 2021 Student Scholarship Competition:

<https://www.allianceoffineart.org/2021-student-scholarship-competition.html>

LAG is pleased to have one of the students whom they entered win a \$500 award this year, from Lockport Township High School, Ellie Anselmo for her oil painting, “Daydreaming,” (pictured below) Congratulations Ellie!



Savings to inspire you this month:

Happiness is a like butterfly which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you sit quietly, may alight upon you.

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

The more relaxed you can get, the better you'll do. -Isac Mizrahi

The other AFA Student Scholarship entry from Lockport was Mariella Salvadore's “Tryptych” watercolor piece (pictured below)



Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA): The center has re-opened!!! Come visit on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday from Noon to 4pm. (Always Free Admission)

1243 State Street, Unit 101

Lemont, Illinois 60439, 630-243-7375

“Response to the Covid 19 Pandemic” exhibit opens May 7 and will go through June 27. It will feature local artists' pieces and their thoughts about how the pandemic has impacted their creativity and production. There are a few LAG Artists in it, so hope you will visit it and show your support!

They always need volunteers during their open hours, if you are interested in volunteering, call them at the number above or email lemontcenterarts@gmail.com

A NEW PAGE HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR WEBSITE. “CALL FOR ARTISTS.” VISIT:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/call-for-artists>

We will list information if a group contacts us to post their call for artists. One of the shows currently listed is the Elmhurst Artists' Guild upcoming “Engaging Frida” so check out that page for more information!

FINALLY-WE WILL SEND OUT AN EMAIL IN May to our membership to vote for our 2021-2022 LAG Board of Officers.

If you are interested in being on the slate, please email us at lemontartistsguild@gmail.com. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Member-at-Large).

More Savings to inspire you this month:

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans.

It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.

-Horace

People need dreams, there's as much nourishment in 'em as food. -Dorothy Gilman