



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

www.lemontartistsguild.org

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
7:00 to 8:30 pm (via Zoom)

**Flower Pastel Demonstration with
Watercolor Underpainting
Presented by Kathleen Newman**



On March 10th, the Homer Township Public Library and the Lemont Artists Guild present artist Kathleen Newman, who will provide a flower painting demonstration by starting with a watercolor underpainting which will then be followed by layers of pastel.

She will discuss the use and planning of the artwork by creating a black and white sketch (notan) beforehand. She says that she loves drawing and pastel provides the “tactile” experience of drawing and mixing color on the paper right before one’s own eyes. A set of pastels is like a visual candy store of color and all one has to do is pick up a stick and try it out. Patience to let the pastel build slowly for layering effects is important in the way she works. She also works in other mediums and says that each medium has specific methods that need to be mastered. For pastels, it is important to develop the “touch” and the pressure sensitivity to glaze, layer, and the decision of when and when not to use bold strokes.

After studying at the American Academy of Art, Kathleen began an illustration and design business, Queen of Arts Studios, Inc. After the arrival of her children, she put aside the illustration work and began painting full time. She creates artwork inspired by her love of the outdoors and the many moods of light and shadow that occur across the landscape and in particular, over water. She has been awarded the Master’s Circle Gold Medal by the International Association of Pastel Societies (<https://www.iapspastel.org/>) and also signature letters in the Pastel Society of America, the American Impressionist Society, Chicago Pastel Painters and the American Transparent Watercolor Society. Kathleen teaches weekly in Chicago’s Old Town neighborhood and workshops across the country. She also recently began teaching online. You can see her works and learn more about her at www.kathleennewman.com.

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

Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL
www.homerlibrary.org
708-301-7908

Winter/Spring 2021

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

- ✚ **Mar. 10-7 pm: Kathy Newman-Pastels**
- ✚ **April 14-7 pm: Joseph Barabe-Art Fraud**
- ✚ **May 12-7 pm: Laurie Piton-Photo Techniques for Soft Focus, Macro Close-Up, & Depth of Field**

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

<https://homerlibrary.org/homer-live-lemont-artists-guild-flower-pastel-demonstration-watercolor-underpainting>

(You do not have to be a library or LAG member to attend. See next page for more “Zoom” information)

President’s Letter



Hi all,

Welcome to March! It is great to start the month out with some much welcomed sunshine up here in Illinois. Last month, in addition to our regular monthly program, we had some “Zoom” meetups at a couple different dates and times. I plan to create a couple for March, so please check your email for those announced dates and Zoom links. Those that shared enjoyed conversation with others, talking about artwork and things going on in their lives. It was a lot of fun! We are excited for three more monthly programs this year via Zoom with the Homer library, and hope that you can join us for them as well. Following this letter, I have also included information for this year’s Alliance of Fine Art, “Best of the Best” show. *If you were eligible last year (as last year’s show was cancelled), then you will be asked to be in this year’s show, I am working on contacting those artists this*

week to give you the details. The awards reception will be virtual, but the gallery will be open in person for viewing with social distancing measures in place. (Read on for more information.) Hope to “see” you on March 10 the LAG monthly program that will be presented by Kathleen Newman! She will give us insight in using pastels with a watercolor underpainting. You don’t want to miss this one!

Hope you can enjoy March and see some spring blossoms soon!

Sincerely,

Liz Connelly, LAG President

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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.

Visit our Facebook Page!

Look up Lemont Artists Guild or go to

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-ArtistsGuild107474634245261/posts/?ref=page_internal

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

The next AFA meeting will be Mon., March 8 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. If you want to participate, please check with Liz. The AFA website is www.allianceoffineart.org. (Check out what all the other local guilds are doing as well at the AFA site, there are links to over 10 guilds on their website!)

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

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

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

ZOOM INFORMATION: LAG Zoom meetings with the library are open to the public and will take place as Zoom Interactive Calls. (Zoom is an application that you can download to your smart phone via the Apple Store or Play Store app. Or, you can also download it to your computer/laptop/tablet by visiting <https://zoom.us/signup>. Then, you can attend by registering through the Homer Township Library website (website link is above). **After registering, you will receive in your e-mail a link to the Zoom meeting at least 15 minutes or more in advance of the program. If you don’t see the link to the Zoom meeting from the library in your e-mail, make sure you check your spam/junk folder!**

If you need help, we can try to guide you, but please call a few days ahead of time, contact Liz at 815-341-1145 or email lemontartistsguild@gmail.com. You can also check out <https://zoom.us/resources> to help you work with Zoom!

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

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

Elmhurst Artists Guild (EAG) Show Starting March 4th, 2021

EAG has been kind enough to mention our events in their newsletter. They will have their first gallery showing this year starting March 4, 2021. Visit their website at

<https://www.elmhurstartistsguild.org/> to find out more about them and their upcoming showings!

Sayings to inspire you this month:

**The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.* -Michelangelo

**Every failure is a step to success.* -William Whewell

**Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower.* -Hans Christian Anderson

**Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.* -Greg Anderson