



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

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Wednesday, September 14, 2022

7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Kumihimo - The Art of Japanese Braiding

Presented by Betty Burian Kirk

***RSVP IS REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION**



On September 14, 2022, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library (14320 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491), the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present **Betty Burian Kirk, who will talk about Kumihimo:**

The Art of Japanese Braiding. Betty will give a historic overview of how Kumihimo was brought to Japan and the connection to the Japanese Samurai Warriors. Various braiding techniques will be covered by Betty and an abundance of samples will be displayed. Betty will give a demonstration on how the braiding is done on a Marudai (pronounced mar-oo-dye) which is a round-top braiding stand used to make a wide variety of Kumihimo braids such as round, square, rectangular, flat, triangular, and other polygonal shapes. (To learn more about the Marudai visit: <https://amksoc.org/glossary/marudai/>) Attendees present will be given a cardboard disc and Betty will guide them to make a form of the Kumihimo braiding.

Betty studied art at Northern Illinois University where she earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree. She taught 13 years as an elementary school art teacher and three semesters as a college weaving instructor. She now teaches at regional and national fiber conferences and sells her handmade wearable fiber art at art shows in Illinois. Her website is www.bbkirk.com and she is a long-time member and the Publicity/Newsletter Editor for the Lemont Artists Guild.

While things are getting better regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are still asking everyone to register ahead of time with the library as we do have a limit of 30 people. (See the end of Liz's President's Letter if you need help registering)

To attend this free event, please register through the **Homer Township Public Library** at: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/kumihimo>

OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED AND TAKE PLACE AT:

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

708-301-7908

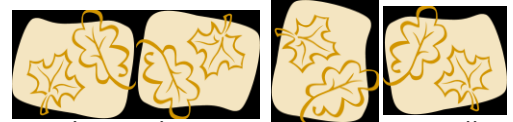
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***Please note that our events at the library are taking place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the exception of Nov. '22 which is the 3rd Wed.

- ✚ Sept. 14-7 pm: **Betty Burian Kirk-Kumihimo-The Art of Japanese Braiding**
- ✚ Oct. 12-7 pm: **Jasonn Pellegrini-Astrophotography**
- ✚ Nov. 16-7 pm*(3rd Wed): **Ellen Rottsolk-Figure Drawing**
- ✚ Dec. Holiday Party-Date TBA
- ✚ Jan. 11-7 pm: **Annual Show and Tell**
- ✚ Feb. 8-7 pm: **Colleen Klimczak-Studio/Art Supply Organization**
- ✚ March 8-7 pm: **TBA**
- ✚ April 12-7 pm: **Leslie DeCoursey-Botanical Illustration**
- ✚ May 10-7 pm: **April Schabes-Art Journaling**

President's Letter

Hi All,



Welcome to Sept! As it always seems, summer really went by too fast! But hopefully everyone reading this had a good summer, reconnected with some family and friends, and got some rest and relaxation. Thank you so much to Mona Parry and all the commissioners with the Lemont Center for the Arts (Lemont Art and Culture Commission) for hosting the Lemont Artists Guild's Member Artwork at LCA this past summer. We are sad the show had to end early due to LCA having to close their doors, but we were so thankful to be there. We wish LCA the best and hope they find a new physical location soon! In the meantime, they are still operating as the commission and you can see any updates they have on their website at www.artlemont.org. If anyone has any leads for a new location for them, please let them know via their website contact link <https://www.artlemont.org/contact.html> or email them at lemontcenterarts@gmail.com.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to our vice-president, Lynn Rozycki, who did an amazing job this summer coordinating "Plein Air" outings. We had a nice turn-out on several planned Mondays at various locations, including parks or Forest Preserve settings. She did prep-work ahead of time to call and make sure the places were open, could have us there, and had public restrooms we could use and notify

those attending via e-mails. Pictured below is Lynn and one of her renderings from Lake Katherine. You can see more Plein Air pics at this YouTube link <https://youtu.be/8iDgvUbVuB0> which is also on our website here: <https://lemontartistsguild.org/past-programs%2Fevents>



Lynn is wonderful, she also coordinates our programs/speakers for our upcoming meetings and is so helpful to the guild! Thank you to Lynn and to all those that could attend the Plein Air outings!

Well, it took me all summer (sorry) but I was able to upload the recording I did at our May meeting with Richard Lee, "Art and Science." I want to note, I am not a professional, but I did my best. You may have to turn the volume up a little to hear Richard speaking (I plan to record Betty's program as well, wish me luck!). Richard had a lot of interesting information to share and really interesting photos, so if you missed it or want to see it again, here is the YouTube Recording: https://youtu.be/9_j1YXhwxIE

Please be on the lookout in September for the LAG Slate of Officers. We will be voting at our October meeting for our 2022-2023 LAG Officers.

Sayings to Inspire You:

"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company," said Tiny Dragon

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication

Leonardo da Vinci

We are all a little broken. But last time I checked, broken crayons still color the same.

Trent Shelton

Finally, please be sure to register for the September LAG Meeting! While things are getting better regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic, **we are still asking everyone to register ahead of time with the library as we do have a limit of 30 people. The link is listed on the 1st page of our newsletter and also on our website and emails we sent out!** If you need help registering, please contact me at my email below or phone below. **If you are an LAG Member, we will be having "Back of the Hall" so be sure to bring one of your artworks to show! Have a great September all!**

-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 bettykirk321@gmail.com

May Back of the Hall Winners:

1st: Michael Preski, "Self Portrait #2"

2nd: Gina Rende, "Purple Pod"

3rd: Chuck Wright, "Bell P39 Aircobra"

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA):

The Alliance of Fine Art, sadly, had to dissolve this past spring as a result of lack of people to help run it. It was around many years and we had many wonderful events through it including the Best of the Best Annual Art Show and Student Scholarship Competition. The Lemont Artists Guild has always been highly involved and volunteered to help AFA and had our members serving as board members for many years. Thank you AFA for all the wonderful years we had with you!

Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA):

As mentioned in the President's Letter, we also are sad to report that the LCA gallery and shop on State St. in Lemont **has officially closed its doors there.** It will hopefully reopen at a new location but the Lemont Art and Culture Commission is still operating. Visit their website at www.artlemont.org for updates.