



Wednesday, May 10, 2023

7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Botanical Art with Zentangle Style presented by Patricia Mroczka

*RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS
DESCRIPTION



On May 10, 2023 at 7 pm, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present Pat Mroczka who will discuss her Botanical Art with Zentangle Style. Pat Mroczka is

an award winning artist who uses watercolor and mixed media to depict botanic art using her decorative style. She will talk about her techniques and bring examples of her artwork as well as show some of her finished artwork. She also will show stages of how to glue artwork to a wood board and discuss UV varnishing of the artwork to preserve it. If time allows, she will be prepared to work on an art piece that is already in progress.

While trying various mediums, her current use of watercolor has evolved with the use of doodle-like forms in her florals/leaves — her favorite subject matter. Watercolor captures the fragility of the essence of her subjects. In addition, watercolor in conjunction with the Zentangle/doodle style is most relaxing, fun and spiritually satisfying, as well as challenging.

Pat's love of art began at the Sinsinawa Dominican Center near Dubuque. She continued her studies at the Art Institute of Chicago. She loved the detail in technical work involved in constructing buildings on paper which led her to also obtain an Associate's Degree in Architecture. Pat says that the quaint homes where she lives in Downers Grove and their downtown area has been a source of inspiration to her for more than 30 years and she continues to complete home portraits for her clients.

A signature member of the Illinois Watercolor Society, Pat achieved Honorable Mentions in three National Shows in Dixon IL. She is also a member of the Downers Grove Artists' Guild, Naperville Art League and Nature Artists' Guild of The Morton Arboretum, and received several awards also with the DuPage Art

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

2022-2023 Upcoming Events

Remaining Programs on 2nd Wed. of the Month:

✦ **May 10-7 pm: Pat Mroczka-Botanical Art Zentangle Style**

✦ **Create and Chat Artists Meet-up*
in Conference Room at Homer Library**

Monday May 15-1:00pm - 3:00pm

✦ **August 2023: LAG Member Exhibit at Gallery Seven in Lockport, IL-More details to come to our Members but mark these dates:**

✦ **Reception-August 4th-6-8 pm**

✦ **Drop-off Artwork on Sat. July 29 from 12-5 pm OR Sunday July 30th 12-3 pm**

✦ **Pick-up Artwork on Sunday Aug. 27 from 3-4 pm only (Absolutely NO EARLY PICK-UP!!!) OR Thurs. Aug. 31 from 12-4 pm**

Visit www.lemontartistsguild.org for detailed information on our events.

Visit and "Like" our Facebook Page!

Look up Lemont Artists Guild

League, and La Grange Art League. She has had solo exhibits at the Oak Park Arms Hotel and the Villa in Lisle in 2019. In September 2018 she was accepted for the highly acclaimed Naperville Riverwalk Fine Art Fair and her artwork was used for their publicity posters. She was just the "Spring Featured Artist" for The Morton Arboretum's Nature Artists' Guild this past April. You can view her Facebook page under Patricia Mroczka and can find a lot of her beautiful artwork images on line by looking up her name.

Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/event/botanical>

President's Letter

Hi All,

I hope it has been a nice spring so far for you. We are in full swing with lots of activities happening. We will be getting the forms out soon to our LAG Members regarding our showing at Gallery Seven in August. Take a peek in the important dates box above if you want to mark the important drop off and pick up dates for the artwork. We will detail this all in the form you will need to fill out to be in the show. A new requirement will be for you to provide jpg pictures of the works you are submitting in addition to the work's information.

We had a great time in April learning about Art Journaling! Thank you to April Schabes and Barbara Thompson, who did

the presentation that April prepared as April could not be at the meeting due to illness. We learned how to use more technology with a cable that connected to my cell phone that worked with the projector and we were able to see the examples and demonstration on the room's large screen! Such fun!

We're also looking forward to our May 10 meeting with award winning artist, Patricia Mroczka, who will be discussing her Botanical Art with Zentangle Style!

As I mentioned last month as well, please go visit the Lemont Library to check out a beautiful display of photography in their display case that I worked with some of our members who had pictures of Lemont. Mona Parry did a great presentation at the Lemont Library on April 27 on the Lemont Art and Culture Commission's public art in Lemont that was titled "From Murals to Mosaics." LACC Commissioner, Charmaine Drafke did a wonderful slide show to go along with Mona's narration. Well done, and we learned a lot! We even had one of our past presidents, Barbara Norum, who was visiting with her husband Eric from California, come to the presentation. *Pictured below L-R are:* Margarita Piaskowy, Lynn Rozycki, Barbara Norum, Betty Burian Kirk, Liz Connelly, Nancy Uznanski, and Mona Parry.



I want to take a moment to congratulate this year's **High School Scholarship winners**, in which we are awarding a \$200 Scholarship to Hanna Rasmussen from Lockport Township High School and Kate Kasper of Lemont High School! Great job to these two students!

Finally, be on the lookout  for our coordination of the **Summer Plein Air dates!** Thank you to Lynn Rozycki who is planning this again for us! We are planning some in similar spots as last year, and some in Downtown Lemont! **As of now, we're planning to start up on Monday, June 5 and then they will be every other Monday** after that throughout the summer. More details to follow!

Have a great May all, and Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there!

-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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR April Back of the Hall Winners:*

1st: **TIE:** Cheryl Ferber "A Favorite Stop" and Mary Kodl Truesdale "Divi Tree Aruba"

2nd: Mary Fronczak Grochocinski "Winter Thaw"

3rd: Liz Connelly "Summer Petals Bloom"

***Visit our website to see our 1st Place winners:**

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/back-of-the-hall>

Village of Lemont's 150th Anniversary

The Village of Lemont is celebrating 150 years this 2023!

Visit the Lemont Library to see their Display Case (by entrance) with Photographs of Lemont by Matt Kosic, Gene Mark, and William Uznanski (William's submitted by Nancy Uznanski).

Lemont Library, 50 E. Wend Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Sayings to Inspire You:

Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Be brave enough to be bad at something new.

Jon Acuff

When you can't find the sunshine be the sunshine. Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off your goal. -Anonymous