



# Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

Building Appreciation for the Arts

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023

7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY\*

## Plein Air Demonstration & Tips

with David Becker

**\*RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION**



On Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7 pm, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present award winning artist, David Becker who will show his

expertise in painting and provide some Plein Air tips. Plein air is the act of painting/creating art outdoors with the natural lighting and landscape. David will bring his plein air easel and supplies to demonstrate his plein air process and give some tips on painting outdoors. David works in many mediums, including watercolor, oils, and acrylics, and is mostly recognized for his watercolor scenes of Chicago. David is the author of “Watercolor Composition Made Easy,” and “How to Sketch with Watercolor.” He has had two different articles published in “International Artist Magazine” and in “Watercolor Magic.” He has reached signature status in the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, and has won numerous awards for his work from watercolor societies around the country.

Since 1983, David had spent most of his artistic life and career in the city of Chicago. He studied at The American Academy of Art in Chicago which is the reason that a large majority of his subject matter comes from his life in the city that he loves so much. After studying there, he went into illustrating for a major advertising agency, J. Walter Thompson, and later, for Foote Cone and Belding. He also started teaching around the country right out of school, but always found time for his favorite ambition, creating fine art paintings. One can find many of his works hanging in homes and businesses throughout Chicagoland. David’s favorite painting was commissioned by Starbucks to do a scene for their Macy’s Starbucks store that was to include a scene looking out of that store’s window, onto Wabash, that included the “L” platform. This painting used to hang in the Northeast corner of the Macy’s Starbucks store on Randolph and

OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED AND  
TAKE PLACE AT:

Homer Township Public Library  
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL  
[www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org)  
708-301-7908

### 2023-2024 Upcoming Events at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

#### 2023

- ✦ Wed. Nov. 8-7 pm: **David Becker - Plein Air Tips/Demo**
- ✦ Mon. Nov. 20-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**
- ✦ Wed. Dec. 6, 2023: **LAG Members Holiday Party - at LaDolce Vita in Lemont, 6 pm, more info. to follow.**
- ✦ Mon. Dec. 18-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**

#### 2024

- ✦ Wed. Jan. 10-7 pm: **Annual Show and Tell**
- ✦ Mon. Jan. 15-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**
- ✦ Wed. Feb. 14-7 pm: **Betty Burian Kirk-Felting**
- ✦ Mon. Feb. 19-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**
- ✦ Wed. Mar. 13-7 pm: **Folk Art of Paper Cutting with Grace Bazylewski**
- ✦ Mon. Mar. 18-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**
- ✦ Wed. Apr. 10-7 pm: **Ceramics with Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi**
- ✦ Mon. Apr. 15-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**
- ✦ Wed. May 8-7 pm: **Pastel with Kim Abbati**
- ✦ Mon. May. 20-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat**

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Wabash, but recently the store has been renovated and the painting is no longer there. Becker currently is focusing on his business and art practice with BeckerArt LLC. Subscribe to his YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@BeckerArt> and watch his FREE Paint-a-Long lesson every Thursday at 6:00 pm on YouTube. You can also find more about David on his website at [www.beckerart.net](http://www.beckerart.net), his Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/beckerartllc> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/davidrbecker/>

**Please Register at:** <https://www.homerlibrary.org/plein>

### President’s Letter

Hi All,



Wow! November already!? How did we get here? As I type this, it is a crisp fall day and I just came in from raking some leaves, they are finally falling here in the Midwest!

Thank you so much to all of our LAG Members who renewed your membership. I have been receiving them in the mail and we are so thankful for your support. We

have also had a good amount of new members join us this past year and it is so exciting to be growing our membership!

If you recently joined then you won't get a renewal letter until next year's membership drive. If you are reading this and are not a member yet, but would like to be, go to this link to download our "Join Us" brochure:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/join-us>

**Thank you to Cyn O'Brien who did an amazing paint-along watercolor program for us in October!** We had a full house of participants, and everyone had a great time! Below is a picture of some attendees at our October meeting:



**Our upcoming meeting with David Becker showing us his Plein Air demonstration has already filled up** to the capacity of registrants, but you can still sign up for the wait list in case there is a cancellation. The link is on the previous page. **We have planned our annual Holiday Party at LaDolce Vita again in Lemont on Wed. Dec. 6 at 6 pm.** LAG members will receive more information on attending very soon!

**I recently updated our website with a page that includes websites from other organizations that could be useful to you.** It is hard to really keep track of everything going on...let alone announce it, so this is a place where you can check out for yourself the many art happenings! You can view it at: <https://lemontartistsguild.org/area-art-groups%2Fgalleries>

**There are also two different LIBRARY EVENTS HAPPENING in November that we want to share!** One at the Homer Library and one at the Lemont Library which we have been personally invited by both to attend. We hope you will show them your support if you are able:

**The Homer Twp. Library's Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting & Kickoff Party celebrating the completion of their expansion project on Monday, November 13 at 5pm. Please RSVP if you are able to attend** to Administrative Assistant Patti Nakutis at 708.745.9246 or [patti@homerlibrary.org](mailto:patti@homerlibrary.org).

Find out more at: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/event/grand-opening-party-and-ribbon-cutting>

**The Lemont Library will be having a Book Launch Party to celebrate the release of the book "Images of America: Lemont" on Fri. Nov. 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** with local authors and historians Kevin Barron of Southcookexplore and Jason Berry, in association with the Lemont Area Historical Society and Museum and Pat Camalliere. There will be refreshments, a reading from the book, and copies for sale. This event is expected to fill and space is limited. If you are

interested in joining, please register soon at:

<https://lemontlibrary.libnet.info/event/9266531>

**ClaySpace will be having the opening of their annual student show on November 3rd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

This show highlights their talented students and their finished creations in sculpture, handbuilding and wheel thrown pottery. **The show will run through November 14th.** More information visit: [www.clayspace.net/events](http://www.clayspace.net/events)

**LAG Member, Nancy Demikis Ciesiel, was accepted in the McCord Gallery & Cultural Center's current exhibit "Common Threads: Art & Fiber" that runs Thru Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and the Reception is Nov. 10 from 6 to 8 pm.** Congrats Nancy! For more information visit:

<https://www.mccordgallery.org/exhibitions>

I am sure there is more to say, with so much happening right now, but I am running out of room! Wishing you a bountiful November, ***we are so thankful for you!***

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](mailto:bettykirk321@gmail.com)

### **October 2023 BACK OF THE HALL**

**Congratulations to:**

1st place: Barb Kelly: "Autumn Bounty"

2nd Place: Michael Preski: "Business as Usual"

3rd Place: Betty Burian Kirk: "Black and White Scarf"

*See the monthly 1<sup>st</sup> place winners on our website at:*

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

### **Sayings to Inspire You:**

*Attitude is the difference between an ordeal and an adventure.*

*Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life but will surely add life to your years.  
Logic may get you from A to B, Imagination will take you everywhere.*

Albert Einstein

*To develop a complete mind: Study the science of art; Study the art of science; Learn how to see; Realize that everything connects to everything else.*

Leonardo DaVinci