



Wednesday, February 14, 2024
7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Feltmaking

presented by Betty Burian Kirk

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



On February 14, 2024, at 7 pm, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Feltmaking, where multi-talented and award winning fiber artist, Betty Burian Kirk, will share the fine art craft of feltmaking. She will go over many aspects of feltmaking including the history of making felt, how it is made, and its contemporary techniques and uses. A lucky attendee will win one of Betty's felted hearts!



Also, a former teacher, some of Betty's many talents include weaving, spinning, ribbon flowers, tassels, Japanese bookbinding and braiding (Kumihimo). Betty frequently teaches at regional and national conferences. This summer she will be teaching Japanese bookbinding at Convergence 2024 in Wichita KS as well as spinning novelty yarns. Her website is www.bbkirk.com

PLEASE REGISTER AT:
<https://www.homerlibrary.org/feltmaking>

President's Letter

Hi All,



Wishing you a fun and hopefully warmer February! We had a great time at our annual show and tell meeting that was in January, thank you to all those that attended and were able to share your art with us.

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

2024 Upcoming Events at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

2024

- ✦ Sun. Feb. 4-2-4 pm: **Best of the Best Reception at DuPage Art League and Gallery-see more info. next page**
- ✦ Wed. Feb. 14-7 pm: **Feltmaking with Betty Burian Kirk**
- ✦ Mon. Feb. 26-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat (4th Mon)**
- ✦ Wed. Mar. 13-7 pm: **Folk Art of Paper Cutting with Grace Bazylewski**
- ✦ Fri. Mar. 15-6 pm: **Stories of Lemont Zine Release Party at the Table Church in Lemont Downtown, 102 Stephen St Lemont, IL-see more info. next page**
- ✦ Mon. Mar. 25-1-3 pm: **Create and Chat (4th Mon)**
- ✦ 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**

Visit and "Like" our Facebook Page!

Look up Lemont Artists Guild

I hope you will start thinking about **saving the date for the "Stories of Lemont" Zine Release Party**. There are more details following this letter. It should be a fun time on Friday evening, March 15 in Lemont Downtown!

Coming up sooner than that is the exhibition at DuPage Art League and Gallery showcasing and giving awards for "Best of the Best" artwork. They have revived the former Best of the Best show that used to be put on by the now dissolved Alliance of Fine Art (AFA). More details are also after this letter, but congratulations to our LAG Artists in the show: Kathy Birch, Betty Burian Kirk, Liz Connelly, Cheryl Ferber, Michael Preski, Gina Rende, & Mary Kodl Truesdale.

Our March 13 monthly program on the Folk Art of Paper Cutting with Grace Bazylewski is already filled, but there are a few waitlist spots if you want to get on the waitlist, fill in your information at <https://www.homerlibrary.org/papercutting> or call the library to request to be on the waitlist at (708) 301-7908.

We are very thankful for our own LAG member, Betty, to be our speaker at our February 14 program! Betty is so talented and has done programs for us on many different topics! I hope you will join us on February 14! That is also Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, a busy day, but we hope you can make some time to attend.

As we progress into 2024, future announcements will give more information on our upcoming summer Plein Air dates and we plan to have another member exhibition at Gallery Seven in November. Things are moving fast but we are grateful to be able to plan these events! **Have a great February!** Sincerely, *Liz Connelly, LAG President*

E-mail: lemontartistsguild@gmail.com

Website: www.lemontartistsguild.org

View and "Like" our Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100047747719705>

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

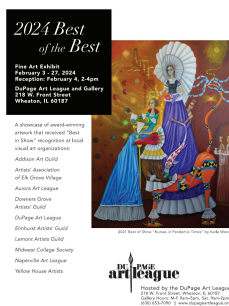
January 2024 BACK OF THE HALL

Congratulations to:

- 🏆 1st: Diane Harn "Winter Feeding"
- 🏆 2nd: Mary Fronczak Grochocinski "Preston"
- 🏆 3rd: Michael Preski "Pablo & his 3 Musicians"

See the monthly 1st place winners on our website at:

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



The Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to announce that seven LAG Artists will be in the upcoming "Best of the Best" exhibit at DuPage Art League and Gallery (DPAL)!

2024 Best of the Best Fine Art Exhibit Exhibiting Organizations: Addison Art Guild, Artists' Association of Elk Grove Village, Aurora Art League, Downers

Grove Artists' Guild, DuPage Art League, Elmhurst Artists' Guild, Lemont Artists Guild, and Midwest Collage Society.

Location: DuPage Art League and Gallery

218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

Duration: Feb. 3-Feb. 27, 2024

Reception: Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 2-4 pm

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

(630) 653-7090, Visit their event page

at: <https://www.dupageartleague.org/events/>



Save the Date: March 15, 2024 6-8 pm
Stories of Lemont Zine Release Party at the Table Church in Lemont Downtown, 102 Stephen St Lemont, IL

We are excited to spread the news about our upcoming collaboration project release party! Join the Village of Lemont, the Lemont Artists Guild, Lemont Writers Guild, and the Art and Culture Commission for the Stories of Lemont Zine Release party! The 150th Anniversary Zine is dedicated to Lemont, its history, and the writers and artists who have celebrated it through their work. Visitors can enjoy art from the Zine, hear from the writers about what inspired their Lemont stories, food, and drink. With a \$5 cash donation, visitors receive a copy of the limited edition Zine - the first 10 people to donate receive a copy signed by the contributors!

To keep a count on how many people are coming, we request for you to register to attend at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stories-of-lemont-zine-release-party-tickets-781536736417?utm_campaign=social&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm_medium=discovery&utm_term=listing&utm_source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

Savings to Inspire You:

The secret of getting ahead is moving and getting started. -Unknown

You seldom regret what you do. You regret what you didn't do. Don't try to be invulnerable. Don't worry too much about security. If you build a wall around yourself, you become a prisoner of that wall. Take a chance!"

-Longtime NBC anchor and host, Hugh Downs, Register & Tribune Syndicate (February, 1982)

Life is not a competition. Life is about helping and inspiring others so we can each reach our potential.

-Kim Chase