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Michele Byrnes
Demo Artist at
15 Jan Member Meeting





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LCAL January 15 Membership Meeting & Demonstration

This meeting will virtual

Michele Byrnes - January Artist Zoom Demo – Jan 15 at 7 pm

We're excited to have Michele Byrnes as our demonstrating artist. She will demonstrate palette knife techniques for oil painting in plein air. You can find her wonderful plein air work at her [website](#). She also has many YouTube videos (some available in the LCAL digital library) and has published 7 instructional books.

See Jeff Harold's [YouTube interview](#) with Michele, conducted on 3 Jan.

Biography: Michele is an award-winning artist best known for her figurative plein air work. Her paintings are regularly shown in magazines and national shows. She is a sought-after instructor known for her lively, informative classes with a touch of humor. She teaches across the US, Mexico and Europe.

She lives and works in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Michele was a Faculty Demonstrator for the [Annual PleinAir Convention](#) in 2014, 2019 and 2022, and has 3 instructional videos with Lilledahl Productions on Palette Knife Painting.

Michele says, "Pleinair painting is the best way to capture the immediacy of the moment. It allows me to immerse myself in the subject; not just visually, but the sounds, smells, mood, and environment all become integral to the finished image."





LCAL 19 February Membership Meeting & Demonstration

This meeting will be virtual

Michael Latala - February Artist Zoom Demo – Feb 19 at 7pm

Michael Latala has one of the most unusual specialties – live-wedding painting. You can find his work at his [website](#). He works in oil, pastel and charcoal. We haven't discussed yet what his demo will consist of, so if you have any suggestions, drop me a line at jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com. We are also talking with him to do a workshop later in the year.



Questions:

Contact Jeff Harold at jeffharoldphotography@gmail.com

Biography

After receiving a Associate of Arts degree in Advertising/Design from the American Academy of Art, I've had a successful career as a storyboard illustrator working on staff at Draft FCB and Ogilvy & Mather, two of Chicago's largest advertising agencies.

Pursuing my love of painting, I studied with Scott Burdick, Dan Gerhartz, Romel De La Torre and Richard Schmid.

Based in Chicago, I express the natural beauty I see in the world around me through my handling of materials such as oil paint, pastels and charcoal. My landscapes, still life, figurative, and portrait work offer a fresh and seemingly effortless symphony of color.

I strive to achieve the overpowering beauty of the artists I admire such as Nicolai Fechin, John Singer Sargent, Joaquin Sorolla and Anders Zorn. I push myself with every painting to create art that will do the same, inspiring young artists, and individuals, as these masters have done for me.



LCAL 2024 Officer Elections

The elected year for our LCAL officers is from July 1 through July 1 of the following year.

There are 5 elected officer positions: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

Under our Constitution, the only limited-term position is the President's, restricted to 2 consecutive terms.

Other offices have no term restriction; those officers are asked at election time, if they wish to continue in their respective offices. If they do, the nominating committee will recommend them on the election slate for the following year; if they don't, the nominating committee must seek replacement members who are willing to serve.

Each year, the nominating committee convenes to present a recommended slate of officers for the following year, to the membership at our April general meeting. **Because the current committee only has one member (Val Brandner), we are asking for one or two other members to volunteer on the nominating committee.**

Officer Positions For the 2024-2025 Year:

- The Recording Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue serving.
- Vacant positions that we will need to fill:
 - President (Jeff Harold has served 2 consecutive terms)
 - Vice President
 - Corresponding Secretary.

For 90 years, dedicated members of the LCAL have successfully filled our officer positions. We are asking all members to consider serving in one of these 3 positions.

As an elected officer, you have the opportunity to contribute your expertise to an organization that has a long history in Lake County.

Please seriously consider this opportunity to serve your art league! We really need your help!

Applicants, please convey your interest to Val Brandner or any current board member (see list on Slide 9).

Val Brandner
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LCAL 2024 Calendar Year

LCAL Events in First Half of 2024

Mon. 15 Jan	General meeting; demo (virtual)
Mon. 19 Feb	General meeting; demo (virtual)
Mon. 18 Mar	General meeting; demo State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake
Sat. 6 Apr (approx.)	Spring Membership Show check-in
Mon. 15 Apr	General Meeting; demo; Election of president for next term or two
Mon. 20 May	General Meeting; Spring Membership Show critique (CLC Wright Gallery)
Mon. 27 Jun	Annual Meeting
(Date TBD)	Summer picnic (location TBD)

Questions? Contact Chris Tanner; chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net

Membership Dues

Membership dues for the 2023-2024 year, were due Sep 2023. If you have yet to pay your dues, please contact our Membership Director for further information:
Betty Perri: 847-362-1730; bettyaperri@gmail.com



The poster will also need a title; here are some options:

Join Lake County Art League Celebration of 90 years. Art leagues have artistic journeys, just like you.

Lake County Art League 90th Anniversary
Return to the past, develop a future.

Art evolves; it captures our hearts and colors our lives, past and present.



Our **90-year logo** will adorn our signature poster and **anniversary booklet**.

LCAL 90th Anniversary 2024: Update

Plans for Mary Haas' winning painting

Now that we have selected Mary's painting that carries a viewer back to 1934 we are planning how to most effectively use it. A few plans are:

- Ann Rintz, curator of the CLC gallery, will work with her students to develop the poster design built around Mary's painting. The design will also include some words and phrases related to LCAL. As an example, the anniversary committee has written some free-verse poems that tell the LCAL story.
- Mary's painting will be displayed on an easel at all indoor events.
- Art displays will incorporate the fish-netting theme that ties our story to a time when Waukegan Harbor was home to a major fishery.

Publicizing anniversary events

It's important that our anniversary events draw the attention of the general public, especially the artistic community. Publicizing our events is one way to get the word out.

- We can bookend our celebration with articles about our anniversary.
- Announcements and articles can be submitted to the Daily Herald, which has lately been featuring half-page art articles written and submitted by art galleries.
- We can utilize the strong publicity programs available in some of our event venues.
- Our show and critique at the Carnegie Library will piggy back on regional interest.
- Forwarding our announcements of upcoming events, may lead to long-term networking patterns. Many of our announcements will end up forwarded as Facebook entries that complement our own Facebook announcement.

Questions about the Anniversary? Contact a committee member; see page 9.



LCAL 90th Anniversary 2024: Update, cont.

Our anniversary will be a rhythm of well publicized events

April-October	Plein air events at interesting locations
May	Brief show and critique in the CLC windowed lower level gallery
June	“Fourth Friday” competition and show at Starline Factory
August	Art Show in half of the AFAP gallery in downtown Antioch
September	A show at Adler with brief presentations by each exhibitor
October	“Fourth Friday” competition and show at Starline Factory
November	Brief show and critique on the main floor of the Carnegie Library

Posters, handouts and more!

QR code and standard logo on posters big and small

Updated LCAL handout with standard and “90 Art” logos

Commemorative bookmark handout 1934-2024 Odyssey poem

Attractive newsletters for browsing

Annotated list of planned plein air locations for 2024 for browsing

Updated and interesting history for browsing

A digital slide show of 1934-2024 Odyssey photos

\$2.50 dues for new members



LCAL Digital Library Overview

Please enjoy our Digital Library, which is emailed to you along with Sketches as a separate attachment (pdf file).

The library covers many different topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset below).

Many are video presentations accessed from various services such as YouTube, Amazon Prime, Hulu, and Netflix. To view, click on the link and it will take you directly to that video. *(NOTE: These services sometimes discontinue a show; we will update the lists as we become aware of any changes.)*

We encourage you to contribute to our library by sending us links to your favorite art shows and web sites.

In that way, it will become a true reflection of the LCAL, and it will accomplish our mission to promote art in Lake County.

Digital Library's Current Categories:

- Oil Painting
- Watercolors
- Acrylics
- Documentaries / Art-related
- Galleries and Museums
- Websites to Explore
- Netflix Art Shows
- Hulu Art Shows
- Amazon Prime Art Videos

Questions? Contact Val Brandner;
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LCAL Meetings and Staff

The Lake County Art League Year:

Meets Sep through Jun, generally 7-9pm; 3rd Mon., as follows:

Jan, Feb, sometimes Mar	Virtual
Sep, Oct, Jan-Jun	presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov, May	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec	Holiday break

Newsletters: After Nov, newsletters are sent only occasionally to members who have not paid their dues

Be on the Lookout! If you see a new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or how to improve the advantages of membership, please share by contacting a member listed to the right.

90th Anniversary Committee

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