

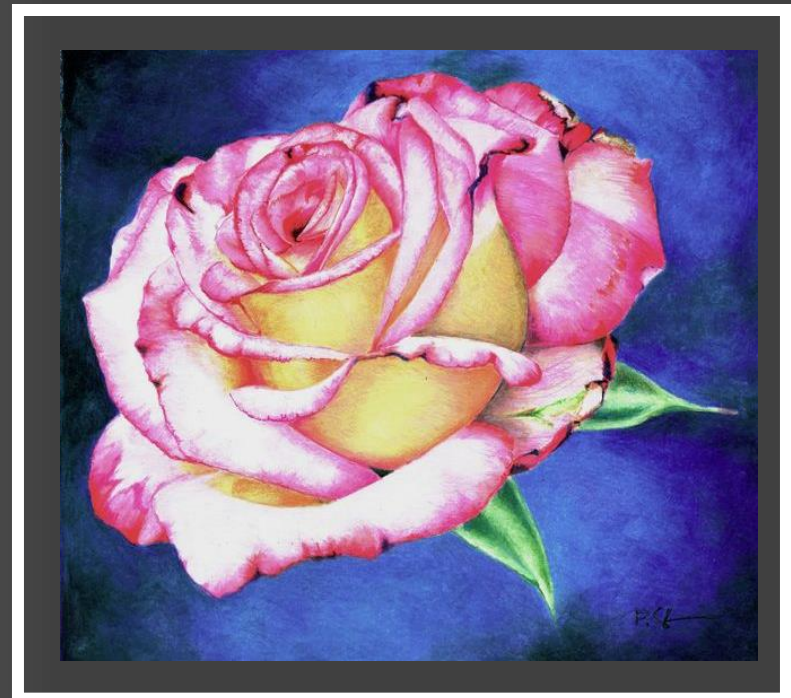


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Misty Blue



Sparkling Pink

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May 15, 6pm to 8pm, Waukegan's
Jack Benny Center for the Arts:

- Brief general Meeting
- 80-min. Closing Critique

See show catalog on page 8.

Show Preview:

- Mondays through Thursdays 4pm-8pm
- Saturdays 9am-noon

May 15 General Meeting and Spring Membership Show Closing Critique

The critique will be performed by the gifted and entrepreneurial **Frankie Johnson**, who has been teaching and managing her Mainstreet Art Center in Lake Zurich for almost 30 years. Last year she opened the Center's adjoining Mainstreet Gallery, featuring fine art from top national and local artists, staff members, and students.



Check out Frankie's excellent [website](#) to better understand the scope of her artistic interests. Select the "Blog" tab to view how she approaches the painting process.

One of her students reported that Frankie is "an incredible teacher with endless patience," who also challenges students' comfort zones in order to foster artistic growth.

After discussing each piece with the artists, Frankie will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. LCAL will no longer award Best of Show (once a common practice) as it detracts from the simplicity and intimacy of our spring and fall gatherings.

Invite a friend to the live meeting or to the live broadcast!

The critique will be available on Facebook and YouTube sometime after the presentation.





LCAL 90th Anniversary: 2024 Activities



Our **90-year logo** (no longer tentative) will adorn our signature poster and **anniversary booklet**.

It will be based on our 75th anniversary booklet, updating information over the last 15 years, including all presidents and many important events.

The 2024 LCAL 90th Anniversary celebration is only 8 months away!

The newly-appointed LCAL 90th **Anniversary Committee** (Deb Edmunds, Chris Tanner, Jeff Harold , Val Brandner, Gail Gudgeon, Clarese Orstein) met April 13 to start making firm plans for the celebration. Fran Isaac has subsequently joined the committee.

There is a lot to be done and **more team members would be welcome!** We will soon ask for the active support of all of our members to publicize our events, tell our story and build our membership.

As reported in April Sketches, Cora Davies started the LCAL 90 years ago, so she will become the **theme of our celebration**.

Publicity will be anchored by broad distribution of our 90th Anniversary poster. We will also use FaceBook and our website, and we are also targeting the Daily Herald, which has been known to tip off larger news organizations!

90 years ago, membership dues were only \$2.50, so **dues for new members** during the anniversary year will also be \$2.50!



Pastor JWF Davies and Cora Davies

Five unique and well-publicized 2024 shows will mark our anniversary:

- 1. Our **spring membership show**, to be held in the soon to be enlarged CLC Wright gallery.
- 2. Mid-summer: **special show in Libertyville Civic Center**; this art may also be displayed in Cook Park or Adler Center. The art will be draped with decorative netting, a nod to our earliest shows at Waukegan Harbor, when art was hung on fishermen’s nets that were drying in the sun.
- 3. and 4. **June and October shows** at the restored Starline Factory in Harvard, which is all about heritage, so our celebration will fit nicely with their setting and exceptional publicity.
- 5. Our **fall membership show**, in Waukegan’s restored Carnegie Library during its widely-covered inaugural year.



2023 Phoebe Boyd and LCAL \$500 Scholarships Awarded to CLC students

On Thursday, April 9th, LCAL members Clarese Ornstein and Mary Neely reviewed the artwork of the emerging artists in the College of Lake County Student Show and chose the students to receive this year's Phoebe Boyd and LCAL scholarships.

Ava Buttelmann was selected to receive the Phoebe Boyd scholarship for a chalk pastel painting titled "Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve #2."

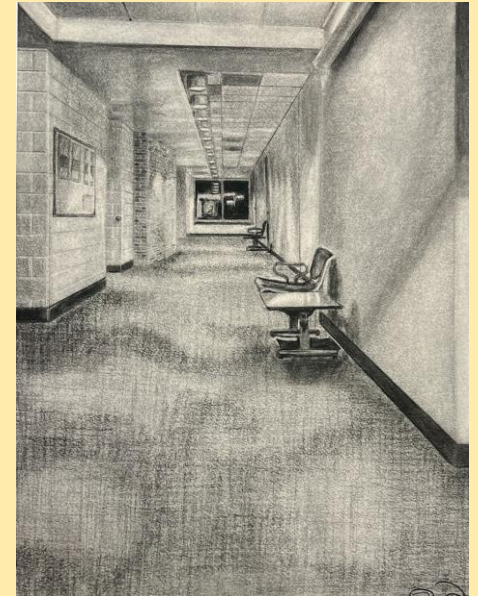


Both students will also receive a 1-year membership to the Lake County Art League.

Jeff Harold is planning to interview these students. We look forward to hearing from them and visiting with them in the future.

Thank you Clarese and Mary for a job well done!

Rachel Jacobsen was selected for the LCAL scholarship for a charcoal drawing titled "Walk this Way."





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May 25-31 Wildflower Window for Plein Air



Chris Tanner hosted a few wildflower plein air events pre-pandemic, and now pledges to do that again this year between May 25 and 31.

As before, we will start the sessions by having someone who knows the site and/or wildflower botany, give us a tour.

We have learned that we can't schedule outdoor events in spring beyond a 3-day notice due to fickle weather and personal conflicts (like garden work, grand kids, sports, and vacations). So cross your fingers and patiently await a magical spring moment in the woods. It could be any day of the week, but it will be on a day that's at least partly sunny.

Expect newly emerged wildflowers in a wet, gray, mat of old rot and new winter detritus. While these green shoots and tiny pink-white blooms may challenge our artistic skills, they are refreshing evidence of an exciting, reemergent ecosystem.

A little imagination will help at this juncture!

Photos courtesy of
Jody Bennett



June Show at Starline Factory -- Instructions

LCAL will have a June art show at the Starline Factory in Harvard.
All members are invited to participate and can enter two (2) pieces.
To join in the show, send the information below to: jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com

Info Required for Submission

Please email the following to Jeff Harold by Fri, 5/12.

- 1) Photos of the work you are submitting (these don't need to be fancy)
- 2) Unframed size of the work
- 3) Medium
- 4) Selling price (all work must be for sale)
- 5) Title of the work

When: The show will run from early June through the 4th Fri Event.

By entering the show you agree to hold harmless any LCAL member transporting your artwork from accidental damage or lost.

If you have any concerns about damaged or lost artwork, you should have it insured.

You will be required to sign a hold harmless form for Starline that will be available during drop off of your artwork.

Art Dropoff:

There are 3 options for dropping off your work. (**Make sure your artwork is wrapped to safely travel.**)

- 1) Bring it to the May members meeting on 5/15. We will be collecting the work starting at 5:30pm.
- 2) Drop off your work at the Starline Factory in Harvard (waiting on date and time from Starline).
- 3) Drop off your work at Jeff Harold's house in Antioch
 - Work must be dropped off by Fri, 5/26 – Please call to arrange drop off date and time.
 - **NOTE: I will be out of town from Tues, 5/16 through Fri, 5/19 and won't be available to accept artwork during this time period.**

Art Pickup Date:

Waiting for info from Starline, but it will be shortly after the 4th Fri.

Art Pickup Location:

To be determined; I will pass on information as we have it.



Thoughts from Jeff Harold: Old Friends

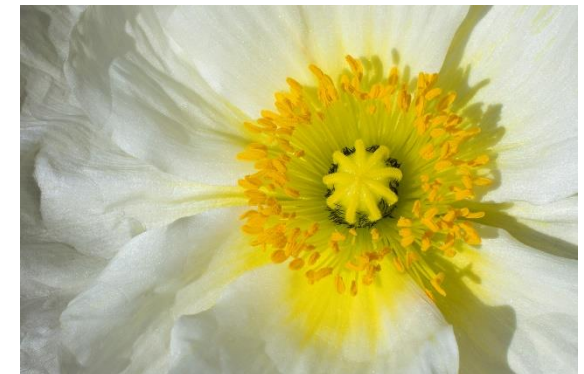
We have some old friends that spend the winters in the south, but they always return in the spring to spend the summer with us. We've enjoyed their company every year for at least 10 years. I photographed and recorded them when they had their first child, and then a few years later when they had twins. I've also caught them in their "romantic" moods. It's disappointing that, so far, they have not returned this spring to visit with us. I'll have to report their absence if they don't show up by June. How do I know that the sandhill crane pair that showed up this year were not our old friends? Our female friend had been "banded" as a breeding adult on 6/8/2013 by a graduate student from the Univ. of IL Urbana-Champaign to study her breeding success (talk about "1984"). I'm sure we'll enjoy our new friends, but I'll miss our old ones.

This got me thinking,.... how long do we need to be friends to be considered "old friends"? Those I've known for over 30 years are definitely "old friends". But what about those I've met in more recent years, especially some from the art league? I don't think there's a specific amount of time, it's more of the connection that you make with people.

But there's one that I think about every so often that makes me sad to have lost it. Back in the 1970's, I had my first camera and was traveling the backroads of Ohio in my 1967 VW Bug. I came to a crossroad in a little hamlet actually called "Sleepy Hallow". It had one building, a former general store back in the 1940's that was now an antique store. When first built, it was a tavern that the local rogues populated. It had a large display window where a cat was enjoying a catnap. What made this more interesting, and worthy of a picture, was the large painting of fish swimming right behind the cat (I called it "Catnap Dreams"). I've, unfortunately, lost that picture, but every once in a while, I'll look for it again, hoping that I'll finally find my "old friend" after all these years (hope springs eternal).

Do you have an "old friend" that you revisit from time to time? Let us know and send us a photo to share with the other members. And yes, I think you can consider an artwork to be an "old friend."

I have a few photos that I am more connection with than others. Some go back to the 1970's, some are more recent. To me, an artwork is an "old friend" when it reminds me of the past, or the connection that you had to a person, place, or time. I have one that always cheers me up when we get together. It's called "Sunny Side Up". Another happy friend for me is the photo of the Grand Tetons that I took at the moment I proposed to my wife.



Sunny Side Up

Lake County Art League 2023 Spring Membership Show

Concluding Critique May 15, 6-8:00 pm
at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan, IL



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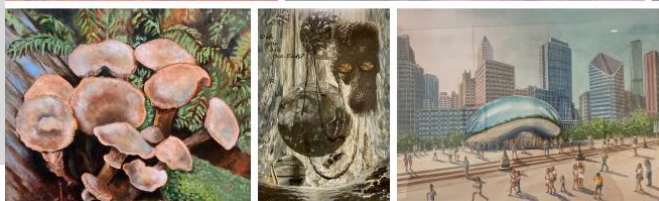
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- 1 'Swimming with the Sharks' acrylic \$200
Leslie Nauta nautateam@comcast.net
- 2 'The Spirit of St. Louis' acrylic NFS
Tom Asma tomasma@sbcglobal.net
- 3 '10612' oil \$400
Val Brandner isketchit@yahoo.com

- 4 'Skokie Lagoons' pastels NFS
Clarese Ornstein socoro@comcast.net
- 5 'Colorado White Birch' watercolor \$250
Jim McDonough falstaff217@gmail.com
- 6 'In the Woods' watercolor \$125
Deb Edmunds edmundsdl@gmail.com

- 7 'Frosty Dawn' oil \$385
Aruna Sarode arunans@hotmail.com
- 8 'Sitting Still' acrylic \$800
Thom Kapheim tkapheim@gmail.com
- 9 'Souvenir Sellers' watercolor \$275
Marshall Philyaw tgmom1@aol.com

- 10 'Linear Light' photograph \$175
Gail Gudgeon gaile.gudgeon@gmail.com
- 11 'Spring Has Sprung' watercolor \$200
Fran Isaac fmisaac@aol.com
- 12 'Nest' oil \$250
Oliver Merriam omerriam@yahoo.com

- 13 'Volcano' photograph \$425
Mary Neely mmbn@yahoo.com
- 14 'My Favorite Wizards on Their Way to Hogwarts' acrylic NFS
Mary Haas maryhaas@gmail.com
- 15 'Main Street Girls' acrylic \$350
Roger Shule shuleart@aol.com

- 16 'Bloomin' Mushrooms' oil \$200
Bobbi Swisher bobbi_swisher@outlook.com
- 17 'Ents' digital \$250
Jeff Harold jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com
- 18 'Chicago's Cloud Gate' watercolor \$2800
James Brooksher jimbrooksher@gmail.com



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LCAL Meetings and Staff

The Lake County Art League year:

Meets Sep through Jun, 7-9:00 pm; 3rd Mon as follows:

Jan, Feb, sometimes Mar	Virtual: eliminates winter nighttime driving / takes advantage of technology / see artist demos / meet prominent artists from across the country
Sep, Oct, Jan-Jun	Include presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov, May	Closing critiques for fall and spring membership shows
Dec	Holiday break

Newsletters

After Dec, 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 you know how to improve the advantages of membership, please share that by contacting one of the members listed to the right.

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Life in the Patch

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