

Various Member Art from 2022



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LCAL General Meeting & Demo
Mon. 16 Oct; State Bank of the Lakes*, Grayslake

Local artist will make our October meeting presentation.

SANJUKTA ACHARYA of Vernon Hills will be our guest artist at the October meeting.

“After a career in advertising in India, when I relocated to the US, the love of fine arts led me to the library to check out a vast array of books and teach myself the finer nuances of painting in oil and watercolor. The subjects of my paintings are usually interesting views of nature. Anything that stimulates my creativity or captures my imagination through its shape, color, texture or form becomes a focus for my work.”



Her [website](#) shows 60 of her paintings and hints at how prolific she is. Yet it is her [Facebook](#) page postings, starting in 2016, that help us better understand her. We see her growing skill, meet some of her art students, and are charmed by her children posing with the art. These same postings show her at many of the same local venues LCAL uses to display our art.

* 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake IL 60030.
Entry is off Center St. Enter the outer lobby and take the stairs or elevator to the lower level.



“Pot of Gold”
20 x 16 in oil on canvas

Sanjukta’s ‘Pot of Gold,’ shown here, won Best of Show at the Starline Gallery’s February 2022 4th Friday, and in the related Facebook post, she writes at length about complicated feelings as she painted it.

“I collected this pretty bunch from a nearby pumpkin farm during their fall sunflower picking festivities. While setting up my still life composition I was lucky to have this bright natural sunshine coming through my windows.

The sight of these beautiful yellow flowers shining in the golden rays of the afternoon sun exuded a sense of positivity and happy thoughts ... parents experiencing the first smile of a newborn ... a young girl getting her first kiss from her beau ... the joy of the little boy when he catches his first fish ever ... the giggle of the little girl as she picks up wild flowers from the field...”

Questions? Contact Chris Tanner; chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net



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2023 Fall Member Show, Saturday 7 October



These are excerpts from a few entries in last year's show.

It's time to finish your art, framing for display, and a closing critique at Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts.

The 6-week show will conclude at our Monday, November 20 general meeting in the at the Benny Center's theater, where a professional artist will provide a critique of each submittal, then award ribbons. The critique and meeting will run 6 to 8 pm, and refreshments will be served during a conversation break. The general public is welcome to attend, so please bring a friend.

Check-in your art at the Jack Benny Center: 2 Options

1. Sat, 7 Oct, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2. Or, Mon-Sat, 9-14 Oct (self-check-in)

A separate *Call for Artists* was emailed to our members on 11 September with details about the check-in options, and a Release Form. Additional Release Forms will be available at the reception desk.

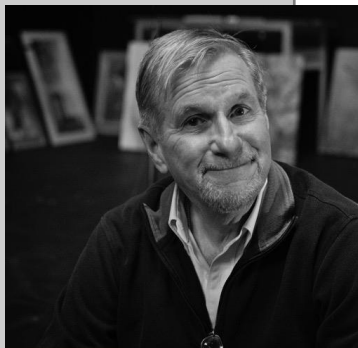
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October Show at Starline Factory



Tom's photo is by Jeff Harold

For the past 90 years, our popular spring and fall membership shows have presented our recent best work and yielded new perspectives. From the very beginning, a respected professional artist has critiqued each submittal.

Tom Trausch is the professional artist who will critique this fall's show -- not an easy task when allotted only 2 to 2.5 minutes per piece!

Tom has explained that the foci of his show critiques is emotion and technique. He judges based on materials, content, subject, and message, as well as the overall impact of the specific piece of artwork.

Tom and his wife Gale have a Woodstock gallery where they often teach. Tom conducts workshops locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. He has done many critiques and workshops for LCAL over the years, so many of us have come to know Tom as a kind and serious teacher.

Tom's own writing gives a sense of his love of the critique:

"My years as an artist have been about equally divided between the mediums of watercolor and oils, each with its own properties and end results. Always a challenge, making art allows one to explore more deeply and inevitably find out more about the maker, the artist."

See Tom's [website](#) for details of his background and examples of his work.

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Preview of Events for the LCAL 2023-2024 Calendar Year

The 2023-24 year straddles the transition into our important 2024 90th anniversary year (see anniversary update on page 7).

- Although we have already been talking publicly about our upcoming anniversary, our anniversary-specific art shows and other formal activities won't start until January 1.
- A fun twist related to our anniversary year is that new member joining the art league after Jan 1 will become a "1934 artist" and pay the 1934 dues of \$2.50, good for the following 12 months. May we find many 1934 artists!

Additional shows are being scheduled through all of 2024 as we celebrate our 90th anniversary.

2023	
Sat. 7 Oct	Fall Membership Show check-in (Jack Benny Center**)
Mon. 16 Oct	General meeting; demo (State Bank of the Lakes)
Mon. 20 Nov	General meeting; Fall Membership Show critique (Jack Benny Center)
(Date TBD)	Christmas party (location TBD)

2024	
Mon. 15 Jan	General meeting; demo (virtual)
Mon. 19 Feb	General meeting; demo (virtual)
Mon. 18 Mar	General meeting; demo (virtual TBD)
Sat. 6 Apr (approx.)	Spring Membership Show check-in
Mon. 15 Apr	General Meeting; demo; Election of president for next 2-year term
Mon. 20 May	General Meeting; Spring Membership Show critique (CLC Wright Gallery)
Mon. 27 Jun	Annual Meeting
(Date TBD)	Summer picnic (location TBD)

* 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake IL 60030. Get there on Center St. Enter the outer lobby and take the stairs or elevator to the lower level.
 ** 39 Jack Benny Dr, Waukegan, IL 60085



DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues were to have been paid at or before our September general meeting. Some dues have been paid as a requirement for check-in to the October 7 Fall Membership Show. **Dues can also be paid at the October 16 meeting or at the November 20 critique.**

- Complete the Membership Form* (attached at the end of Sketches), and bring it along with your check to the October meeting or mail it to the address shown on the form.
- Dues allow our members to enter the shows, and to routinely receive email notices and monthly newsletters after November of the membership year.
- To check your payment status, contact our Membership Director, Betty Perri: 847-362-1730; bettyaperri@gmail.com

* The membership form is an effective and convenient way to update our records of your contact information and volunteer interests. Dues rates and a mailing address are included on the form (\$20 per full time student, \$35 per individual, \$45 per family; check payable to the Lake County Art League).

Coming Election Cycle

- The LCAL year runs from Sep through Jun. Per our constitution, our presidents have a 2-year term. Although Jeff Harold is now starting his second year as president, in Apr we must elect a new president who will start one year from now.
- The Board of Directors, which includes elected officers, has named Val Brandner as Elections Chairperson.
- It's too early to know yet, but we may also need to elect some other officers in Apr.



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LCAL 90th Anniversary 2024: Update

Our celebration is 3 months away!

The LCAL 90th Anniversary committee has been working hard to organize events and publicity. Soon, over a half-dozen members will submit **poster art** for the LCAL 90th Anniversary poster contest.

Committee member Christ Tanner recently emailed all members, explaining that contest entries were to be emailed to him no later than Sunday, October 1.

We now have approved commitments for at least a half dozen digital entries, which will be posted 2 October on a large DropBox file for both the judge and the membership to see. The winner will be announced at a future member meeting, and will receive a \$500 prize.

We will start 2024 with an updated booklet detailing the history of the league. It will be free to all members and handed out at all of our events.



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

Get Involved! This is a large undertaking, and we need lots of help from our members!

- Throughout the year we will routinely alert what, where and when that help is needed.
- We will note how sign up and who can answer questions.
- As usual, everyone is working, traveling and making art, but in 2024 all of us need to find moments to help with events, to work as a unit, to mature as an artist, and to expand our membership.

Working together, LCAL will become a place to grow and a larger advocate for fine art in Lake County.

Questions? Contact a committee member; see page 11.



LCAL 90th Anniversary 2024: Update, cont.

- Our usual **spring and fall shows** will become highly visible in the CLC gallery and in Waukegan's restored Carnegie library.
- In late August, we will publicly celebrate our roots with an **outdoor critique in Libertyville's Cook Memorial Park**. There will be other shows in the Antioch Fine Art Foundation gallery and Harvard's Starline Factory.
- We also will be featuring an **anniversary workshop** by our helpful teacher and friend Tom Trausch in March, and the best piece will also be used in our celebrational literature.
- Every **plein air event** will become an anniversary celebration. We will increase participation by using these to teach expressive strategies, to show how to populate your landscapes and cityscapes, and to discover that your quick sketch can become a meaningful painting.

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

1. Our **Spring 2024 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. **Jun and Oct 2024 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 2024 Membership Show**, in Waukegan's restored Carnegie Library during its widely-covered inaugural year.



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LCAL Digital Library

* These services sometimes discontinue a show; we will update the lists as we become aware of any changes.

*Our new LCAL Digital Library contains links to useful YouTube videos and shows on Prime, Hulu, and Netflix . **

To view YouTube videos, just click on the link and it will take you directly to that video. Please send us any suggested YouTube videos or TV shows you think should be included.

From Val Brander:

Our new Digital Library covers many different topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset on right).

We hope that all of our art league members will eventually send us links to their favorite art shows and web sites to add to this library, so it will become a true reflection of the LCAL and an accomplishment of our mission to promote art in Lake County.

For your convenience, the digital library will be **provided as a separate email attachment each month, along with Sketches.**

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 Brander; isketchit@yahoo.com



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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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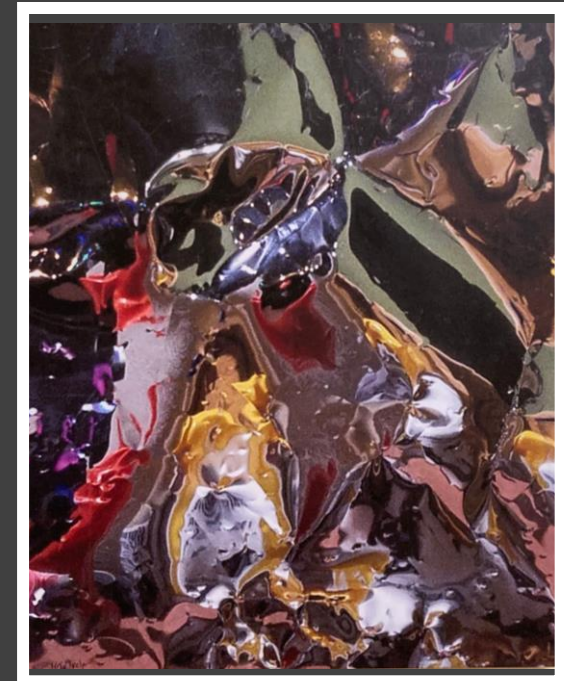
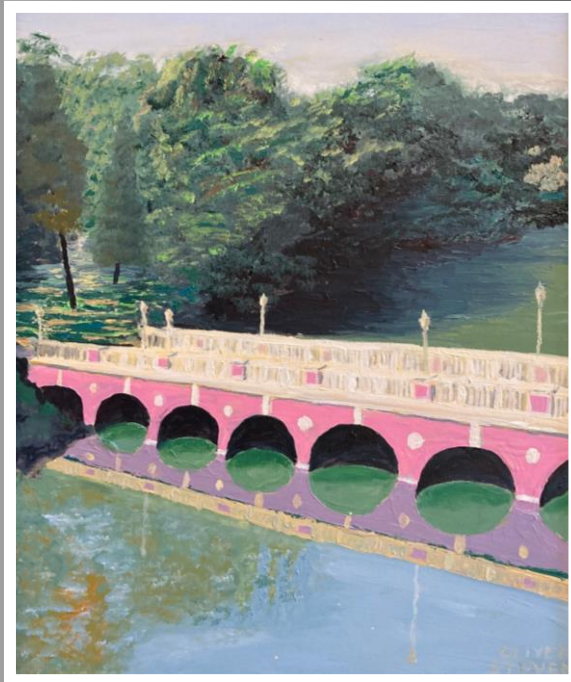
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*Please complete this form and
submit it with your payment*

Lake County Art League Membership Form

2023-2024 Year

The membership year runs from the September general meeting to the September general meeting of the following year. Annual dues are to be paid at or before the September general meeting, and are \$20 for a full-time student (12 hours minimum), \$35 for an individual and \$45 for a family.

New members joining after January 1 2024 will pay 1934 dues of \$2.50, a tip-of-the-hat to the time our art league was formed.

Payment: \$20 Student \$35 Individual \$45 Family

Name(s): _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address for correspondence, newsletters and notices:

Art Medium: _____

Renewing Member Returning Member New Member

Make your check payable to "Lake County Art League" and mail it to:

Lake County Art League
Post Office Box #5
Gurnee, IL 60031

Questions? Contact Betty Perri at 847-975-1730, or
bettyaperri@gmail.com

As a member of the Lake County Art League, we look forward to your sharing your time and talent with us as we strive to share our experiences with you. Your active involvement in the many activities of the art league will help you grow as an artist and us grow as an organization. That involvement will also give you greater personal contact with your fellow members, including directors and elected officers.

Please indicate interests below that suit you and your sense of how to bring fine art to the people of Lake County.

- spring/fall membership shows
- help with art workshops
- help with tours
- help with plein air sessions
- help with social media
- help with website
- help with newsletter
- help with member news
- help with display of member art
- help with Zoom hosting

Other special interest? Tell us. _____

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AT LCAL.ORG