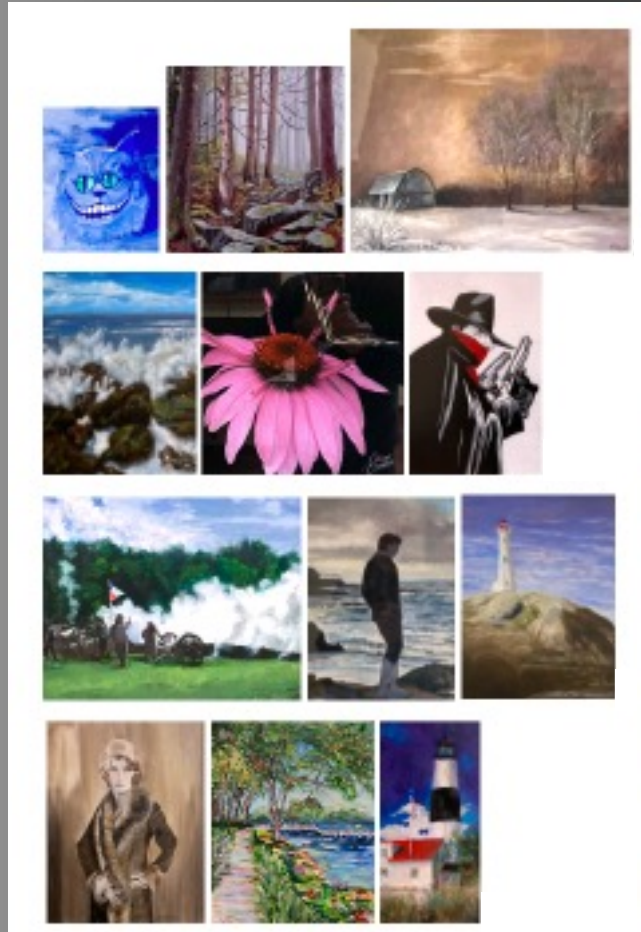




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The LCAL 90th Anniversary committee has been working hard to organize events and publicity.

One of the first events has been a **poster contest**; the anniversary committee evaluated art submitted by LCAL members that will adorn a poster promoting the 90th anniversary.

The winner selected from the member entries is **Mary Haas' piece, "Dreams of Art League Shows Gone By."** (right)

Congratulations, Mary, for your meaningful depiction of a fabled early art league show hung on fish nets drying in Waukegan Harbor!

Mary explains, "The portrait is of my grandmother, a past Waukegan resident. The house is a reimagining of the house Cora Davies lived in. The landscapes and cityscape are local, along with the Carnegie library." The child painting is Mary's son Arthur at age 11, and she was surprised to learn that it bears a striking resemblance to Les Scott's LCAL logo design.

Mary will be presented with her \$500 prize at the Nov. 20 Fall Membership Show closing critique.

Page 7 explains the next steps for our anniversary poster.



Questions about the Anniversary? Contact a committee member; see page 11.



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Tom; photo by Jeff Harold

LCAL General Meeting & Fall Membership Show Critique Mon. 20 Nov; Jack Benny Center for the Arts

We are concluding the 6-week Fall Membership art show at the 20 November Membership meeting, taking place at Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts. 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! (See next page for more about inviting others.)

Professional artist, Tom Trausch, will provide a critique of each submittal and will then award ribbons. Art will be judged on materials, content, subject, message, and overall impact of the piece.

See our [interview](#) with Tom and check out his [website](#) for more details about him and his art.

Jack Benny Center for the Arts
39 Jack Benny Dr,
Waukegan, IL 60085

Questions? Contact Chris Tanner; ; chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net



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New Approach to Publicizing LCAL Membership Shows/Critiques

Email notices about our art show critiques will now be sent and/or forwarded to a wider audience of our artistic community:

The LCAL board of directors has been discussing how we can use our art show critiques to better engage the artistic community, especially when our professional critique artists are also respected teachers. The result will be a carefully tailored email notice -- something that begs to be passed on to artist friends -- sent to members and a growing list of supportive non-members. It will invite everyone to come to a comfortable place and experience not just art but fine art, to meet talent that ranges from self-taught to classically trained, and to see an objective analysis of their recent works.

- It will be brief, but will link the curious to greater detail.
- It will casually mention that the event is free and live.
- It will intentionally not promote the LCAL itself to avoid any implication that the invitation is a recruitment tool.
- It will frankly state that the event is only being promoted by sharing the notice within the art community.

The kick-off of this new approach will be an email notice about our upcoming 20 Nov. show critique:

The subject line of the notice will be: "See Tom Trausch Art Critique Nov 20," and the email will have 4 parts:

- 1. Basic facts:** Basic information about Tom Trausch; details about his critique (date/time/location, etc.); invitation to the general public; event is free and live; snacks will be provided.
- 2. An appeal:** Request for members to forward the notice to art friends/acquaintances.
- 3. Artist image and credit:** A typical painting that will be critiqued.
- 4. Links to applicable information:**
 - Biographical sketch of presenter or critique artist
 - A show catalog
 - Venue directions, parking, open hours, etc.
 - Art league contact and title if there are questions

The email will close by inviting recipients to learn more about the Lake County Art League at LCAL.org.

Questions? Contact Chris Tanner; chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net



Recaps of Past Events

Follow Up from the 16 October LCAL General Meeting

Sanjukta Acharya of Vernon Hills was our guest artist at the October meeting.

View her [demonstration](#) and an [interview](#) with her at YouTube.

See more of her work on her [website](#) and on her [Facebook](#) page.



Avian Portraits - Swallows
and Marsh Grass

Starline Show Recap from Jeff Harold

There was a great audience at the October Starline Factory 4th Friday show.

- Phil Shorn demonstrated his colored pencil techniques and enjoyed talking to curious onlookers.
- I had some interesting conversations with several people about some of our artwork. Phil and I both had some good conversations with one of my photography students who was in the 4th Friday Juried Show.
- Roger Shule won an honorable mention for one of his "Shadow" matchbooks.
- We did not have any direct sales at the event. However, I did end up getting a commission for a smaller print of one of my "Avian Portraits" series, shown on the left.

Overall, it was a good time and everyone enjoyed the Halloween Costume contest.



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2023-24 Membership News

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues were due by our September general meeting, but can also be paid at the November 20 critique.

- Bring a completed Membership Form* (attached at the end of Sketches) along with your check to the November 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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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 (see page 2) 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 a poster design built around Mary's painting. The design will also include some words and phrases related to LCAL. For 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 the LCAL 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 public news articles about our anniversary. The Daily Herald, which has lately been featuring half-page announcements and art stories 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 restored Carnegie Library will piggy back on expected regional interest.
- Forwarding our announcements of upcoming events, as explained on page 4. Many of our announcements will end up forwarded as Facebook entries that complement our own Facebook announcement. This may lead to long-term networking patterns used by all art organizations.

Questions about the Anniversary? Contact a committee member; see page 11.



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 AFAF 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



Preview of the LCAL 2023-2024 Calendar Year

The 2023-24 year straddles the transition into our important 2024 90th anniversary year.
See page 8 for anniversary events.

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Mon. 20 Nov	General meeting and Fall Membership Show critique (Jack Benny Center, 39 Jack Benny Dr, Waukegan, IL 60085)
(Date TBD)	Christmas party (location TBD)

First Half of 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 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

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LCAL Digital Library

Please enjoy our new Digital Library, which is sent to you along with Sketches as a separate attachment.

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 hope that all of our art league members will send us links to your 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.

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; 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.

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Lake County Art League

Closing Critique 11-20-2023 6:00 pm



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- 1 'Cheshire Cat' acrylic \$100
Tom Asma, tomasma@sbcglobal.net
- 2 'Into the Woods' acrylic \$200
Fran Isaac, fmisaac@aol.com
- 3 'Barn Frost' W/C, NFS
Marshall Philyaw, tgmom1@aol.com
- 4 'Splashing Waters' oil \$200
Debbie Kalinowski, artbydebbiek@gmail.com
- 5 'Coneflower Visitor' photograph NFS
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- 6 'The Shadow' acrylic \$200
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- 8 'Reflections' W/C, NFS
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- 9 'Peggy's Cave Lighthouse' oil \$400
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- 10 'Peg' oil \$1200
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- 11 'Path Around Lake Geneva' acrylic \$200
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- 12 'Guiding Light' oil \$395
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- 13 'How the West Was Won - One Door at a Time'
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- 14 'Gifts From the Land' W/C, \$500
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- 15 'Migrants Seeking Water' oil \$450
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- 16 'Sunset Reflections' W/C, \$350
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- 18 'Rofaida - My Neighbor and Friend' oil \$4000
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- 19 'Sandhill Cranes in the Evening Light' W/C, \$400
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- 20 'Black and White' photograph \$375
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- 21 'Emerald Forest' gouache \$100
Deb Edmunds, edmundsdl@gmail.com
- 22 'A Wonderful Conclusion' W/C, NFS
Chris Tanner, chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net

*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