

# Brushstrokes & Beyond



## Lacombe Art Guild's Fall Art Show

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The Lacombe Art Guild (LAG) is pleased to announce its Fall Art Show to be held at the Abita Springs Town Hall on November 1 and 2, 2025. All are invited to attend. An opening reception will be Saturday, November 1, from 5pm to 8pm, where visitors can meet the artists and show winners will be announced. The show will continue Sunday, November 2, from 11am to 4pm. Artists who are interested in participating in the show should visit [www.lacombeartguild.com](http://www.lacombeartguild.com).

The Guild's art exhibits are an impressive display of artworks that are worth the visit. These art shows are held annually, every Spring and Fall. The 2025 Spring Art Show was held at Christwood and featured 42 pieces by 42 different artists. In 2024, the Fall Art Show was held at the Abita Springs Town Hall and featured 40 member artists and 104 different artworks.

Lacombe Art Guild has been a vibrant and thriving part of the artist community for over 20 years.

Its current membership of over 75 artists has come together to build a creative and cohesive environment where artists share and learn. The guild is open to all, and members are not just from Lacombe, but from cities and towns across the region, even as far as Mississippi.

Over the last few years, LAG has broadened its artistic influence and energy more than ever



before. In the fall of 2024, LAG was awarded the St. Tammany Parish President's Award for Art because of their participation in the art community and their involvement in art endeavors throughout St. Tammany Parish.

What makes an art community thrive?

Likely, this has to do with three components: people, passion, and talent. In the Lacombe Art Guild, we see all three growing and thriving, year after year. LAG is active in St. Tammany Parish, supports artists working in all types of media, and encourages artists of all levels.

The Guild conducts monthly business meetings that feature socializing, sharing, and learning. Members learn from each other and from art-related educational presentations by its members



and other prominent artists in the region.

LAG offers a variety of options for personal creative exploration and for giving back to the community by hosting community events and by teaching art and creative expression to children.

Lacombe Art Guild endeavors to inspire children and to support our local communities by bringing art activities to events like the Abita Springs Autism Awareness Day, the Busker Festival, Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat in Abita Springs, to the Native American Heritage Celebration, and to the Scout Pack that meets at the VFW Hall in Lacombe.

Volunteer artists from LAG have worked with Bright House Learning Center, a school for children with learning disabilities, by supporting the art teacher, sending children to a summer art camp, and helping with creative ideas and crafts for a Christmas Bazaar, and hopes to provide



visiting artists in 2025. LAG has also connected with the art teachers at Bayou Lacombe Middle School and Chata Ima Elementary, and LAG volunteers spent three days leading a watercolor project at the middle school.

Group activities are a high priority, and members gather together monthly for sketching at Giddy Up in Folsom and painting at Ryan Perea's Armbruster Artworks. Every other month, LAG organizes excursions to galleries, museums, and art-related events in the region. LAG has

visited the Monet and the Van Gogh Experiences in New Orleans, the Picasso exhibit in Jackson, MS, the Houmas House with the Degas Pastel Society, the Walter Anderson Museum in Ocean Springs, and the art deco works at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

In the Spring of 2025, LAG held a three-day plein air event, the St. Tammany Paint Out, that enlisted 25 participating artists, including four of the top plein air artists in the area.

LAG members' artworks can be viewed on the ground floor of Lakeview Regional Medical Center in Mandeville and at various area restaurants, festivals, and event venues in St. Tammany Parish, such as Covington's Spring for Art and Fall for Art, and the Abita Springs Sunday Market. LAG is continually seeking opportunities to display its members' works.

LAG is a 501(c)(3) organization created to foster creativity and art excellence through education, exhibitions, and sharing, supporting artists in the visual arts on the St. Tammany Northshore. Artists are encouraged to join LAG and membership information is available at [www.lacombeartguild.com](http://www.lacombeartguild.com).

