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NUTCRACKER HOLIDAY ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!

Nu cracker Holiday Art Show



(Loveland, Ohio) — Friday, November 16, which was the Opening Night Reception for the Loveland Nutcracker Holiday Art Show, was a dazzling success, complete with a sugar plum fairy to add holiday twinkle!



Pictured above, from left: Loveland Artist Monica Achberger and her "Starry Night" Vincent Van Gogh creations; and the show's sugar plum fairy guest.

From November 15-25, Loveland Artists will be displaying more that **60 unique hand-painted vintage nutcrackers**, along with seasonal artwork — just in time for the holidays!

The Nutcracker Holiday Art Show is located at the Loveland Art Studios on Main (529 Main Street, Loveland, OH). This is a free event that is open to the public.

Nutcracker Holiday Art Show Chair Teresa Nieberding (pictured left with Loveland Artist Tim Hildebrand) provided the inspiration as well as the nutcrackers for this event. At the Opening Night event, Teresa spoke to the guests and explained the origins of this show.

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Teresa added," The Art League of Loveland sponsored this show. Some of the proceeds will go to that organization, but most of the money will go directly to the artist who created the piece." This is something she wanted to do in honor of her love of nutcrackers and her friend Annie.

Along with the nutcracker displays, seasonal artwork from Loveland fine artists are available for purchase and displayed on the

Loveland Art Studios on Main's gallery walls.

"Thirty-five years ago I went to Germany and saw nutcrackers that were done by Steinbach and Ulbricht and the really good guys," she said. "So I came back to the United States and said I wanted to make some of those. I found a distributer by the name of Zims, and all these nutcrackers came from that company. Now they are no longer in business, so these are vintage nutcrackers that the artists painted."



In addition to being vintage collector's items, Teresa's nutcrackers also have an emotional connection. "One of my friends who used to paint with me, Annie Hughes, passed away. Her family gave me five big boxes of nutcrackers that when added to the five big boxes I already had made the

show possible. The artists have done wonderful creative stuff with them."



NUTCRACKER CLASSES OFFERED

As part of her Nutcracker Holiday Art Show, Teresa organized nutcracker painting classes that take place during the event's two weekends, Nov. 16-17 and November 23-24. (See below.)





Lutcracker Art Show Classes



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

 Class Description: Painting Wooden Holiday Nutcrackers

 Time:
 9:30 AM-12 PM
 Teacher: Artist Debby Combs and Assistants

 Cost:
 \$25
 Class Limit: 25 (All Ages)

 Adults and children can play together and paint their own wooden nutcracker.
 Supplies provided.



Class Description: Painting Holiday Nutcrackers

Time: 1-4 PM Teacher: Artist Kim Wanamaker and Assistants Cost: \$35 Class Limit: 20 (All Ages) More fun with painting and embellishing nutcrackers! Supplies provided.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 Class Description: Paint Nutcra

 Class Description: Paint Nutcrackers with Your Favorite Team/School Colors

 Time:
 2-5 PM
 Teacher: Artist Mary Beth Thompson Dowlin

 Cost:
 \$30
 Class Limit: 10 (Adults)

 Imagine the fun of painting your school or team colors onto a 6 ½-inch wooden
 nutcracker. Supplies provided.





Class Description: Needle Felt a Nutcracker onto Fabric

 Time:
 2-5 PM
 Teacher: Fiber Artist Teresa Nieberding

 Cost:
 \$35
 Class Limit: 8 (Adults)

 Using special needles, wool roving, and a wool fabric foundation you will create your own nutcracker that can be framed and displayed with pride. Supplies provided.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

 Class Description: Ornament Painting Fun

 Time:
 10 AM-12 PM
 Teacher: Artist Monica Achberger

 Cost:
 \$25
 Class Limit: 10 (Ages 13-Adult)

 Paint a holiday ornament with artist Monica Anne Achberger who will be featuring three of her original designs: a contemporary nutcracker; a fun nutcracker; and a snow scene. Supplies provided.

Class Description: Holiday Painting on Canvas Using Acrylics

 Time: 10 AM-12 PM
 Teacher: Artist Tom Post

 Cost: \$40
 Class Limit: 6 (Adults)

 Paint along with artist Tom Post! Using a 9x12 inch canvas, you will discuss and practice the steps to paint a holiday design with acrylic paints. Supplies provided.



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Pictured left and above: Steven Jackson and his wife provided the musical entertainment for the art show event.



Pictured left: Nutcracker Show Chair Teresa Nieberding records the numerous nutcrackers purchased during the Opening Night Reception.

Pictured above, from left: Opening Night Reception guests, Joe and Georgeann Meale and their friend, stop for a photo moment.





RENOWNED LOVELAND ARTISTS



Some of Loveland's most renowned Loveland Artists will be displaying their interpretations of vintage nutcracker designs, such Artist **TOM POST'S** (pictured left) "Prepping for Supper" featuring a handcarved Leonardo da Vince.





Artist **DJ BERARD'S** carved version of Pablo Picasso comes complete with a miniature Picasso painting on an easel.

In addition, local award-winning artists **MONICA ACHBERGER, TERESA NIEBERDING, GAYLE HIXSON, KIM WANAMAKER, JAMIE MORATH**, and more will be featuring their one-of-a-kind creations.





Pictured above: Loveland Artist Nancy Kanienberg poses with her husband.

Pictured above: Loveland Artist Gayle Hixson poses with her nutcracker and her husband, Frank.

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SatSun., Nov. 16-17	10 AM-4 PM	Nutcracker Art Activities*
MonFri., Nov. 18-22	10 AM-5 PM	Free Art Show
SatSun., Nov. 23-24	10 AM-4 PM	Nutcracker Art Activities*
Mon., Nov. 25	10 AM-4 PM	FINAL DAY OF SHOW (4-6 PM: Art Pick Up)
Tues., Nov. 26	11 AM-6 PM	Art Pick-up Day

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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ABOUT THE ART LEAGUE OF LOVELAND

"For a town of 12,000 residents, it is truly remarkable how artists have driven economic development in the town, revitalizing run-down buildings and bringing art consumers into the City," touts the City of Loveland's website. (https://www.lovelandoh.gov/252/Arts-Culture)

In September 2021, Loveland added a new non-profit 501(c)3 visual arts support organization — **the Art League of Loveland or ALL** — to further that economic development effort and contribute to the town's cultural enrichment.

ALL ARTISTS THRIVE:

"This art organization focuses especially on the business of art," says Johanna Kremer, the art league's president. "Our ultimate goal is for all artists to thrive, which has been challenging during the pandemic."



LOVELAND ART GALLERY CRAWL:

Loveland has a treasure trove of historical and contemporary visual artists, says Kremer. "We wanted to shine a light on the town's heritage and current creativity. We want the community to be as inspired as we are, which is why we have held four annual Loveland Art Gallery Crawl since 2021."

The organizational efforts to establish the new art league followed the success of their annual art

gallery crawls held each June where hundreds of art lovers of all ages flocked to the Art Open Houses held throughout the city by local artists and gallery curators. "Loveland has world-class artists, such as the renowned liturgical artist William Schickel and Nancy Ford Cones, a pioneer in the early days of photography," said Kremer. "Both have an art gallery highlighting their accomplishments. The Art Crawl highlights Loveland's amazing artists and the primary art venues around the city."



BECOME AN ART LEAGUE OF LOVELAND (ALL) MEMBER:

ALL members will be vital to the future success of our operations, says Kremer. "Members will the backbone of our art events — as exhibitors, as volunteers, as operation managers, as committee leaders, and as Board members."

Loveland Art League membership forms can be found on the ALL website: www.artleagueofloveand.org. complete the attached membership application and mail it in, along with your annual dues. "ALL members are vital to the future success of our operations," says Kremer. "We're hoping to attract people who love art. Loveland has a treasure trove of art history and contemporary visual artists, and our goal is to shine a light on that legacy and inspire a passion for the visual arts within Loveland."

Pictured left: New ALL member Tim Hildebrand (Loveland Artist/ Art Teacher) and Art League of Loveland President Johanna Kremer pose at the Opening Night Reception for the Nutcracker Holiday Art Show, November 15-25, 2024.



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