

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:00 pm

Photograph and Edit Your Artwork
Presented by Mike Bessler

The May 17th Lemont Artists Guild meeting will begin at 7 PM at the Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL. **Mike Bessler, professional photographer, will talk to us about photographing and editing our own artwork.** He will go through how to take a photo of your own artwork using your camera/phone and common, free/inexpensive lighting techniques. Then he will show you how to do minor edits of the photo in the computer program, Lightroom, so that you are able to reproduce an excellent copy of your original image. He will discuss the computer quality needed to be able to print and sell these as giclee's or use these "digital" negatives on your website. ***Feel free to bring your camera and a piece of your artwork that Mike may be able to advise, if there's time, on the best way to photograph and make a digital copy.***

Mike Bessler's passion is to create enhanced photographs on canvas that will capture the awe of nature. He particularly enjoys creating and printing large images that combine his artistic vision with his technical experience. Mike is the current president of the Plainfield Art League. His website is www.besphoto.com. See 2nd page of this newsletter for a few of Mike's pictures!

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT AND
CO-SPONSORED BY THE:**

Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL
Visit www.homerlibrary.org for directions or
call 708-301-7908.

2017 Upcoming Events for LAG

- ✚ **May 17-Photographing Your Artwork by Mike Bessler**
- ✚ **Fall 2017 Programs: 3rd Wed Sept/Oct/Nov Topics TBA!**



President's Notes:

Hi all,
I hope everyone is enjoying what a wonderful spring it has been! In April, we had a wonderful time at our **Marbling on Paper Workshop** that was at the



Lemont Park District. Our instructor, Betty Burian Kirk, did a wonderful job leading the participants, THANKS BETTY! And, thank you to the participants!

I have been trying hard to distribute the renewal letters/forms for the upcoming 2017-2018 LAG Calendar Year. If you are a past or current LAG Member, be looking soon for your renewal notice. Also, thank you to our recent new members who have joined us! Our Vice President, Lynn Rozcyki works hard to schedule the programs and we are working on lining up a great year starting Fall 2017. We appreciate your support!

Finally, we are excited to announce that LAG is awarding two Student Scholarships this year each for \$150, one will go to a graduating student at Lockport Township High School and one to a graduating student at Lemont High School. These students plan to continue on to study the arts in college.

Well, that's all for now. I hope you will come out and join us on May 17th and learn some ways to photograph your artwork from Mike Bessler!

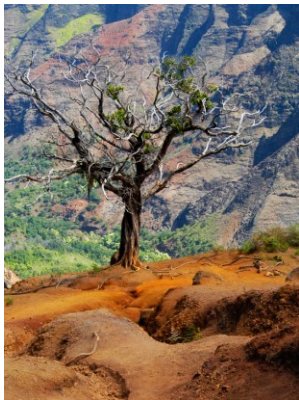
Sincerely,
Liz Connelly
LAG President

CONGRATS! April Back of Hall:

- ✚ **1st: Gina Rende "Cats Eye"**
- ✚ **2nd: Chuck Wright "F7 Mackinac, Michigan"**
- ✚ **3rd Betty Burian Kirk "Scarf of Lamb Locks"**

Notes from the Editor:

- ✚ Information for the LAG newsletter should be sent to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or bbkirk@sbcglobal.net
- ✚ **Artwork being displayed in the Homer Township Public Library Display Case:**
 - **May:** Lynn Rozycki
 - **June:** Bill & Nancy Uznanski
- ✚ **Door prize** of note cards at the April meeting (created and donated by Gene Mark) was won by Nicole DeVries.
- ✚ **Our Hostesses** for the May meeting will be Liz Connelly and Gina Rende. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!
- ✚ **Some of Mike Bessler's Photographs:**



Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) – The AFA had their final meeting this season in April. They will start meeting again in September on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the People's Resource Center. Their website is www.allianceoffineart.org. Check out what all the other local guilds are doing as well at the AFA site, there are links to over 10 guilds on their website!

DON'T FORGET FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING:

- Your Artwork for the Back of the Hall Competition if you're a LAG Member.
- Bring donations for the Lemont Food Pantry. (Thank you!)
- Create your own Nametag!! We will keep it for you to use at each meeting.

The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of.

Travel as much as you can, as far as you can, as long as you can. Life is not meant to be lived in one place.

Heaven on earth can be created at any address.

They laugh at me because I am different. I laugh at them because they are all the same.