

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

**Pyrography**

**Presented by Gail Diedrichson**

The February 15th Lemont Artists Guild meeting will begin at 7 PM at the **Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL.** Gail and Art Diedrichson will present lovely wooden boxes created by Art, embellished with pyrography by Gail. Pyrography is essentially woodturning with modern tools, unlike the wood burning of the past. Gail Diedrichson uses hard woods which have a wonderful scent when burned with different types of tips to create fine lines and details. Gail enjoyed a career as an art teacher and also has an M.A. in drawing from Northern Illinois University. She currently also illustrates children's books. Gail will demonstrate and bring samples of her work. Her website is [www.gailspyrography.com](http://www.gailspyrography.com)

Gail Diedrichsen enjoyed a career as an art and reading teacher. Retired, with more time to make her own art, she explored pyrography and found herself hooked. Her husband, Art Diedrichsen, a retired accountant, found his joy with woodworking and in retirement has more time to work in the shop. It seemed only natural that Gail would be drawn to embellishing wood. His boxes are works of art in themselves, but once Gail burns them, they become truly unique. This retired couple enjoys making collaborative works of art. She is active with the Nature Artist Guild of the Morton Arboretum and enjoys the camaraderie she has with fellow artists. Art belongs to the Fox Valley Wood Workers' Club and DuPage Woodworkers' Club.

Gail also illustrates children's books and is working on her third. Pyrography is Gail's

passion because she enjoys subject matter inspired by the beauty of the natural world. Art likes working with wood and says, "Its beauty exists in the natural wood itself."

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT AND  
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**Homer Township Public Library  
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL  
Visit [www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org) for directions or  
call 708-301-7908.**

### **2016-2017 Upcoming Events for LAG**

- + Feb. 15-Pyrography demonstration by Gail Diedrichson**
- + March 15-Zentangle: Beyond the Basics presented by Sue Jacobs**
- + March and April: AFA Best of the Best Show at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 31s St, Oak Brook. Reception is Thursday, March 16, 6-8 pm.**
- + April 19-Collage presented by Laura Lein-Svencner**
- + April 22 –Paper Marbling Workshop presented by Betty Burian Kirk at Lemont Park District-12 pm-3 pm**
- + May 17-Photographing Your Artwork by Mike Bessler**

### **President's Notes:**

Hi all,

Wishing you a very wonderful February. So far, winter has been pretty good. Not many sub-zero temperatures! I am hoping the same for February. I love that the days are getting longer and it's not so dark when I come home from work! The spring is promising to be fun for LAG. With the Alliance of Fine Art Best of the Best show going up in March, our upcoming programs, and also a Marbling Workshop that LAG is having on Sat. April 22 at the Lemont Park District (more details on that at our Feb. 15 meeting), we will definitely stay busy. Hope to see you at our February meeting. Should be quite interesting!!

Here is a picture of the display case at the Homer Township Public Library. They are



allowing LAG to show their wares in it when it is available. If you are interested please contact our vice president, Lynn Rozycki, and we can see when the next display will be available. It is especially hard for anyone

who does 3D art to show their work, this is the perfect place! Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Sincerely,  
Liz Popp Connelly  
LAG President

### **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](mailto:bbkirk@sbcglobal.net)

-**Richard Lee** has a one man show of his photography at the Lemont Center for the Arts.

-**Gene Mark** will have her artwork on exhibit at the Woodridge Public Library in March.

-**Our Hostess** for the February meeting will be Lynn Rozycki and drinks provided by Shirley Sobol. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

### **January Back of Hall:**

- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup>: Barb Kelly "A Storm Come to Jenny Lake in Grand Tetons"
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> : Gene Mark "Morning Dew"
- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynn Rozycki "A Piece of the Sea"

**Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on Thurs, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Westmont Public Library at 7 pm. If you want to come see what the AFA is doing, come on out to a meeting! Their website is [www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org) Check out what all the other local guilds are doing as well at the AFA site!

### **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.

*Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.*

*Art speaks when words are unable to explain.*

*I dream my painting and then I paint my dream.*  
Vincent Van Gogh