

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Photography-Light Techniques and  
Digital Editing, Mike Bessler**



The May 15th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL . Mike Bessler will present an introduction to what is available from the online ADOBE ® photograph editing programs. This includes ADOBE ® Lightroom on laptop and mobile phone demonstrating basic uses; cataloguing, editing, and free vs. paid features. He will also touch on basic editing in ADOBE ® Photoshop. One of his other favorite topics to be discussed will be composition including the law of thirds, filling the frame, a moving subject, depth of field, flash fill and whatever else he has tie to go over.

**Artists Statement:**As I developed my photography skills, I began to experiment with enhancing my photographs to capture what I had felt. At first, I looked exclusively for realism – enhancing colors when the photograph seemed to have muted them, for instance. More recently, I have enjoyed creating impressionistic renderings of my images that give the feel of the original scene.

The final step was to learn the technical skills to print my own images allowing me to print exactly what I wanted to see.

Now, my images are mine from the first look through the viewfinder of my camera, through the enhancing process and the printing/stretching. Now I am feeling the awe!

**Mike Bessler's** passion is to create enhanced photographs on canvas that will capture the awe of nature. He does photography workshops at Starved Rock State Park near Utica, IL and exhibits at the Plainfield Art League Gallery and Naperville Art League Gallery (IL). His works have been sold nationwide to private and corporate customers. His website is <http://www.besphoto.com/>

**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](http://www.homerlibrary.org) for directions or  
call 708-301-7908.

**2019 Programs and Important Events**

- ✚ **May 15-Photography-Light Techniques and Digital Editing, Mike Bessler**
- ✚ **LAG Annual Renewal-Will hand out the renewal letter/form at May meeting, will mail out to those that are not there. Hope you will renew for 2019-2020 w/LAG!**
- ✚ **Sat, June 15-12 pm to 5 pm-Memorial for William Uznanski at the American Legion Post 18 in Lockport, 15052 Archer Ave, Lockport, IL 60441**
- ✚ **Sept & Oct-Exhibit at Lemont Center for the Arts of William Uznanski's Photography-more details TBA**

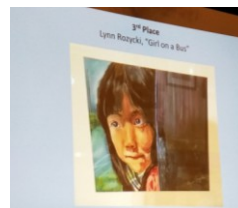
**President's Letter**

Hi all,

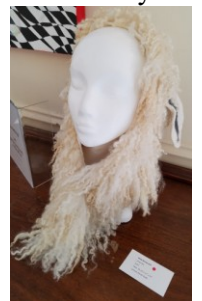
Welcome to **MAY!** Thank you to all who could come out for our April meeting at the Homer Township Public Library. **Dan Danielson did a wonderful job** showing us some bold and loose, and fun watercolor techniques!

LAG member, **Teresa Moorehouse has had her artwork in the display case** at the library, she was kind enough also to give out her book “Soul Stories: Narrative Sculpture” which was complimentary, in a basket beside the case. I hope you were able to view her beautiful pieces and see her book! Please contact Lynn Rozycki if you are interested in being in the display case at [lynnrozycki@gmail.com](mailto:lynnrozycki@gmail.com).

We had a great showing of several LAG artists this year in the Alliance of Fine Art's Best of the Best show at Mayslake Peabody Estate.



The show came down on April 29, but LAG had, in addition to the artists who shown, two other wonderful results



from the show, Lynn Rozycki won third place for her piece “Girl on a Bus” (watercolor) and Betty Burian Kirk's piece “Lamb Hat” (fiber) SOLD at the show. Great job!!

As many of you know, the sad news that **William Uznanski** passed away this past February. There is a **Memorial** being planned for him. The date will be on **Sat., June 15 at the American Legion Post 18 at 15052 Archer Ave, Lockport, IL 60441. Time is from 12 pm to 5 pm.**

*We hope you can attend and celebrate his life. We miss him dearly and Nancy Uznanski and her family would be honored for you to attend.*

Have a wonderful May all, and Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers!

Sincerely,  
*Liz Connelly*  
LAG President

### **CONGRATS! April Back of Hall Winners!**

- + 1<sup>st</sup>: Barbara Kelly, "Hands of a loving father"
  - + 2<sup>nd</sup>: Liz Connelly, "The Start of Amazing Things"
  - + 3<sup>rd</sup>: Gina Rende, "Red Spark"
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### **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)
- + **Our Hostesses** for this month's meeting are Liz Connelly for snacks and Gina Rende for drinks. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

### **Lemont Center for the Arts:**

Lemont Center for the Arts  
1243 State Street, Unit 101  
Lemont, Illinois 60439  
630-243-7375

**Hours: Friday & Sunday noon - 4 p.m. &  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Always Free Admission)**

### **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.
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- + **Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** – The AFA meets at 6 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the People's Resource Center, 104 Chestnut Ave, Westmont, IL 60559. They will meet May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, break for summer and resume in September. LAG members are welcome to attend these meetings and volunteer to help out AFA. (Let Liz know if you want to attend.) The AFA 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, there are links to over 10 guilds on their website!)

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*Photos are a return ticket to a moment otherwise gone.*

*"Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors where there were only walls."*

Joseph Campbell

*You get what you focus on, so focus on what you want.*

*"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."*

Winston Churchill

*"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to Success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."*

Albert Schweitzer