Lemont **A**rtists **G**uild Newsletter



www.lemontartistsguild.org

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:00 pm

Painting Watercolor Effects with Acrylics

Presented by David R. Becker



The September
18th Lemont Artists
Guild meeting, will begin
at 7 PM at the Homer
Township Public
Library, 14320 W 151st
St, Homer Glen,
IL. David R. Becker will
focus on demonstrating

watercolor effects using acrylic paint instead of watercolor paint. His expertise will guide you to new heights with acrylic paint that you may not have known were possible. David is a signature member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, an illustrator, and an art instructor. He has won many awards in watercolor societies throughout the country. He also has written two books, "Watercolor Composition Made Easy," and "How to Sketch with Watercolor." His personal goal is to teach as many people to draw and paint as possible through his workshops, art gallery and weekly newsletters. He studied at the American Academy of Art in Chicago and worked at two major advertising agencies in Chicago as an illustrator. He is also an art instructor and now he teaches all over the country. He is particularly recognized for his watercolor scenes of his beloved city, Chicago. He is now focusing on his newly formed business BeckerArtLLC. Visit his website at www.beckerart.net

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

Homer Township Public Library 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL

Visit <u>www.homerlibrary.org</u> for directions or call 708-301-7908.

2019 – 2020 Programs and Important Events

- **Sept 18:** Watercolor Effects with Acrylics-David R. Becker
- **Sept. 22*(Sun): The Photography of William Uznanski-**A Retrospective Spanning over 25 years at the Lemont Center for the Arts-Reception 1-3 pm.
- **4** Oct. 16: Alcohol Inks-Deborah Spertus
- Nov 20: Flower Collage Effects w/Watercolor-Elizabeth Waddington
- **Learning December:** Annual Holiday Party-date/time TBA 2020
- **↓ Jan. 15:** Annual Show and Tell-bring your artwork or project you are working on to discuss with the group. Great meeting to get to know each other and what we do!
- **♣** Feb. 19: Glass Mosaics-Deana "Dee" Everson
- **↓** Mar. 25*(4th Wed): Discovering Art Fraud with Microscopy-Joseph Barabe
- **♣** April 15: Figure Drawing-Ellen Rottsolk-Please bring 8.5 x 11 or larger paper, pencils, & Eraser if you want to draw along with Ellen!
- **May 20:** Art Journaling-April Schabes-Feel free to bring your sketchbook or art journal if you want!

President's Letter

Hi all,

Welcome to **September!** I hope everyone had a great summer and you are ready to jump into fall. It always comes up fast! I was able to enjoy a couple trips, one to Tennessee and one to Florida. Getting away always inspires my art and my soul. We will kick off September at our meeting on the 18th with a twist on watercolor, using acrylics instead, but learning some great techniques with them for watercolor effects with David R. Becker. I hope you will join us! Then, on Sunday, Sept. 22, we are pleased to have the reception of the outstanding photography of the late Bill Uznanski, aka, "The Handsome Photographer" at the Lemont Center for the Arts. We will have some postcards about this exhibit at our meeting in September. This retrospective of his photography spanning over 25 years, will be on display at the Lemont Center for the Arts thru October 27, 2019. I hope you will check it out, even if you can't make the reception. We miss Bill dearly and are very excited that his wife Nancy, and daughter Jackie and son Bill, were able to get his works of photography together for this exhibit. We are thankful to LCA for having it and doing such a great job hanging the

show. We were able to enjoy it at the LAG End of Summer Social that we had there at the end of August. Thank you to all those who came out to that! It was fun to see everyone who attended and catch up on our summers! Speaking of LCA, I know everyone is busy, but if you can give up a Fri/Sat/or Sun in the fall, they are always looking for volunteers at the gallery. Their information is following in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at our Sept. meeting. Happy Fall to all! Sincerely,

Liz Connelly

LAG President

CONGRATS! May Back of Hall Winners!

- **↓** 1st: Mary Truesdale, "Snowy Owl Strikes"
- **♣** 2nd: Gene Mark, "Tulips"
- **3**rd: Mike Preski, "1999 The After Effect of a Shattered Sky"
- **4** 3rd: Barbara Kelly, "Lazy Day at the Lake"

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
- ♣ Our Hostesses for this month's meeting are Barbara Kelly for snacks and Kathy Birch for drinks. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!
- The door prize in May, photo notecards made by Gene Mark, was won by Jim Kirk.
- **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)

They always need volunteers during their open hours, please call them at the number above or email lemontcenterarts@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

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.
- Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) The AFA meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the People's Resource Center, 104 Chestnut Ave, Westmont, IL 60559. Upcoming meeting is Sept. 10, 2019. 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. (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!)

The perfect age to begin is whatever age you are now. Eleanor Brown

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

You are the artist of your life. Don't give the paintbrush to anyone else.

To develop a complete mind:
Study the science of art;
Study the art of science.
Learn how to see.
Realize that everything connects to everything else.
Leonardo DaVinci