



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

www.lemontartistsguild.org

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
7:00 to 8:30 pm (via Zoom)

Authenticity and Beyond: Forensic Art Analysis

Presented by Joseph Barabe



On April 14, 2021, the Homer Township Public Library and the Lemont Artists Guild are very pleased to present **Research Microscopist, Joseph Barabe**, who will discuss the ongoing question in the art and historical world of **“It looks convincing, but is it?”** which is often asked when artworks, ancient documents, and other historical objects are offered for sale or put on display. Joseph will explain how science can offer many ways to identify fraudulent works such as specialized imaging, microscopical observation and analysis, and other high-tech methods will be described, along with numerous interesting case studies of both non-authentic works and several that strongly suggest authenticity. He will also talk about a project he worked on for the FBI, suggested forgeries of folk artist Clementine Hunter, an Alfred Sisley (who was a French painter) case, with a number of factors suggesting authenticity. Hope you can see this program to find out more about this interesting topic that intersects with the world of art and history!

Joseph Barabe is a Research Microscopist at Barabe & Associates LLC in Oak Park, IL. He retired seven years ago from McCrone Associates Inc. in Westmont, IL, a microscopy and microanalytical consulting firm, where he served for 24 years as Director of Scientific Imaging and Senior Research Microscopist. His more well-known projects include the photomicrography (photography of objects under a microscope) of the Zapruder film of the JFK assassination, the analysis of the ink on the Gospel of Judas for National Geographic, the Clementine Hunter forgery case for the FBI, the Archaic Mark forgery for the University of Chicago, and the mysterious Voynich Manuscript analysis for Yale’s Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library. He will leave time for questions and discussion. You can find out more about Joseph at www.JBarabe.Academia.edu and www.JoeBarabePhotography.com.

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Spring 2021

Please note that our events with the library are taking place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via ZOOM

- ✚ April 14-7 pm: Joseph Barabe-Art Fraud
- ✚ May 12-7 pm: Laurie Piton-Photo Techniques for Soft Focus, Macro Close-Up, & Depth of Field

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM, YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE HOMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WEBSITE: Register at: <https://homerlibrary.org/homer-live-lemont-artists-guild-authenticity-and-beyond-forensic-art-analysis>

(You do not have to be a library or LAG member to attend.)

President’s Letter

Hi all,



It is great to be in the month of April!

Thank you to those who signed on to last month’s “Zoom” meetup! I will plan one for April as well. I know these may not always fit your timeframe, but I have to do them when I am able. If you want to give me your suggestions and some other timeframes for these, I could try to work on fitting them in so more people sign on. We did have a GREAT TURNOUT for Kathy Newman’s pastel demonstration. WOW! She was so thorough! We are really enjoying being able to offer our programming even in the pandemic via Zoom. **We have great news that the Homer Township Public Library has agreed to sponsor us for Fall 21 and Winter/Spring 22!** Whether via Zoom or maybe in person when it is safe again, we will be getting together on the 2nd Wednesdays. As we plan for next fall/winter-Spring, **PLEASE SEND ANY SPEAKER IDEAS/TOPICS YOU HAVE OR WOULD LIKE TO SEE TO our email at lemontartistsguild@gmail.com.** And I just want to note...a year ago, there was so much uncertainty. We did not know what our year looked like or what was going to happen as the pandemic unfolded. That was scary! Like so many of you, we had to change in order to advance and have our programming via Zoom. **Was it a new learning experience? Yes! Was it uncomfortable to learn something new, to have to build confidence in a new skill? Yes! It wasn’t easy for any of us.**

But, we figured it out..and WE DID IT...and I am so thankful we have continued our mission in the Lemont Artists Guild that..."provides fine art, education, instruction, programming and appreciation through a supportive environment that nurtures creativity and individuality." I hope you are too!! Thank you all for your support this past year!!

In other news, be sure to look at in the next column over, the information for this year's **Alliance of Fine Art, "Best of the Best"** show. Congrats to our LAG artists participating!

Finally, **Betty Burian Kirk will be demonstrating Needle Felting a Rose workshop** for her weaver's guild. She has been kind enough to offer this to anyone who is interested. It is on Sat, April 17, 12-2:30 pm. Please email us at Lemontartistsguild@gmail.com if you are interested in attending and we can send you the Zoom link and supply list.

Hope to "see" you on April 14, 2021 for the LAG monthly program that will be presented by Joseph Barabe on the authenticity of artwork and forensic artwork analysis.

Sincerely,

Liz Connelly, LAG President

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Notes from the Editor:

Information for the LAG newsletter should be given to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or bbkirk@sbcglobal.net or bettykirk321@gmail.com.

Visit our Facebook Page!

Look up **Lemont Artists Guild** or go to

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-ArtistsGuild107474634245261/posts/?ref=page_internal

Sayings to inspire you this month:

*Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

You are the master of your destiny. You can influence, direct and control your own environment. You can make your life what you want it to be.-Napoleon Hill*

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

The next AFA meeting will be April 12 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. If you want to participate, please check with Liz. The AFA website is www.allianceoffineart.org.

AFA 2021 Best of the Best Show Update:

Location: **DuPage Art League and Gallery**

218 W. Front Street

Wheaton, IL 60187

Duration: May 1st to May 26th, 2021

VIRTUAL AWARDS RECEPTION:

Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 2 pm – 3pm

Gallery Hours: M-F: 9 am-5 pm, Sat: 9-2 pm*

*Social distancing measures and face covering required when visiting the gallery.

LAG artists showing this year are: Cheryl Ferber, Diane Harn, Teresa Moorehouse, Michael Preski, Lynn Rozycki, Mary Kodl Truesdale, and Jackie Uznanski

Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA): The center has re-opened!!! Come visit on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday from Noon to 4pm. (Always Free Admission)

1243 State Street, Unit 101

Lemont, Illinois 60439, 630-243-7375

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

Elmhurst Artists Guild (EAG) Show

Visit their website at <https://www.elmhurstartistsguild.org/> to find out more about them and their upcoming showings!

Elmhurst Artists Guild Call for Artists: Engaging Frida, Deadline is June 5, 2021:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vT0zG5uY8HEzZoX8RsnLj_yPMb6BsQbQuBnFK8hZzXkPHqBIxu9T7H0N-sM1rlzvsioDQTNyGYc-De/pub?fbclid=IwAR0P_A2E4VhXt531d7CTAX_UXC1ckjbsasxWJ9bLFsMtleAD7K-FTxcKcl4

More Sayings to inspire you this month:

Beauty is its own excuse for being.-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Take care of your inner spiritual beauty.-Delores del Rio*

Don't make things too complicated. Try to relax, enjoy every moment, get used to everything.-Angelique Kerber*