



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

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**Wednesday, September 8, 2021
7:00 pm (via Zoom, ends before 9 pm)**

**Art Journal Making
presented by Kristin Peterson**



On September 8th, the Homer Township Public Library and the Lemont Artists Guild present **Art Journal Making by Kristin Peterson**. Kristin is a third generation artist, originally from South Dakota. She is always exploring and expanding the creative depths of journal making. She is

passionate about vintage collage and mixed media. Her journals contain a vibrance mixed with a little funk, and sprinkled with sensibility. Kristin Peterson grew up in a creative home and had the privilege of doing anything that was artistic. Painting, clay, sewing... When she was younger, the thought of being a professional artist had the stigma of a "starving artist" and so she took a "safer" route and has a medical background working in a hospital setting for almost 30 years. She remained interested in anything creative and fell in love with scrapbooking and card making, which sparked the artsy interest again for her. Once she moved to Minnesota in May of 2000, and was closer to her mom and grandma, she started attending week-long painting classes with the two of them. Her art career has simply grown from there. She continues to try and take one class a year from a skilled artist to push her own knowledge, skill level, and comfort zone. She has used art journaling as a way to hone her artistic skills and to practice using and mixing products to see how things react together before moving to canvas or paper. She has been teaching mostly in-person classes for about 8 years; until this last year when she was pushed to learn the online format and tackle technology. Without this change, she would still be avoiding pulling together online classes, but having this option has been well received and has allowed people that wouldn't otherwise be able to attend an in-person class to have some choices. Visit her website at www.alteredstatesstudio.com.

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM, YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE HOMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WEBSITE:

Register at:

<https://homerlibrary.org/lemont-artists-guild-zoom-event>

**OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED
BY THE:**

**Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL
www.homerlibrary.org
708-301-7908**

Fall 2021

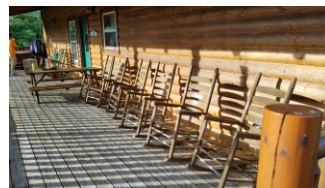
*****Please note that our events with the library are taking place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via ZOOM*****

- Sept. 8th-7 pm: Kristin Peterson-Art Journal Making**
- Oct. 13th-7 pm: Mary Dorrell-Oil**
- Nov. 10th-7 pm: Margaret Park-Online Marketing with FASO**

President's Letter

Hi all,

From all of us at Lemont Artists Guild, we hope everyone is hanging in there amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic and we wish everyone good health, safety, and happiness. If you or a loved one has had Covid-19 or other ailments this past year, we hope you are recovering and doing okay. We are trying our best to stay in touch, but please reach out if you want us to keep you or a loved one's health and safety in our thoughts. (Sometimes in the summer we aren't always aware of what is going on, so I just wanted to mention that.) Speaking of summer, I hope that you enjoyed this past summer and had some time off from the "regular routines." That is always how it is for me, as I enjoy the longer days, sitting out on the porch at night, seeing neighbors and friends, outdoor family gatherings such as graduation parties and patriotic holiday celebrations, family from out of town visiting, and a road trip or two. It is still very hot out as I type this month's letter, but, as we all know in Chicagoland, that can change fast!



We had hoped to start meeting this fall in person, but, have to put that on "hold" as we want to be as safe as possible and consider everyone's health. I will say though, we have come so far in the past year, and already have our fall speakers lined up to speak, via Zoom. I hope you can join us and if you haven't been able to learn Zoom yet, please reach out to me and we can help you learn more about it. (Last year we had several "Zoom" practice calls outside of our regular meeting time and I think those that tried it out learned a lot from the calls.) We are sad we cannot meet right now, but Zoom has given us the capability to still be together virtually, and that is better than not getting together

at all. Thank you to Lynn Rozycki, our Vice-President, for getting things going this year with our Zoom speakers and we will update you with the winter/spring 2022 programs as we line them up. If you are an LAG member, we will be mailing out renewals in September. I am sorry we did not get these out this summer, but we definitely will in September! Thanks for your patience and all your support! If you are not a current LAG member, and want to join, visit our website at: <https://lemontartistsguild.org/join-us>

Hope to “see” you on September 8, 2021 for the LAG monthly program via Zoom that will be presented by Kristin Peterson about how she makes her art journals. This will be a fun “splash” into Fall as we see her creative process and can be inspired to try out our own!

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.

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

The next AFA meeting will be Mon. Sept. 13 at 6:00 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:

We are excited to report that LAG Member, Cheryl Ferber, won an honorable mention in this year's show!

To see all the winners of the Best of the Best show that took place last May at **DuPage Art League and Gallery**, visit the **AFA Best of the Best Winners page:**

<https://www.allianceoffineart.org/prizewinners-from-the-best-of-the-best-2021.html>

To view the judges awards video visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB6KyyQ5LQg>

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

Website: <https://www.artlemont.org/>

“RE:-Claimed, -Imagined, -Purposed” just ended Aug. 29.

But, you can see the artworks that were up by visiting the center’s exhibit web page at: <https://www.artlemont.org/re--claimed--imagined--purposed.html>

There were several LAG artists in this creative show! Congrats to all the artists and your ingenuity in the materials you used to make this artwork! Their next exhibit will be a Lemont High School Alumni Show (LHS), and that will start Sept. 10!

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

HERE IS THE 2021-2022 Slate for the LAG Board of Officers.

We had hoped to send this out in the summer to the membership, but we needed to fill the Treasurer position. (We did ask in May that if anyone wanted to be on the slate to let us know.) We did not hear back any other additional names, so here is the slate and we will be contacting our membership for a formal vote: President-Liz Connelly, Vice President-Lynn Rozycki, Secretary-Kathy Birch, Treasurer-Cheryl Ferber & Member-at-Large-Gene Mark

Savings to inspire you this month:

“Just because it was handmade doesn’t mean it was easy.”

-Unknown

“Art is what we call...the thing an artist does. It’s not the medium or the oil or the price or whether it hangs on a wall or you eat it. What matters, what makes it art, is that the person who made it overcame the resistance, ignored the voice of doubt and made something worth making.

Something risky. Something human. Art is not in the... eye the beholder. It is in the soul of the artist.”-Seth Godin

“A lighthouse...speaks to the guiding nature of hope. By equal turns, it illuminates and darkens, so the way forward can be chosen in the light, and trusted in the darkness.”

— Michael J. Fox, Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist