



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:00 pm (via Zoom, ends before 9 pm)

**Woodblock Relief Paint Demonstration
presented by Benjamin F. Calvert III**



On March 9, 2022, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, via Zoom, Artist **Benjamin F. Calvert III** who will demonstrate "Woodblock Relief Printmaking" and go

over techniques used while carving on a wood block. He started wood block printing by taking an independent study course at Knox College and his first print, "Invasions" was published in Catch, Knox's literary magazine. This medium became a sustaining passion for him. He has a strong feeling for nature and the wood compliments his images. He prints on Japanese Kozuke and French Rives papers using oil-based inks. Recently he has expanded his relief printing onto tinted canvas with oil paint. He has exhibited his works in solo, juried, and group exhibitions and is an instructor at the Elmhurst Art Museum and DuPage Art League. In the summer of 2021, he took part in a public exhibition with the Illinois State Museum called "Lockport Ducks" in which he decorated a 3 foot tall fiberglass duck and they were on display throughout downtown Lockport (his was outside of the Vegan Café, to view, visit www.lockportducks.com). He has won awards for his artwork and currently, through March 18, 2022, Benjamin has 63 prints at the Wadsworth Family Gallery at Lewis University (One University Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60446). You can view his website at www.benjamincalvert.com.

We hope you can attend this program which is free and open to the public!

REGISTER AT:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/woodblock>

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BY THE:**

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

708-301-7908

Spring 2022

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

- ✚ Mar. 9: Ben Calvert-Wood Block Print Paintings**
- ✚ April 13: Caryl Yasko-Chicago/Lemont Muralist**
- ✚ May 11: Richard Lee-Art and Science**

President's Letter

Hi All,



Welcome to March! I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are excited about our program on March 9 with Ben Calvert. He has spoken for us in the past and is such an accomplished artist. He has a gallery show going on right now at Lewis

University. We sent an invite in email to our members to hear him talk about his artwork on Wed. March 2nd at 4 pm. If you are interested in attending, let Lynn Rozycki know, (the details are in the e-mail), but if you don't see it, please inquire about it via email at our email address listed after this letter and I can fill you in. I want to also mention that Lynn Rozycki will be at the Homer Library Craft Fair on 3/19, they are also having a craft swap/shop on 3/5-3/6 so please read on for more details after this letter. Speaking of our Vice President Lynn, did you know that she has done at least 45 consecutive weekly "Paint-Alongs" with David Becker's YouTube Watercolor Demonstrations? What an amazing commitment! Some of the pieces have been in our virtual shows. Way to go Lynn! To learn more about Becker's paint-alongs, visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmgopLUS4QI9TmMalwTn0Jg>.

I have sad news and it is with a heavy heart to put in my letter that beloved Emily J.B. Christian passed away on Jan. 30. As many of you know, she was 100 years young and we all could fill many pages with how wonderful of a person she was in this world to so, so, so many people. There is a "Celebration of Life" being planned for her, which will take place in late March or sometime in April at the Lemont Center for the Arts. We will keep you posted on the details as we know more about the exact date and time. For now, if anyone has something they can tell me about their friendship with Emily and/or a picture they have of/with her, I ask you

to send it to our email address (listed below) and just put "Emily" in the subject. I am compiling some memory/picture boards so we can celebrate Emily. She would not want us to be sad, we know that, but we can be happy to celebrate all our time and wonderful memories with her.

Finally, I wanted to mention that there are several local "Call for Artists" right now that I have listed on a LAG website page called "Call for Artists." Or click here:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/call-for-artists>

(While I know we don't have time to list all the open call for artists, if someone sends me or Betty information we will try to put it up there and do our best to spread the word!)

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy March!!

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 bettykirk321@gmail.com

Craft Swap/Shop at Homer Library March 5-6, 2022:

It's time to update your craft supplies -- for FREE! All items were donated by community members. Open to all; you don't need to donate items to take items! DONATIONS WANTED: yarn, stamps, beads, painting supplies, knitting & crochet hooks, wreath frames, etc. For more information please visit: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/craft-supply-swap-early-access-pass-holders>

Craft Show at Homer Library:

Lynn Rozycki will be selling her handmade glass jewelry at the Homer Library Craft Fair on Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 -2:00 pm. Homer Township Library is located at

[14320 W. 151st St. Homer Glen](#)

For more information please visit:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/craft-fair-4>

Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA):

Come visit on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday from Noon to 4 PM. (Always Free Admission)

1243 State Street, Unit 10, Lemont, Illinois 60439, 630-243-7375, For current show information visit their Website:

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

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

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)

The next AFA meeting will be Tues, Mar. 8 at 5 pm in person at Naperville Art League and Gallery. If you want to participate, please check with Liz. The AFA website is www.allianceoffineart.org.

While there is no Best of the Best this year, AFA has been planning for their annual Student Scholarship Competition!

As in the past, two students' artwork from Lockport High School will be entered into the competition. This year's student exhibit will be at the Naperville Art League & Gallery from March. 9-March 12. There will not be a reception, but there will be a video announcement of all the student artwork and the winners, on Thurs Mar. 10 at 6 pm. Visit this YouTube page link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-uxdsR61Cwg6ckFvk1ZJFQ>

The AFA awards (2) \$500 monetary prizes and (2) \$250 monetary prizes and all the students will receive a certificate of recognition.

Savings to Inspire You:

"An artist is not special. An artist is an ordinary person who can take ordinary things and make them special."

Artist: Ruth Asawa

If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.

Zig Ziglar

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H. Jackson Brown Jr.