



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

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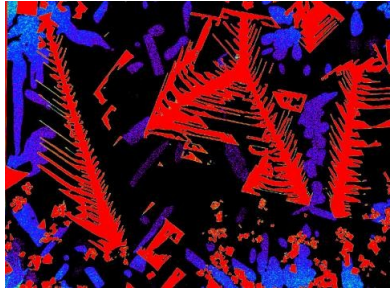
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Art and Science

Presented by Richard Lee

*RSVP IS REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER
THIS DESCRIPTION



On May 11, 2022, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library (14320 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491, 708-301-7908), Richard Lee, who will talk about his artistic images which were created as a result of his career and interest in microscopy, and how this merged with his love of photography to create compelling artwork that draws the viewer into a whole different world of scientific beauty. Richard has a passion for taking pictures using a microscope and believes his love of photography stems from his father and grandfather who worked in the town that Richard is from, Rochester, NY. His father and grandfather worked for Eastman Kodak Company, one of the leading photography companies in the United States. After high school, Richard went to the Milwaukee School of Engineering to study Metallurgy and was introduced to photographing polished metal samples. After that he was hired by Argonne National Laboratory (Lemont, IL) and he worked on reactor fuel cladding for several years in which he found that using polarized light was a useful method to determine the structure of zirconium fuel cladding which resulted in surprising colors and fine details. In 1979, he won 2nd place in a photography contest using his new 35 mm Nikon camera and he continued to enter yearly contests, some of which resulted in prize money and even a 2-week paid vacation to the historic Williamsburg, VA and also Washington, D.C. He had a winning photo in 1990, which was his "Fish" crystal that was made by evaporating a solution onto a glass slide. His experiences at Argonne led him to learn on a scanning electron microscope (sem) and he even had the opportunity for several trips to visit JEOL in Massachusetts which is a company that is the leading global supplier of electron microscopes, ion beam

OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED
AND TAKE PLACE AT:

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

✚ May 11: Richard Lee-Art and Science

This meeting is IN PERSON and will not be streamed on Zoom, we will try our best to record it for later viewing.

✚ Stay tuned this summer for announcement of our
Fall 2022 Dates!

instruments, mass spectrometers and NMR spectrometers. A whole new world opened up to him as he worked with specialized materials like making diamond coatings that could study various subjects like pollen, bug eyes, and defects in materials. After his division at Argonne (Tribology) was ended, he was hired by British Petroleum (BP) in Naperville, IL and he worked in their microscopy labs for nine years. Richard also had an opportunity to help identify pigments to determine historical timelines in Myan Murals. Richard has photographed many places as well including historic Lemont, Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (located in DuPage County between Lemont & Darien, IL also near Argonne), and New Mexico and Montreal (Canada). Richard says what he enjoys most with microscopes is showing students the discoveries of what is possible with microscopes and how we can all appreciate the potential that microscopes have for scientific discovery. Richard is a Lemont Artists Guild member and has had several exhibits at the Lemont Center for the Arts and the Lemont Library and he hopes to find a home at Argonne for many of his framed artworks perhaps decorating their halls or meeting rooms someday. *We hope you can attend this program which is free and open to the public!*

REGISTER AT:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/rich-lee>

Note: You MUST register if you are going to attend this program as the attendance is limited to 30 people, walk-ins will not be allowed. If you have trouble registering, please contact Liz at 815-341-1145 or lemontartistsguild@gmail.com and she can help you!

President's Letter

Hi All,

Welcome to May! Still a little chilly out there in our Lemont area region, but we are definitely loving all the beauty of spring that has finally sprung. Emily J.B. Christian's "Celebration of Life" back on April 28 was such a nice event. Thank you so much to Mona Parry and all the commissioners with the Lemont Center for the Arts (Lemont Art and Culture Commission) for having this wonderful event to commemorate Emily. Thank you to Nancy and Jackie Uznanski for coordinating the sandwich donation that LAG made to the refreshments at the event. Emily in the past had hosted the LAG "Show and Tell" meetings and everyone loved that she brought "Subway" sandwiches! I made some picture boards and will bring them to the May 11 LAG meeting to be viewed. We know not everyone could attend Emily's event and we will have a moment of silence for her at our May meeting.

Just a reminder that last month LAG posted their 7th Online Virtual Member Show! We sent out an email with the link to check out, but here is a direct link if you have not been able to view it yet: <https://lemontartistsguild.org/7th-virtual-art-show>

I wanted to mention that Lynn Rozycki, our Vice-President, will be coordinating a "Plein Air" event this summer. If you would like to be on her communication list when it is, please email her at lynnrozycki@gmail.com. She also welcomes program/speaker ideas for our upcoming meetings starting in the fall!

Finally, if you are an LAG Member, please stay tuned for some email information regarding us having a Member Exhibit at Lemont Center for the Arts this summer (July/August). We are finalizing the exact dates and will keep you posted!

Sayings to Inspire You:

Throw away your "I can't do this" mentality. Replace it with "I don't know how, but let's figure it out mentality.

-Unknown

Go to your studio and make fantast mistakes

-Unknown

Please be sure to register for the May Meeting! We are very excited to be able to meet "in person" and see each other! We will have limited seats so it is a must that you register through the library link. If you have any trouble registering, I have a note under the register link to contact me and I can help get you registered. **If you are an LAG Member, we will be having "Back of the Hall" so be sure to bring one of your artworks to show!**

-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

Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA):

1243 State Street, Unit 10, Lemont, Illinois 60439, 630-243-7375, Current Exhibit:

Keith Kusreau "Pigments of My Imagination"

May 6-June 26, 2022

Hours: Fri-Sat-Sun 12 pm to 4 pm (free admission)

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

Arts Guild of Homer Glen Will County Barn Quilt Tour:

The Arts Guild of Homer Glen was founded in the fall of 2018 and their goal is to foster community by the support of area artists. They are having an event on **June 11, 2022 showcasing their "Barn Quilt Tour Project"**

View the barn quilts throughout Will County, join in on family activities, and end the day at the Manhattan Round Barn Park for live music and square dancing.

Quilt Tour Website: <https://www.willcountybarnquilts.com/>

Visit their Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/ArtsGuildofHomerGlen/?ref=page_internal

Website: www.artsguildofhomerglen.org

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More Sayings to Inspire You:

Your mind is a garden.

Your thoughts are seeds.

You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds.