

Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Children's Book & Procreate Design Talk presented by Brooke O'Neill

*RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION



On Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7 pm, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild

is pleased to present Brooke O'Neill, a children's book illustrator. She will give a presentation on her artistic journey, share her artwork created using the online program "Procreate" (the two-time Apple Design Award winning digital art studio), and will share artistic resources that have helped her as an artist. Brooke will also give a quick Procreate tutorial—so feel free to bring your iPad & iPencil, or bring a sketchbook and draw along!

Brooke is currently represented by Astound US Illustration Agency. She has illustrated over 20 children's books, and has worked with publishers such as Scholastic, Sourcebooks, Curriculum Associates, and Wisdom House. She's also licensed several greeting cards.

In addition to illustrating, she is a freelance graphic designer, and a member & volunteer of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Brooke attended Illinois State University, receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts with a focus in Graphic Design in 2008. When she's not drawing, she loves spending time with her two children, husband, and dog, Donut.

You can view Brooke's portfolio and more at www.brookeoneilldesign.com. Find her on Instagram

at https://www.instagram.com/brookeoneill.illustrati on.

*Please Register in advance at: https://www.homerlibrary.org/procreate

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

2023-2024 Upcoming Events at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

- **♣ Sept. 13-7 pm:** Brooke O'Neil Children's Book and Procreate Design Talk
- **♣** Sept. 18-1-3 pm: Create and Chat
- **♣ Sept. 22-10 am-12 pm: Plein Air at Historic Gaylord** Building, 200 W. 8th St., Lockport, IL 60441
- **Oct.11-7 pm:** Cyn O'Brien Autumn Still-Life Watercolor Paint-A-Long
- **♣** Oct. 16-1-3 pm: Create and Chat
- Nov. 8-7 pm: David Becker Plein Air Tips
- Nov. 20-1-3 pm: Create and Chat
- LAG Members Holiday Party Date/Time/Place TBD
- **♣** Dec. 18-1-3 pm: Create and Chat

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- **♣** Jan. 10-7 pm: Annual Show and Tell
- Feb. 14-7 pm: Betty Burian Kirk-Felting
- ₩ March 13-7 pm: TBD
- April 10-7 pm: TBD
- **May 8-7 pm: TBD**

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President's Letter

Hi All,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summers!! This one really did go by so fast and it was a very active one for me as far as all the events for Lemont Artists Guild. We enjoyed Plein Air Outings every other Monday, with a few bonus ones as well! Thank you so much to Lynn Rozycki, our Vice-President, for coordinating the outings and keeping all those on the Plein Air list informed. We also listed all the dates on our website. There is one last bonus date left, Fri. Sept. 22 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Historic Gaylord Building (address above) in downtown Lockport. Please join us if you can!

Speaking of our website, and also our Facebook page, have you visited them lately? Lots of information is listed on them so definitely check them out if you haven't. See links to them after my president's letter. Please "Like" our FB page!

It was a WONDERFUL SHOWING of artwork by our members who participated at Gallery Seven in downtown Lockport! Thank you to all those in the show and who visited our exhibit there in August! We have even been asked back for next year so stay tuned for more information! We are very appreciative of Gallery Seven for hosting our group.

Congratulations to Marjorie Boyd and Mona Parry who had a sale at the show! Our Facebook page has some pictures from the show. Here are a few:



Other events this summer included our display in the case at Lemont Library commemorating Lemont's 150th
Anniversary and we had 5 members create artwork to stories by the Lemont Writers Club for a "Zine" magazine that will be published by Lemont this fall also commemorating Lemont's 150th....so be on the lookout!

We will be having our voting in of officers at our October meeting so be on the lookout for the "Slate of Officers." If you would like run for a board position, please let me know, email is after this letter. We will also be sending out our annual membership renewals sometime soon.

Interested in participating in a Poetry Contest? Contact me at our email after this letter and I will give you more details with the contest from the Illinois State Poetry Society!

We are looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings on the 2nd Wed. and also will be starting back with "Create and Chat" on the 3rd Mon. at the Homer Township Public Library! Our upcoming September speaker, Brooke O'Neill, has worked very hard in the field of Children's Book Illustration and Graphic Design and using Procreate, I can't wait for her presentation on Sept. 13! Hope to see you there and/or at a future LAG Event!



Be sure to keep reading, the Lemont Art and Culture Commission has an upcoming event/call for artists

so check it out! Happy Fall to ALL!

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

MAY 2023 BACK OF THE HALL

Congratulations to:

1st Lynn Rozycki - In the Woods 2nd Barbara Kelly - Nap Time 3rd Betty Burian Kirk - Coptic Book See the first place winners on our website at: https://lemontartistsguild.org/back-of-the-hall



THE ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF LEMONT & THE LEMONT CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Presents a Fall Festival to celebrate Arts and
Humanities Month!

Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th, 2023 CALL FOR ARTISTS: Register today for this two day art festival, on Lemont's Village Green, 322 Main Street, Lemont, IL. A perfect place to celebrate the arts and to showcase and sell your artwork. Spots are limited! Visit below ASAP to register and submit payment. Due by September 23, 2023.

www.artlemont.org

http://www.artlemont.org/art-on-the-green.html www.facebook.com/LemontCenterForTheArts

E-Mail: lemontcenterarts@gmail.com

Sayings to Inspire You:

Today is the first day of your next Project.

What's broken can be mended. What hurts can be healed. And no matter how dark it gets, the sun is going to rise again.