

Lemont <mark>A</mark>rtists <mark>G</mark>uild **Newsletter**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:00 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Ceramic Artist Talk

with Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi *RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS **DESCRIPTION**



On April 10, 2024, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi who is award-winning ceramic artist, and will talk about her clay process and

techniques that transform vintage designs into her unique contemporary stoneware. Laurie's pottery pieces are inspired by 19th and 20th century traditional women's needle crafts and are most notably collected because of her mastery of glaze patterning and critical attention to detail.

Laurie's love for ceramics started in high school. When her teacher could no longer teach Laurie new things, Laurie was able to take college classes in ceramics while still in high school. Laurie graduated with a BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago. Her pieces are one of a kind and made with her own stamps and tools. Besides selling in galleries around the country and in Canada, Laurie does many shows each year including trade shows and the famous Chicago's "One of a Kind" show. Laurie works full time in her studio building on her property and fires up her kiln at least once or twice a week, sometimes daily. She will bring examples of her work and some clay along with handmade tools for participants to try. Learn more about Laurie at:

https://www.facebook.com/LPEclayStudio/, https://www.instagram.com/lpeclay/or, https://www.artfulhome.com/artist/Laurie-Pollpeter-Eskenazi/8172

Registration Link:

https://www.homerlibrary.org/ceramic

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

2024 Upcoming Events

Most are at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise: 2024

- **♣** Wed. Apr. 10-7 pm: Ceramics with Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi
- **♣** Mon. Apr. 15-1-3 pm: Create and Chat
- **♣** Wed. May 8-7 pm: Pastel with Kim Abbati
- **♣** Mon. May. 20-1-3 pm: Create and Chat
- **4** To Be Announced-Summer-Plein Air Dates and Stories of Lemont Zine Program at Lemont Library
- **♣** To Be Announced-November-Gallery Seven LAG **Member Exhibit**

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President's Letter

Hello there!

Wishing you a wonderful April and happy spring! We had a wonderful time at the Stories of Lemont Zine Release Party that took place on March 15 at the Table Church in Lemont Downtown. With a turnout of over 60 guests and the combined groups of the Art & Culture Commission of Lemont (aka-Lemont Center for the Arts), the Lemont Writers Guild, and our group in attendance, it was a wonderful evening! Thank you to all those who attended and also to those who donated for a Zine! It was such an elegant evening and we loved hearing from the writers and artists about their experience in contributing to the Zine. We are currently receiving donations of \$5 for each Zine and the proceeds will be split between the Lemont Writers Guild and LAG. Please let Nancy Uznanski know or myself if you are interested in a Zine! And, this summer (most likely in August) there will be a program for the Zine at the Lemont Library, so stay posted for that date! Pictured below are myself in the left picture, and in the right picture is: Back Row, L-R: Michael Preski, Charmaine Drafke, Jackie Bienias, Lynn Rozycki, Front Row,

myself, Uznanski, & Nancy Uznanski.





I also want to give a special thank you to Jason Berry who is the Economic & Community Development Director for the Village of Lemont and their marketing group, All Together, for supporting this wonderful publication and the wonderful promotion of it! Thank you also to Dave Richa who welcomed us to have the event at The Table Church, a beautiful building just south of the I&M Canal in the heart of Lemont Downtown.

As we move into springtime, I want to mention that we will be putting together the dates for our summer "Plein Air" outings so please stay on the lookout for those. While we will post the dates on our website and in emails, we also have a Plein Air notification email list, so please send your name, email, and phone # to our email address below if you want to be included in that.

Our March meeting on the Polish Folk Art of Papercutting was a packed event, we hope everyone enjoyed it! Pictured is

John Gildroy with this cut-out.

I look forward to those that can join us at our upcoming April and May meetings. There are still spots available, so please register ahead of time.



April's registration link is on the previous page, and here is May's: https://www.homerlibrary.org/pastel. We also have our Create and Chat events in April and May. Please see the previous page for dates and times.

I hope you have a bloom-filled April! Sincerely, Liz Connelly, LAG President

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https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100047747719705

Notes from the Editor: Information for the LAG newsletter should be given to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, bettykirk321@gmail.com

March 2024 BACK OF THE HALL

Congratulations to:

- 1st: Gene Mark, "Sacred Geometry Abstract," Digital Photography
- ♣ 2nd: Lynn Rozycki "Water Falling," Pastel
- **3**rd: Diane Harn, "Puppy Love," Acrylic

See the monthly 1stplace winners on our website at: https://lemontartistsguild.org/back-of-the-hall

Visit the Gallery Room at Pollyanna Brewing curated by Brad Tammaro with the Art and Culture Commission of Lemont. Current Exhibition:

Astrophotography of Jasonn Pellegrini

431 Talcott Ave, Lemont, IL

Jasonn cuts through the light pollution over Lemont to create stunning photos of space from his own backyard!!

Sayings to Inspire You:

The chief condition on which, life, health and vigor depend on, is action. It is by action that an organism develops its faculties, increases its energy, and attains the fulfillment of its destiny. -Colin Powell

Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.

-Colin Powell

As long as you feel pain, you're still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you're still human. And as long as you keep trying there's still hope.

-Susan Gale