



Lemont Artists Guild

February Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, Feb.11, 2026 at 6:30 pm

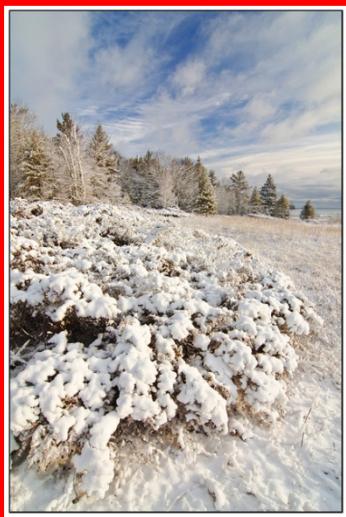
Using Your Artistic Sense for Better Images with Hank Erdmann

Our meetings are co-sponsored with and take place at Homer Township Public Library

14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL

www.homerlibrary.org, Ph: 708-301-7908

**RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK
AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION**



On February 11, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Hank Erdmann who will discuss using one's human and artistic senses to make better photographs and also achieve greater creativity and creative composition in photography. Hank Erdmann is a photographer,

photographic educator and writer who resides in Will County, Illinois. He has photographed throughout North America, making the Midwest his primary geographic area of interest. A love of history, especially the maritime history of the Great Lakes, kindles a special interest in the ports, shorelines, islands, hardwood forests, prairies and other natural areas of Lakes Michigan and Superior and their surrounding environs.

His images explore two main genres. He uses line, shape, form, color, pattern, texture and movement in nature to create images that come from his soul through his eyes. He tries to capture the feeling he has at the time of seeing something that makes him want to photograph it. He also enjoys making photographs of the natural world that go beyond the literal interpretation, in more artistic or abstract statements as he is inspired by the photographer Freeman Patterson's concepts of Photo Impressionism. He is constantly expanding on the "art of fixing a shadow" with over forty

2026 Winter/Spring Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

February 11, 2026-Photography & Composition with Hank Erdmann, register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/sense2026>

March 11, 2026-Metal Sculpture with Steve Kost, register at: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/metal2026>

April 8, 2026-Encaustic with Sarah Rehmer

May 13, 2026-Patterns of Movement to Enhance your Creativity with Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan

2026 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3rd or 4th Mondays: (no registration needed): February 23,

2026*, March 23, 2026*, April 20, 2026, May 18, 2026

*These are on the 4th Mondays.

Event Information is also listed on our website:WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG

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years of photographic exploration." Hank currently serves on the Board of the North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) and exhibits and is a member at Gallery Seven in Lockport, IL. See his photography at

<https://hankphoto.photoshelter.com/gallery-list>

Registration Link:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/sense2026>

President's Letter:



Hello there! I hope this February newsletter has you feeling a little warmer than our January one. It is great to get into the shortest month of the year and then we will be thinking spring! We had such a nice time at our Show and Tell meeting in January. Thank you to all those that could attend!! There was a lot of great things shown by our members and we even had a couple guests attend who also shared. If you want to see some pictures from the show and tell meeting, visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rUnNEtYgjKemLDB76>

As we look into February and March, our speakers will be on photography and metal sculpture, with two very interesting speakers and we hope you can attend! I also want to mention that our own LAG member, Mona Parry, has her artwork on display at Pollyanna Brewing Company (431 Talcott Ave, Lemont, IL) in partnership with Lemont Center for the Arts/Art and Culture Commission of Lemont. Mona is a longtime Commissioner with the Art and Culture Commission of Lemont and member/former president of Lemont Artists

Guild. Her artwork is beautiful! She is originally from Lemont and has been an active part and worked very hard for the commission for many years. Congratulations to Mona on her wonderful artwork on display! In addition, another LAG Member, Nancy Bentley, will be exhibiting her work in a one day Fine Arts and Crafts fair on Sun., Feb. 22 at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center from 10 am to 2 pm, located at 5331 135th St, Crestwood, IL 60445. Nancy also has beautiful artwork and there will be other artists/crafters there, so, if you can make it, please visit the fair and check out the creativity! ALSO, If you are interested in exhibiting, I put the application on our website, <https://lemontartistsguild.org/downloads>

The deadline is Feb. 16 or until spaces are full. As we move into the 2nd half of our program year, we will be thinking about planning our next year's (26-27) speakers. If you have an idea for a speaker/program, please let us know. Our email is listed below.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Have a fun February and Happy Valentine's to all!

Sincerely, Liz Connelly

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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, bettykirk321@gmail.com

CONGRATS January BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

1st –Lynn Rozicki, "A Fish in the Sea," Collage and Pastel

2nd – Linda Berck, "Cowboy," Pencil

3rd – Michael Preski, "Searching for the Saint of 1 North State," Mixed Media

View the 1st place winner at:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/back-of-the-hall>

Gallery Room at Pollyanna Brewing Co. curated by the Art and Culture Commission of Lemont/Lemont Center for the Arts

Current Exhibit: The Artwork of Mona Parry

See the Artwork of Mona Parry, she is a commissioner of ACCL/LCA and also a LAG member and one of our past presidents.

Address: 431 Talcott Ave, Lemont, IL

Hours: Tue-Thu: 3 pm-10 pm, Fri: 3 pm-11 pm, Sat: 12 pm-11 pm, Sun: 12 pm-7 pm

Interested in exhibiting at Pollyanna? Contact the commission, email them at lemontcenterarts@gmail.com to find out how! Be sure to enclose your name, contact info., including phone and email, and the type of art you create!

Saying to Inspire You:

Write your own fairy tale and be your own hero.

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