



# Lemont Artists Guild

## April Newsletter

### Upcoming Meeting/Program

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm**

**Encaustic Painting Demonstration  
with Sarah Rehmer**

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

**14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**

**[www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org), Ph: 708-301-7908**

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



On April 8, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, experienced Fine Artist, Sarah Rehmer, who will do a live art demonstration

of the versatile medium of Encaustic Painting, also known as hot wax painting. This involves heating a wax medium and paints. The molten mix is applied to a surface—usually prepared wood or hardboard, though other absorbent surfaces are sometimes used. She will discuss materials, substrates (what the wax is applied on), studio set-up, working methods and share sample works. Check out this versatile medium used by artists today that dates back to Ancient Egyptian times!

Sarah Rehmer was born and raised in the western suburbs of Chicago, and currently lives in the Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago. In 2003, Rehmer earned her Bachelor's of Art with double majors in Graphic Design and Photography from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. She lived in Italy the summer between her Jr. and Sr. years for study abroad and she knew she wanted to put her artistic skills to use in a more fine art capacity rather than with commercial work. She found her love for working with pages from old books while auditing a class post-graduation at the university. She went straight into making and showing her mixed media/photographic works throughout the Chicago area and United States. Rehmer is an Illinois Arts Council grant recipient and her work is held in private collections around the United

States, Canada, Italy, and Norway, as well as Institutional and Corporate collections in Illinois and New York.

### 2026 Spring Events

*Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:*

📅 **April 8, 2026-Encaustic with Sarah Rehmer, register at:**

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/encaustic2026>

*Registration opens March 9 at 8:30 am*

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

Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/movement2026>

*Registration opens April 13 at 8:30am-please note there are only 15 registration spots for this meeting!*

📅 **2026 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mondays:** (no registration needed): April 20, 2026, May 18, 2026

📅 **Plein Air Calendar for Summer 2026 to be announced as we get closer to summer!**

📅 **Event Information is also listed on our website:** [WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG](http://WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG)

*Visit and "Like" our Facebook Page! Look up Lemont Artists Guild*

Rehmer teaches classes and workshops throughout the Midwest, and, on occasion, a little further away. She also has some online classes available on her website. Learn more about her at: [www.rehmer-studio.com](http://www.rehmer-studio.com)

*PLEASE REGISTER*

*AT: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/encaustic2026>*

### President's Letter:

Hello there! Wishing you a fun and bright April! We have had a few nicer days weather-wise up here in the Chicagoland area so I hope you have been able to enjoy them! We had a great time at our March program with Steve Kost. He did an amazing job talking about his "mental" sculpture artwork and sharing his experiences that lead him to create. Thank you Steve! On April 8, We look forward to Sarah Rehmer sharing her expertise on encaustic painting and the fun tools that go with creating the "hot" wax and substrates on which to apply it. Looking into May, please be sure to register on April 13 for our May 13 program with our own LAG Member, Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan "Patterns of Movement..." as the registration is set for only 15 people. We will be utilizing the space in the room while she shows us how movement/dance can change our thought process and help with solving problems that we may incur when creating. It will be a fun and "moving" program so please

sign-up in advance if you are interested before the spots fill up! Speaking of Elaine, read on past this letter to learn about the upcoming poetry contest that she was accepted in at Tinley Park Public Library!



On March 22, I had the pleasure of seeing LAG Member, Autumn Baranowski's artwork at her art show! She does

beautiful abstract acrylics. The 2<sup>nd</sup> picture is with her Dad, also an LAG member, Joseph Baranowski.

As we get closer to the summer months, we will keep you posted on when we will start our "Plein Air" outdoor art meet-ups this summer! Stay tuned...

**Have a great April, Happy Spring to all and Blessed Easter to those who celebrate!**

*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](mailto:bettykirk321@gmail.com)

**CONGRATS March BACK OF THE HALL Winners:**

**1st –Cheryl Ferber, "On the Aegean Sea," Oil Paint**

**2nd – Matt Kosic, "Baseball Gothic," Color Photograph**

**2nd –Mary Kodl Truesdale, "Oil Pastels Pick," Oil Paint**

**View the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner at:**

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

**FREE ONLINE ART Sketchbook EVENT happening in April:**

**Sketchbook Revival Challenge from, April 11–21, 2026 with 30+ Online Sessions, an Sketchbook Challenge to get you inspired! Visit here for more details:**

<https://www.karenabend.com/sbr2026-aff/?affiliate=jffb>

**LAG MEMBER NEWS:**

**Mary Fronczak Grochocinski was accepted into the Colored Pencil Society of America's "Explore This" Online Competition. View her woodcut "Is Anyone Listening? Variation II" and the online exhibit at:**

<https://cpsa.org/explore-this-22-online-exhibition/>

**Michael Preski, will be in a Two Person Exhibit with Ron Jerak at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago starting this May called CANVAS, COLOR, & VISION:**

**Duration:** May 15 - Jul 3, 2026

**Opening Reception: Friday, May 15, 2026, 7 pm to 9 pm**

**Gallery Hours:** Monday — Saturday 8 AM — 6 PM

Sunday 8 AM — 12 PM. **Address:** 1200 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60609 (Enter on North side off of Racine Ave / 34th Place), Free parking North lot, Find out more at:

<https://www.bridgeportart.com/canvas-color-vision/>

**Elaine Gotfryd Noonan, has had her poem accepted in the Tinley Park Public Library's 2026 Poetry Contest:**

**"Mirrorball Moments" will be on the poetry walk that is displayed outdoors during the month of April. Read her poem here at:** <https://www.tplibrary.org/events/poetry-open-mic-night-15124782/>

**Hear her recite her poem at Poetry Open Mic Night: Monday, April 20, 2026- 6 pm to 8 pm**

**Address:** 7851 Timber Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477

Find out more at: <https://www.tplibrary.org/ask-us/>

<https://www.tplibrary.org/events/poetry-open-mic-night-15124782/>

**Saying to Inspire You:**

*What you are actually charging for with your artwork?*

*The years it took to get this good...*

*The care and thought that goes into design...*

*The emotional story behind every make...*

*The hours you spent on details that no one else notices-but you do...*

*The time packaging, listing, and photographing...*

*...Your pricing should reflect all of that. Not just the "thing" but the **journey** that brought it into being.*