



Lemont Artists Guild

September Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Urban "Uglies" with Art Markers by Wes Douglas

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 Sept. 10, 2025, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Art Director and Graphic Designer, Wes Douglas, who will demonstrate sketching the environment around us, utilizing

the fun of art markers in these sketches. These are sometimes called "Uglies" such as sketching a can of soda, paperclip holder, or even a pencil or pen! Come see what you can sketch right around you and learn about using some markers too!

Wes Douglas, a suburban Chicago resident for more than 50 years, is a design graduate of Northern Illinois University and was a founding member of the innovation firm Maddock Douglas in Elmhurst. Wes now teaches students at the DuPage Art League about the secrets of urban sketching. He also has been an active member (and former co-administrator) for Urban Sketchers Chicago (aka, USk, www.urbansketcherschicago.org) since 2013. In 2023, Wes was selected as the Sketch Correspondent for that year's Chicago Sketch Seminar. In 2017, he was responsible for getting a feature article in the Metra newsletter called "Urban Sketchers Tell Metra Stories Through Art" featuring the commuter sketches from such artists

2025 LAG Fall Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

📅 Wed. Sept. 10, 6:30 pm: **Urban "Uglies" with Art Markers by Wes Douglas**, register at: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/urban2025>

📅 Wed. Oct. 8, 6:30 pm: **Your Artist Website Strategy: A Beginner's Guide to a Dynamic Web Presence by Becky Sciuillo**, register at: WATCHING ON SCREEN IN-PERSON AT LIBRARY: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/artistweb-site-inperson>

WATCHING ON ZOOM REMOTELY: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/artistwebsite-zoom>

📅 Wed. Nov. 12, 6:30 pm: **Oil and Cold Wax Presentation by Joan Geary**, register at: To Follow
📅 **2025 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3rd Mondays:** (no registration needed): Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, & Dec 15

📅 **Event Information is also listed on our website:** WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG
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as Don Colley, Mary Jo Ernst, Brian Wright and others. Wes has appeared on WGN Morning News with Liz Steel and WGN Radio AM 720 "Outside The Loop" program to share his passion of urban sketching with Chicago listeners and to promote the USk Chicago Sketch Seminars and the 8th International Urban Sketchers Symposium. You can find out more about Wes on his socials and web: Facebook: Wes Douglas, Instagram: @wheels317, <https://sketchnography.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.dupageartleague.org/instructors/>
Register here:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/urban2025>

President's Letter:

Hello! It is great to be making our way into fall after such a hot summer in Chicagoland. It was a nice summer though, a break from the normal routines, and I hope yours was too! We took a break from our regular monthly meetings and meet ups and had some wonderful Plein Air meet-ups instead. **Thank you to Lynn Rozycki for coordinating our outings this summer! Thank you also to Cheryl Ferber and Barbara Kelly**, as they helped out a couple times as well. Pictured here L-

R are Darcee Brown, Joan Zabelka, and Cheryl Ferber at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center in Lemont, one of Cheryl's drawings from that day, and one of Barb Kelly's and Elaine Noonan's from Lake Katherine. We are creating a collage/slide show of pictures so if you have any please send to the email listed after my message.



On Sept. 10, we look forward to Wes Douglas sharing his wisdom on art markers and drawing some "Urban Ugliers." He was a hit last year and we are glad to have him back! He is so talented and really fun to see!

We recently US mailed our member renewals, one change this year is that you will send it back to our Treasurer, Cheryl Ferber. Please contact me if you did not receive yours. **Our support from our membership is so important and we thank you so much so we can keep bringing quality programs for all to enjoy!** Finally, after this letter, I have listed our Slate of Officers for 2025-2026. **We have an open position for Secretary this year**, would love if someone is able to fill this! I can tell you more about it if you are interested. We will have our vote at our Oct. 8 meeting.

Have a great September!

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 to our May BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

1st- Mary Kodl Truesdale, "Lost in Time" Watercolor

2nd - Lynn Rozycki, "Bird at Dusk" Oil Pastel

3rd - Betty Burian Kirk, "Felted Woven Ribbon Scarf"

Fiber

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

2025-2026 LAG SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Newsletter Editor/Publicist: Betty Burian Kirk, **Board**

Member at Large: Kathy Birch, **Treasurer:** Cheryl

Ferber, **Secretary:** OPEN POSITION, **Vice-President:**

Lynn Rozycki, **President:** Liz Connelly

Please email us at our email above if you are interested in our Secretary Position or any other position. We can let you know more.

Homer Township Public Library Craft Fair

Sat. Sept. 20, 2025-9:30 am to 2 pm

LAG Member Lynn Rozycki will be exhibiting

Find out More at: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/craft-fair>

Downers Grove Fine Arts Festival-Sept. 6-7, 2025-

10 am to 5 pm Sat/Sun. LAG Members Betty Burian

Kirk will be exhibiting in Booth 5 and Susan Larsen in Booth 29 at the festival.

Find out more at:

<https://www.downtowndg.org/whats-happening/downtown-downers-grove-fine-arts-festival/>

Sayings to Inspire You:

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day."— Shira Tamir