



Lemont Artists Guild

May Newsletter

Building Appreciation for the Arts

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Patterns of Movement to Enhance Your Creativity

with Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan

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 May 13, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Master Dance Teacher, Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan, M.S., who will show attendees how to revitalize their artistic creativity through different patterns of

movement that will help them in creating. This movement/dance in an improvised way changes the thought process and can help with solving problems that occur when creating. Chairs will be used for stability and no experience is necessary to participate. To quote Henry Matisse “an artist should never be a prisoner...prisoner of style...prisoner of reputation or prisoner of success.” So, come and “step out of yourself” and enjoy learning some new movement patterns to help you “THINK DIFFERENTLY” just as the likes of Picasso, Matisse, M.C.Escher, Monet, Van Gogh, Dali did during their time! You never know what it will help you create next!

Elaine is an artist/member of the Lemont Artists Guild and Frankfort Arts Association. She has master’s degrees in Exercise Science and Library Science, and is a professional master dance teacher (having performed 11 years at the former and legendary Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, IL).

*Registration is limited to 15 registrants for this program so be sure to register early if you’re interested!

PLEASE REGISTER AT:

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

2026 Spring Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

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

Register at:

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

Please note there are only 15 registration spots for this meeting!

📅 2026 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3rd or 4th

Mondays: (no registration needed): May 18, 2026

📅 **Plein Air Calendar for Summer 2026, every other Monday, 10 am to 12 pm:**

June 8: Bird Haven Greenhouse near New Lenox, 225 N. Gougar Rd., Joliet, IL 60432

Remaining dates, locations TBA:

June 22, July 6, July 20, Aug 3, Aug 17, Aug 31

Please remember that artists participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety and belongings.

📅 **Website:** WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG

Visit and “Like” our Facebook Page! Look up Lemont Artists Guild

President’s Letter:

Hello and thank you for reading our May newsletter! On April 8, Sarah Rehmer shared her talents and knowledge on encaustic painting. Thank you Sarah! Looking into May, we look forward to Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan showing us how movement/dance can change our thought process and help with solving problems that we may incur when creating.

As we head into the summer months, and plan our programs for the fall of ’26 and winter/spring ’27, I have listed our slate of officers after this letter. **I want to thank all our board members for all they do to keep LAG running smoothly!** We will vote at our Sept. meeting.

Summer Plein Air: I am glad to announce our start date for our 5th year of Plein Air outings. **We will start on Monday, June 8.** Time and location listed in the box above. They will continue every other Monday and we will post all the locations on our website and also send out an email. We hope you can join us! If you aren’t on it and want to be added to our Plein Air Interest List, please email us at our email listed after this letter. Our Vice-President, Lynn Rozycki, will be coordinating the outings again. Lynn sends out reminders and more details about the location as the date gets close. Thanks Lynn!

Finally, please read on to see our LAG Member news, several of our members are in upcoming exhibits and we will be checking out a mural that was created by a long time member, Chuck Wright!

Have a great May and Happy Mother’s Day to all the Moms!

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 April BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

1st –Cheryl Ferber, “Winter Morn,” Oil Paint
2nd – Michael Preski, “Childhood innocence Lost,” Acrylic
Tie for 3rd –Mary Kodl Truesdale, “Day at the Beach,”
Watercolor and Linda Berk, “Sunrise,” Oil

View the 1st place winner at:

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

LAG MEMBER NEWS:

Special Mural Viewing Event with LAG Member, Chuck

Wright: Come see and learn about the tremendous 18” x 53 foot mural that Chuck did for St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Darien, IL. This is a Free event, but a place for lunch will be coordinated afterwards and you pay for lunch on your own.

When: 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 19, 2026*Note: A Backup date is planned for Thursday, May 21, in the event that the church is unavailable on Tuesday.

Where: St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 7214 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, IL 60561(Located North of 75th and Cass Avenue a short way, then on the left side of Cass. There is plenty of parking.) Ph: (630) 969-7987

RSVP: Please send us an email to our email listed after the president’s letter, list your name, email, and phone #.

LAG Slate of Officers 2026-2027:

Newsletter Editor/Publicist: Betty Burian Kirk, **Board Member at Large:** Kathy Birch, **Treasurer:** Cheryl Ferber, **Secretary:** Joan Zabelka, **Vice-President:** Lynn Rozycki, **President:** Liz Connelly. *Please email us at our email above if you are interested in being added to the slate. We will vote at our September meeting.*

Saying to Inspire You:

When the student is ready the teacher appears. When the student is truly ready the teacher Disappears.-Lao Tzu

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/>

This June, Lemont Artists Guild Member, Nancy Bentley, will have her portrait artwork w/Chicago artist Jean Lewis and 3 other local female artists at the Tall Grass Gallery :

Address/Phone: 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest, IL 60466,

Gallery Hours: Tues-Sat, 11 am - 4 pm

Duration: June 13-July 18, 2026

Reception: Sat., June 13, 2026, 1 pm to 3 pm

Web/Ph: <https://www.tallgrassarts.org/> (708) 748-3377

McCord Student Show

McCord CURRENT EXHIBIT: "McCord Gallery Student Show"

LAG Members Cheryl Ferber and Kathy Birch will be exhibiting this year!

Duration: May 11-June 6, 2026

Reception: Friday, May 15, 2026 - 6 pm to 8 pm

Address: 9602 W. Creek Road, Palos Park, IL 60464

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |

Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.Sunday: CLOSED

Web/Ph: mccordgallery.org | 708-671-0648

Sayings to Inspire You:

"When you work really hard for something for a long time, it's almost impossible to believe that it's coming true"

-Robert Crippen, Astronaut

Never be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence. - Steven Bartlett, Entrepreneur