



Building Appreciation for the Arts

# Lemont Artists Guild

## April Newsletter

### Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm

### **Collage and Mixed Media**

**presented by Laura Lein-Svencner**

*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**



The Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, creative and award-winning artist, Laura Lein-Svencner, who will present the process of creating your own collage papers, assembling a collage with a tack iron and the application of an image transfer. She will bring samples of her work, papers she uses and will demonstrate how to create surface designs.

Laura is an Abstract Mixed Media Collage Artist. She teaches collage with the "heat seal iron" method, fusing coated collage papers to many surfaces. She has taught many classes and workshops in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, she also currently teaches online classes. Laura is a National Award Winner and National Collage Society Signature member and co-founder of the Midwest Collage Society in which she is also a member. As a self-taught artist, Laura has been working in the medium of hand papermaking and collage for 30 years. She primarily focuses on composition, layering, color and ability to create depth in her collage artwork. Her works have been published in many books by North

### **2025 Upcoming Events**

*Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:*

📅 **Wed. April 9, 6:30 pm: Collage Techniques with Laura Lein Svencner**, register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/collage2025>

📅 **Wed. May 14, 6:30 pm: Art on Napkins as a Traveling Journal with Robert Morris**, register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/ink2025>

📅 **2025 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays:**, April 21, & May 19 (no registration needed)

📅 **Summer 2025 Plein Air: Starting Mon. June 2, 10 am to 12 pm** and will be every other Monday this summer. We will post more in the coming months. Stay tuned!

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

Visit and "Like" our Facebook Page! Look up

Light Publishing, The Artist Magazine and The Professional Artist. Currently, Laura teaches her collage techniques online, at Naperville Art League in Naperville, IL, and at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook, Illinois. During the summer she also teaches collage workshops all around the Midwest. She is also represented at Mainstreet Art Gallery in Lake Zurich, IL. Find her online:

<https://www.lauralein-svencner.com>

<https://www.lonecrowstudio.com> (teaching online studio), E-mail: [lonecrow4@gmail.com](mailto:lonecrow4@gmail.com)

**REGISTER TO ATTEND at:**

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/collage2025>



### **President's Letter:**

Happy Spring, it is wonderful to see signs of spring in the yard!

Last month, Nancy Uznanski did a wonderful presentation where we learned about taking macro pictures with our cell phone. Thank you to Nancy, and her daughter, Jackie, who helped her with the presentation. We are excited for our upcoming programs and create and chats this spring and then we will move into our Plein Air meet-ups starting June 2, taking place every other Monday 10 am to 12 pm. A big thank you to our vice-president, Lynn Rozycki for organizing

these, and she also gets our speakers together for our Wed. night meetings. We are so grateful for her hard work! If you would like to be added to our Plein Air Interest List (if you are not already on it from a past year), please contact: Lynn, Call or Text: (708) 710-9443 or E-mail: [lynnrozycki@gmail.com](mailto:lynnrozycki@gmail.com). On April 9, we look forward to learning from Laura Lein Svencner who is a dynamic presenter and such a talented artist! *If you have registered, but cannot attend, please be sure to cancel your registration so someone else can go.* You can call the library at 708-301-7908 or email them back from your reminder email. Finally, if you are a LAG Member, please remember to bring something for Back of the Hall to our April meeting. **Have a "hopping" April and Happy Easter to those who observe it.**

*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, or email at [bettykirk321@gmail.com](mailto:bettykirk321@gmail.com)

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

-  1<sup>st</sup>- Place-Michael Preski "Remnants of a Past Conversation," Acrylic on Canvas
-  2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie)- Cheryl Ferber "Pierre the Puffin," Watercolor
-  2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie)-Gene Mark "Bear at Night," Photography
-  3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Lynn Rozycki "Ode to Monet," Watercolor

You can see the prior monthly 1<sup>st</sup> place winners on our website at:

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

#### **Lemont Area Historical Society Exhibit:**

##### **"Our America United"**

**Duration: Through May 31, 2025**

**Address:** 306 Lemont Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Find out more at <https://www.lemonthistory.org/>

**Hours of Operation (fall/winter):** Tues, Fri, Sat: 10 AM - 2 PM, Closed major holidays (including Mother's Day and Father's Day), Research only by appointment, please. Admissions: \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 12 & under

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

**Address:** 431 Talcott Ave, Lemont, IL

**Pollyanna's hours are:** Tue-Thu: 3 pm-10 pm, Fri: 3 pm-11 pm, Sat: 12 pm-11 pm, Sun: 12 pm-7 pm

##### **Current Exhibit: Abstract Artwork by Liz Connelly**

Liz is honored to be showing her abstract artwork. Her artwork is introspective and created intuitively.

**Reception: Sunday, April 6, 2 pm to 4 pm**

**Duration: Through April 22, 2025**

**Next Exhibit:** LAG Member, Cyn O'Brien will be exhibiting her beautiful artwork, which includes her stunning watercolors.

**Duration: April 24-June 6, 2025**

**Reception: Saturday, April 26, from 6 pm to 8 pm**

**Saying to Inspire You:** *Don't dwell on those who let you down... Cherish those who lift you up!*