



Lemont Artists Guild

January Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Annual Show and Tell

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 January 14, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Show and Tell, where all attendees at this meeting will have an opportunity to share their creative endeavors.

This is a great opportunity to talk

about what you are up to creatively, get some new ideas, constructive suggestions, meet other artists, and/or share about your plans for the future. You can also just come and watch and listen to what others are up to in their art worlds!

Please feel free to bring your current project/sketchbook/journal/etc. and anything else that you want to "show and tell" about!

We hope you can attend this program which is free and open to the public! LAG Members: DON'T FORGET SOMETHING FOR BACK OF THE HALL TOO! Barbara Kelly pictured above from last year's Show & Tell.

Registration Link:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/LAGshow2026>

President's Letter:

Hello! Wishing you warm winter greetings wherever you are reading this! I hope your holiday season was nice and Happy New Year to you! We look forward to our annual Show and Tell meeting on Jan. 14 where we

2026 Winter/Spring Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

Jan. 14, 2026-Annual Show and Tell with LAG

Members, Guests welcome! Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/LAGshow2026>

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): January 26, 2026*, 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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talk about our current artwork/projects, what we might want to accomplish in the New Year and anything else we want to share. It is always a fun and casual meeting so we hope you can join us! On Dec. 5 we had a nice turnout of those that could make our holiday lunch this



year. We met at 3 Corners Restaurant in Lemont and enjoyed great food and fun company.

As we look into February and March, our speakers will be on photography and metal sculpture, two very different topics that are sure to please!

I want to mention that we have been approached by Gallery Seven in Lockport, IL to have another exhibit there. We are always glad for an opportunity to exhibit but we need help to make this happen. (We previously exhibited there in 2023 and 2024.) We are asking for volunteers to be on a committee to organize what is needed to exhibit there. If you want to be part of this, please let us know. If we don't get enough volunteers to plan this, we just won't exhibit there. Speaking of exhibits, it was great that LAG Members, Gina Rende and Michael Preski, had an exhibit of their art at Pollyanna Brewing Co. in partnership with the Art & Culture

Commission of Lemont/Lemont Center for the Arts.
Congratulations! The show comes down Jan. 4.



Finally, I wanted to mention two things. 1st, if you come to our LAG Meetings, we would love for you to create a name tag if you have not made one yet or want a new one. Lynn Rozycki can give you the white board to make it on and even write your name on it and then you can add your own artistic flair. And, 2nd, after this letter, I have listed some links to connect us with a memorial foundation that is been made for LAG Member David Opon's son, Aaron, who sadly passed away in Nov. '24 from his battle with cancer. Please go to the links if you would like to learn more.

Have a wonderful January and Happy New Year!

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 November BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

1st – Mike Preski, "The Max Headroom Incident," Mixed Media

2nd – Nancy Bentley, "Banks of Arno River at Ponte Vecchio Bridge (Florence, Italy)," Pastel

3rd – Barbara Kelly, "Poinsettia," Watercolor

View the 1st place winner at:

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

The Aaron Opon Memorial Fund

LAG Member David Opon's son, Aaron, sadly passed away in November of 2024 from a battle with cancer. Since then, a foundation has been formed by the family and they will be having a kick-off event on Jan. 3, 2026. Aaron was a musician and many of Aaron's former co-workers and students will be performing at the Jan. 3 and all proceeds will go toward music scholarships for School of Rock students. They'll also have a silent auction and raffle. If you are interested in attending, or want to learn more about Aaron's foundation, please see the links below.

Memorial Fund Website

<https://aaronoponmemorial.org/>

Facebook Kickoff event page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2345008132617030>

Facebook Memorial Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582548892266>

Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/apon57/>

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

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

Current Exhibit: LAG Members, Michael Preski and Gina Rende show their artistic talents featuring mixed media art by Michael and photography and colorings by Gina. **Duration: ENDING SOON ON Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026**
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!

Sayings to Inspire You:

You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.

-Les Brown

In order to succeed, we must first believe we can.

-Michael Korda