



Lemont Artists Guild

October Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Weaving Evolution

with Betty Burian Kirk

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 October 14, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at

the library, multi-talented and award winning Fiber Artist, Betty Burian Kirk, who will talk about **Weaving and its evolution**. Betty will give a historic overview of weaving, followed by an explanation of the development of looms. Then she will show woven art pieces from utilitarian use to art expression. Betty will have various woven samples on display as well as her floor loom which she will use to demonstrate weaving.

Betty studied art at Northern Illinois University where she earned a Bachelor's and Master's in Art Education. She taught grade school art and also weaving at Joliet Junior College. She now teaches at regional and national fiber conferences, workshops at local guilds, and sells her handmade wearable fiber art at art shows in Illinois. Her knowledge in the fiber arts is extensive. Her many talents include weaving, spinning, ribbon flowers, tassels, Japanese bookbinding and braiding (Kumihimo). You can find her online by looking her up as "bbkirk." She is also a long time member and the Publicity/Newsletter Editor for the Lemont Artists Guild.

PLEASE REGISTER AT:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/weaving2026>

President's Letter:

Hello! We are moving right into our fall routines and I hope this newsletter finds you well! We enjoyed Beth Leahy at our Sept. 9 meeting who gave us a wonderful demonstration on oil painting a still life and she also had a

2026 LAG Programs and Fall Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

Website: **WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG**

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

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

Oct. 14, 2026-Betty Burian Kirk-Weaving Evolution

Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/weaving2026>

Nov. 18, 2026-Phyllis Koslowski-Watercolor

Landscapes* Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/watercolor2026>

Registration opens on Monday Oct. 12 at 8:30 am.

**This is on the 3rd Wed as the Library is closed on the 11th for Veterans Day.*

2nd Week of Dec.-LAG Holiday Luncheon, details TBA

JOINT PLEIN AIR WITH TOWN AND COUNTRY ART LEAGUE (TCAL)-Weather Permitting:

Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at [Lake Katherine, 7402 W Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights](#)

2026 LAG Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3rd or 4th Mondays: (no registration needed): **Oct. 19, Nov. 23*, and Dec. 21.** *Nov. is on the 4th Mon.

2027 LAG Programs:

Jan. 13, 2027-Annual Show and Tell

Feb. 10, 2027-Sarah Johnson-Collage and Painting

Mar. 10, 2027-Mitzi Blanchard-Mixed Media

Assemblage

April 14, 2027-Mary Ann Nowak-Pet Portraits in Pastel

great handout for those in attendance. Thank you Beth! We hope you can get out this October to see our own Betty Burian Kirk give us the history and evolution of weaving and show us her floor loom on Oct. 14. Betty is so knowledgeable and will definitely give an informative program! She also agreed to do this program last minute, as our original speaker for October had to cancel. Thank you Betty!

The deadline for our membership renewals is fast approaching. If you are a LAG Member, you would have received by now in **the US mail, your membership renewal letter and form. We are asking for the renewals to be turned in by Oct. 15. We will be handing out our updated directory at our Nov. meeting, so if you want to be in it, please have your renewal in.** You can mail it to our Treasurer, Cheryl Ferber, or bring it to our October LAG meeting. We appreciate all the support from everyone, members and non-members. **THANK YOU!**

Looking ahead to our Holiday gathering in December we are planning to meet for lunch like we did last year. The

date will most likely be in the 2nd week of December and we will send out information once we have everything finalized.

Finally, I want to thank LAG Member, Chuck Wright and his wife Eileen, for their generous art supply donation. They had a surplus of "stuff" and shared it with us at our Sept. meeting. They were glad to pay it forward and those in attendance were glad to get some free art supplies. THANK YOU!

Have a wonderful October and Happy Halloween!
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 September BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

TIE FOR 1st: Darcee Brown, "Lake Katherine Plein Air 2025,"

Pastel and Betty Burian Kirk, "Butterfly Luminary," Fiber

2nd: Rita Brand, "Dancing Dreams," Batik on Cotton

TIE for 3rd: Cheryl Ferber, "On Golden Pond," Oil and Nancy

Bentley, "Ivy Portrait Silhouette," Pastel

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Gallery Seven in Lockport- Roadside

Attractions: Art and History on Route 66:

A juried exhibition of 2D and 3D art to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rt.66. Visit

<https://www.galleryseven.net/roadsideattractions> for more information!

LAG MEMBER NEWS:

LAG Member, Betty Burian Kirk, has informed us that she will be in the upcoming exhibit at McCord Gallery and Cultural Center : *Fashion, Fiber, Textile*

The opening reception is Friday, Oct. 9, 6 – 8 pm and it will be up through Oct. 31. Congrats Betty!

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

LAG MEMBER NEWS Cont.:

Coffee for a Cause: The Aaron Opon Memorial Fund is having an October fundraiser, when you purchase a Coffee for a Cause Premium Roast from their fundraising page below, 33% goes directly to the memorial fund. **LAG Member, David Opon and his wife, started the memorial fund to honor the memory of their son, Aaron, who lost his battle to cancer in 2024.** You can learn more about their mission at:

<https://aaronoponmemorial.org/>

You can order coffee and support the cause at:

<https://www.groupraise.com/oc/82188>

Looking for a place to reproduce your artwork? LAG

Member, Nancy Bentley, has recommended www.mpix.com

– Good quality photos and prints, including giclee on archival fine art paper, in varying sizes at reasonable rates and fast delivery.

Free Virtual Programs, 55 and older: LAG Member, Elaine Gotfryd Noonan, has recommended www.Mather.com.

You can join hands-on art projects, guided wellness classes, gardening tutorials, and more.

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

See the beautiful photography of Astrophotographer, Jasonn Pellegrini in Sept/Oct.

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

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!

Saying to Inspire You:

"Don't wait for things to be simpler, easier, or better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy now. And know that no matter the time or day, it will always be now."

Kobi Yamada, Finding Muchness: How to Add More Life to Life