



Lemont Artists Guild

November Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Oil and Cold Wax Presentation

with Joan Geary

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 Nov. 12, 2025, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, talented Artist, Joan Geary, who will talk

about her large scale artwork that is created with Oil and Cold Wax. Joan will bring samples of her work and demonstrate some oil and cold wax techniques she employs. Joan is a largely self-taught, abstract artist, and a native to Chicago. Using Oil and Cold Wax allows for the buildup of a rich history and patina through amassing layers of paint and excavation back through those layers. Luminosity and light have become trademarks of Joan's work, which explores color and shape inspired by nature and a connection to the divine.

Registration Link:

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

Joan exhibits in galleries in Chicago and the Midwest area and has been featured in publications including *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Doings*, and a book titled *Cold Wax Medium: Techniques, Concepts, and Conversations* by Rebecca Crowell and Jerry McLaughlin. She maintains a daily painting practice in her home studio in Willow Springs, IL. She looks forward to talking about this fluid way of creating art,

2025 LAG Fall Events

Most at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

✚ **Wed. Nov. 12, 6:30 pm: Oil and Cold Wax Presentation by Joan Geary, register at:**
<https://www.homerlibrary.org/oilcoldwax>

✚ **Holiday Gathering: TBD**

✚ **2025 Create and Chat, 1 pm-3 pm, 3rd Mondays:** (no registration needed): Nov 17, & Dec 15

2026 Winter/Spring Events

(Registration links to follow)

✚ **Jan. 14, 2026-Annual Show and Tell with LAG Members, Guests welcome!**

✚ **February 11, 2026-Photography & Composition with Hank Erdmann**

✚ **March 11, 2026-Metal Sculpture with Steve Kost**

✚ **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**

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

showing us her artwork, and sharing her experiences in exhibiting this beautiful artwork! Learn more about Joan at <http://www.joangearystudio.com/>

President's Letter:

Hello! I hope you had a fun October and Halloween if you celebrate. At our meeting in Oct., we enjoyed our speaker, Becky Scullo, who guided us as to what is important when creating a website and launching our art presence online. It was the first time we had a speaker both at the library and on Zoom, and it went really well! Thank you to all those that attended and the Homer Library staff for coordinating the tech. Thank you Becky for a great presentation! If you would like to know more about her, please visit her website at www.artisan-advantage.com. LAG Member, Marjorie Carlson Boyd's artwork is in the Tallgrass Arts Association Exhibit: The Chicago Calligraphy Collective Annual Juried Show, "Explorations 2025." Visit www.tallgrassarts.org for more info, the show will be up through Nov. 8, so you can still see it if you are reading this before then.

I want to give a **warm welcome** to our **new Secretary, Joan Zabelka**. We voted on our officers at our Oct. meeting. Thank you for your support, here are the 25-26 officers: **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

I also want to extend my gratitude to **Gene Mark**, who resigned from Board Member at Large. We thank her very much for all the years she served and helped us. I am very grateful for our board members and all of our LAG Membership, you make it possible to keep LAG going! Thank you to all those who renewed your membership. If you have not renewed yet, you can still do so! Visit our website at:

<https://lemontartistsguild.org/join-us>

Have a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

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 October BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

- 1st – **Cheryl Ferber**, “Wine Time,” Watercolor
- 2nd – **Linda Berck**, “Crested Saguaro” Oil
- 3rd – **Michael Preski**, “The Apocalyptic Aftermath of a Wartime Famine,” Collage

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

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

Hours: Tue-Thu: 3 pm-10 pm, Fri: 3 pm-11 pm, Sat: 12 pm-11 pm, Sun: 12 pm-7 pm

Upcoming Exhibit: LAG Members, Michael Preski and Gina Rende will show their artistic talents featuring

mixed media art by Michael and photography and colorings by Gina.

Reception: Sat. Dec. 13-2 pm to 4 pm

Duration: Mid-November 2026 to Early January 2026, exact dates TBA.

Sayings to Inspire You:

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.

-Jimmy Dean

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great!

-Zig Ziglar