



Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

Building Appreciation for the Arts

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024

6:30 pm IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY*

Urban Sketching

with Wes Douglas

***RSVP is REQUIRED, SEE LINK AFTER THIS DESCRIPTION**



On Nov. 13, 2024, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, Art Director,

Graphic Designer, and Instructor, Wes Douglas, who will give a talk on Urban Sketching. Urban Sketching can be described as "sketching on location" that often incorporates architecture, street scenes, and people in their daily lives going to stores, restaurants, and other day to day activities for leisure or work. The sketch tells a story of what is happening around the artist and happens on site, as opposed to a formal studio setting of an artist. Learn all about the spontaneity and fun you can have when urban sketching!

Wes Douglas, a suburban Chicago resident for more than 50 years, is a design graduate of Northern Illinois University and was a founding member of the innovation firm Maddock Douglas in Elmhurst. Wes loves to sketch people on location and is a lifelong illustrator. An instructor at past Sketch Seminars, Wes now teaches students at the DuPage Art League about the secrets of urban sketching.

He also has been an active member (and former co-administrator) for Urban Sketchers Chicago (aka, USK, www.urbansketcherschicago.org) since 2013.

You can find out more about Wes on Facebook: Wes Douglas, Instagram: @wheels317,

Web: <https://sketchnography.blogspot.com/>, <https://sketchawes317.blogspot.com/>

and <https://urbansketcherschicago.org/chicago-sketch-seminar/instructors/workshop-instructors-wes-douglas/>

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND

AT: <https://www.homerlibrary.org/urban>

President's Letter

Hello! It is great to be writing the November President's letter as we move forward from fall into the winter months!

OUR MEETINGS ARE CO-SPONSORED AND TAKE PLACE AT:

Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL

www.homerlibrary.org

708-301-7908

2024-25 Upcoming Events

Most are at Homer Library unless indicated otherwise:

Remaining 2024

✚ Thru Nov. 30: **LAG Member Exhibit at Gallery Seven in the historic Gaylord Building at 200 W. 8th St. (3rd Floor) in Lockport, IL.** Gallery hours: **Thurs-Fri-Sat 12 pm to 5 pm & Sun 12 pm to 3 pm.**

Note: Members Artwork Pickup: Saturday, Nov. 30, 3 pm to 5 pm, or Sunday, Dec. 1, 12 pm - 3 pm

✚ **Wed. Nov. 13, 6:30 pm: Urban Sketching with Wes Douglas, register at:** <https://www.homerlibrary.org/urban>

✚ **Mon. Nov. 18, 1 pm-3 pm: Create and Chat**

✚ **December 11, 2024, 6 pm: Holiday Party at Lemont Library, 50 E. Wend Street-details to be sent out soon!**

✚ **Mon. Dec. 16, 1 pm-3 pm: Create and Chat**

2025

✚ **Wed. Jan. 8, 6:30 pm: Annual Show and Tell, register at: TBA**

✚ **Wed. Feb. 12, 6:30 pm: Art on Napkins as a Traveling Journal with Robert Morris, register at: TBA**

✚ **Wed. Mar. 12, 6:30 pm: Minute to Magnificent: Macro Photography using your Cell Phone with Nancy Uznanski, register at: TBA**

✚ **Wed. April 9, 6:30 pm: Laura Lein Svecner-Collage Techniques, register at: TBA**

✚ **Wed. May 14, 6:30 pm: Becky Sciuillo-Your Artist Website Strategy: A Beginner's Guide to a Dynamic Web Presence, register at: TBA**

✚ **2025 Create and Chat Dates: TBA**

Dates and events are also listed on our website at

WWW.LEMONTARTISTSGUILD.ORG

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Look up Lemont Artists Guild

Yesterday (11/4), I mailed out the annual LAG renewal letter and form to our members, so please be sure to check your mailboxes. Thank you for your patience and support and if you are a member, I hope you want to renew! Also, for LAG Members-Please remember to bring an artwork to our Monthly Wed. Meetings that can be voted on in our "Back of the Hall" Competition. We had a great turn out of entries last month and want to keep this going. ☺ And, a note that we are now starting our meetings at 6:30 pm! If you would like time to socialize before the meeting, please plan to arrive around 6:30, Back of the Hall Voting will start at 6:40 pm and we will start our announcements at 6:45 pm.

Kimberly Mullarkey who spoke on Botanical Drawing in Oct. gave us an informative program that made us appreciate nature so much more and appreciate the importance of being kind to our environment. She also creates beautiful artwork! Thank you Kimberly!

We had a wonderful time at the LAG Member Exhibit Reception at Gallery Seven in downtown Lockport! The exhibit will be up through Nov. 30. There are 22 Members exhibiting and almost 60 artworks on display!

Back Row, L-R: Barbara Kelly, Betty Burian Kirk, Lynn Rozycki,



Mona Parry, Diane Jade Harn, Cheryl Ferber, Gene Mark, John Gildroy. **Front Row, L-R:** Michael Preski, Gina Rende, Jackie Uznanski, Liz Connelly, Nancy Uznanski.

Below: Autumn Jean and Josiah Bara.



The scarecrow we made for the Lemont Library's entry into the Lemont Junior Woman's Club Annual Scarecrow Trail and Contest came in 4th place! Thank you to all who voted for Dewey! Finally, please see the next column to save the date for our **Holiday Party in Dec. and our Slate of officers for 2024-2025!**

Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful November!

Sincerely, Liz Connelly, LAG President

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SAVE THE DATE: Lemont Artists Guild Holiday Party

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024

Location: Lemont Library, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont, IL

Time: 6 pm....*We will share more details including cost and menu soon!*

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

Oct. 2024 BACK OF THE HALL:

Congratulations to:

1st: John Gildroy, "Don't Tread on Me Girls" photo print

2nd: Barb Kelly, "Fall Leaves" watercolor

3rd: Liz Connelly "The Forming of My Principalities" oil

See the monthly 1st place winners on our website at:

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

2024-2025 LAG SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Newsletter Editor/Publicist: Betty Burian Kirk, *Board*

Member at Large: Gene Mark, *Treasurer:* Cheryl Ferber,

Secretary: Kathy Birch, *Vice-President:* Lynn Rozycki,

President: Liz Connelly

Lemont Library's Friends of the Library Book Sale:

More Info: <https://lemontlibrary.libnet.info/event/11238353>

Location: 50 E. Wend Street, Lemont, IL

Preview Night: Friday, Nov. 8 (There is a \$5 entry to shop from 6 - 8 PM and get first chance to view/purchase!)

Saturday, Nov. 9: 9 am-4 pm, **Sunday, Nov. 10:** 1 pm-4 pm

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

Grin and Bear It: The Faces of JAG III, Artist John

Giemzik, Show Duration: through early December, 2024

Pollyanna's hours are: Tue-Thu: 3p-10p / Fri: 3p-11p / Sat: 12p-11p / Sun: 12p-7p

LAG Member, Betty Burian Kirk, will be a vendor at the Lemont High School Athletic Boosters Craft Show:

Location: Lemont High School, 800 Porter Street, Lemont, IL, **Admission is \$5**

When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8

Time: Sat. 9 am to 3 pm, Sun. 10 am to 2 pm

Saying to Inspire You:

Don't look back with regret, look forward with hope.

Always end your day with a positive thought and a grateful heart.