

Upcoming Meeting/Program

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Oil Painting Demonstration

with Beth Leahy

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 September 9, 2026, in partnership with the Homer Township Public Library, the Lemont Artists Guild is pleased to present, at the library, experienced Fine Artist, Beth Leahy, who will do an oil painting demonstration of a still life subject and

talk about several aspects of working with oil paint. She will discuss using a limited palette, working general to specific, edges/outlines, background, final tweaking of the subject and touch on color mixing. She will have a handout that attendees can take home for reference.

Beth has been creating art since childhood. Her art education includes private lessons, workshops with contemporary artists, the Art Institute of Chicago, The American Academy of Art, The School of Representational Art, and Angel Academy of Art in Florence, Italy. She has been teaching art to adults since 1998 and has done many workshops in the Chicagoland area. She currently teaches at McCord Cultural Center and Gallery in Palos Park, IL.

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"

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📍 **Sept. 9, 2026-Beth Leahy-Oil Painting**

Demonstration Register at:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/oilpainting2026>

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

Register at: Link not available yet

📍 **Nov. 18, 2026-Phyllis Koslowski-Watercolor**

Landscapes* Register at: Link not available yet

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

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

1. Friday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Little Red Schoolhouse, [9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs](#)
2. 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): **Sept. 21, 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**

📍 **May 12, 2027-Sarah Johnson-Gouache Landscapes**

PLEASE REGISTER AT:

<https://www.homerlibrary.org/oilpainting2026>

President's Letter:

Hello, hoping this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good summer! Summer always goes so fast. We had a fun time at our May meeting, our own LAG Member, Elaine Gotfryd-Noonan, got us moving as artists and we did some exercises to get our creative juices flowing! Thanks Elaine! Lynn Rozcycki worked hard again this year heading up our Plein Air outings this summer. **Thank you Lynn and to all who attended them and also to Cheryl Ferber and Betty Burian Kirk** who helped out also to coordinate a couple of the plein air outings.

As we approach the start of our fall meetings, **I want to thank all our board members for all they do to keep LAG running smoothly!** There is a lot that happens "behind the

scenes” to make this happen. **I also want to thank all our members for being part of LAG.** We are glad for when you can attend events, share your beautiful artwork, help out, and read our emails and newsletters. We would not be a group without you! **I hope you have seen in the US mail already, your membership renewal letter and form, mailed out at the end of August.** We are asking for the renewals to be turned in by Oct. 15. You can mail to our Treasurer, Cheryl Ferber or bring to a LAG meeting. I also included our slate of officers in the mailing, which I had mentioned also in our May newsletter, and we will have our vote for our 2026-2027 officers at our Sept. meeting. I know LAG is a small part of the rest of your world, but it is *our honor* that you choose to be a part of our group and we hope we can play a big part in helping you be creative and enjoy the arts! And we appreciate all the support from everyone, members and non-members. THANK YOU!

Finally, I want to mention DuPage Art League’s Best of the Best exhibit that took place this past August. We were honored to have 7 LAG Members exhibit. **They are: Rita Brand, Nancy Bentley, Cheryl Ferber, Michael Preski, Lynn Rozycki, Barbara Kelly, and Betty Burian Kirk.** We are pleased to announce that **Rita, Lynn, and Cheryl’s art also sold at the exhibit!** What a talented group we have!

Hope you can join us on Sept. 9 to see the wonderful art of Beth Leahy and how she approaches Oil Painting!

Have a wonderful September!!!

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 MAY BACK OF THE HALL Winners:

1st –Rita Brand, “Lilies and Leaves,” Batik on Cotton

2nd –Lynn Rozycki, “Still Life,” Mixed Media

3rd –Betty Burian Kirk, “Felted Hare,” Fiber

View the 1st place winner at:

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

LAG MEMBER NEWS:

Several Lemont Artist Guild members sold their art work at the Best of the Best Show at DuPage Art League in August.

They are Rita Brand, Lynn Rozycki, and Cheryl Ferber.

Congrats!

Call for Artists! T-Shirt Design Contest: The Aaron Opon Memorial Fund is holding a Cancer Research T-Shirt Design Contest. Artists of all ages are eligible, it is a \$10 donation to submit a design and the winning design will be sold on the AOMF online store with sales benefiting the fund. LAG Member, David Opon and his wife, started this 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 submit a T-shirt design at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/the-aaron-opon-memorial-cancer-research-t-shirt-design-contest>

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. Dates of Show and Reception to be announced.

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!

Sayings to Inspire You:

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change -Dr. Wayne Dyer

Don’t look back, you’re not going that way. Keep moving forward.

You’d be surprised who’s watching your journey and being inspired by it. Don’t Quit!!