



# Hieroglyphs

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## From the President's Desk

by Jane Morgan

### From The President's Desk

Renovations to the upstairs are now complete. The new heating and air conditioning is installed and working very well. Classes are being held there and it's working out great. Being able to have classes upstairs and downstairs simultaneously with the magnificent air conditioning during the summer has been greatly appreciated, LEAA members can spread the word that private paint parties, private stained classes, etc can be scheduled easier now that there is plenty of classroom space available.

The next major renovation project will be replacing the old front windows on each side of the front door. The contractor said the installation would be after the first of the year.

Anyone who would like to donate funds to the Capital Fund should see any on the LEAA board of directors.

Cooler fall weather is here now. Take advantage to fill your days with new challenges at LEAA. There are more classes and groups offered than ever before. We expect a new music and song writing group this fall. We are certainly looking forward to see what develops from that new group.

**SAVE THE DATE** - The LEAA Annual Holiday Dinner will be December 13, 2025.

Social time begins 12:30. Mealtime to follow.

Call with any problems or concerns.

Jane Morgan,  
President LEA  
618-218-3455

### MEMBER MEETINGS

ALPS Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00

LEWS meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm & 4th Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Cricut Group meets on the 1st Thursday at 6:00p

Papercraft & Card Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30p

Monthly Board Meetings are on the 3rd Monday at 12:30. All members are welcome to attend.

### Board Members

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**Jane Morgan**

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George Stone

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Minutes from Board Meetings are available to all members and are located at the art centre.

## ALPS

The ALPS camera club meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM and we have monthly presenters who know their way around a camera. We also go on photo treks around the tri-state area regularly where folks can be in the field with experienced photographers from the camera club.

## LEWS Little Egypt Writers Society

LEWS is growing. The number of members attending meetings has doubled since the start of this year. This month, LEA Authors' eighth annual anthology will be sent to the printers. The 156 pages contain 85 works by nine authors: 7 poems, 4 images, and 74 short stories, essays, and chapters from novels soon to be published. LEWS meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 6:00 PM and the fourth Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the *Arts Centre*. Bill Hamer (acting facilitator)



## The Cricut Group / Paper Crafts and Cards Group

The Cricut Group made thank you cards for veterans in July. In August, We made Honor Flight cards. Ryan donated cups and a cup heat press to the Cricut Group. He lead the September meeting. Thank you Ryan! The monthly meeting is on the 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm of each month. ↑

At the July meeting, the PC&C group experimented with alcohol inks and made butterfly cards. We finished 120 Honor Flight cards and Cheryl made 60 cards for Veteran's Home in August. Thank you to Jane for leading the September meeting. They made thank you cards for the displays. →



## LEAA Artist & Fiber Group

On the left, a photo from the Rick Rack Flower workshop held at Ethel Mae's in September. Much fun with a convivial group. Later, everyone went to T-Moe's there in Johnston City for lunch. The October meeting included a quilting presentation at Katy's cabins and brunch! Workshop plans for the Tuesday, November 4th meeting have not been finalized. The First Tuesday Fiber Group is open to all each month to all things fiber. A variety a techniques are shared by LEAA and other guest presenters. Please reach out to Marie Samuel [msartist@aol.com](mailto:msartist@aol.com) or call Mary Slider at 618-521-5189 for more information.

## 2025 Classes, Workshops and Open Studios

### **ACRYLIC**

Acrylic Class Monday's 1:30-4:30 Fee –\$15.00. Sign up at [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com)

1st Friday Acrylic night 6-9pm \$20 for members supplies included

Chunky 3 D Sunflowers in Acrylic Wednesday, October 15th at 11am with Erin Alice Gray. The cost is \$55 all supplies included and is a class someone could do on an extended lunch hour. Reservations required [aliceart13@gmail.com](mailto:aliceart13@gmail.com) Her next class will be in January.

### **WATERCOLOR**

Watercolor with Connie

2nd Saturdays at 3pm Beginner friendly step by step. \$20 for members all supplies included

Watercolor with Kris

Kris Killman will be teaching a weekly watercolor class on Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm. The first one starts October 9th. Reservations required Contact him for the materials list at

[kriskillman@gmail.com](mailto:kriskillman@gmail.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month \$20 for members supplies included

4th Friday is Free Watercolor group 2-4pm - different members take turns leading. The watercolor group will meet on the 4th Tuesday in November due to the Thanksgiving.

### **OIL**

2nd Friday of each month 6-9 pm. \$20 for members. Oil Painting Workshop with Jonathan Lake. To register email: [nathankale55@gmail.com](mailto:nathankale55@gmail.com)

Paint in oil like Bob Ross with Certified Ross Instructor Brad Mullins from Happy Painter Studios leads you step by step in his classes. They are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. \$61 for members - all supplies are included [happypainterstudios@yahoo.com](mailto:happypainterstudios@yahoo.com)

### **MIXED MEDIA**

Mixed Media classes are offered on 4th Friday night at 6pm \$20 for members all supplies included A simple and fun way to learn mixed media. Gelprint classes are coming soon. These classes are brought to us by a new member to our gallery and to the community, Stacy at Pink Poodle Crafts brings new and exciting classes to us.

### **KIDS CLASSES**

After school Art series meets on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 5 for 6 weeks It's \$90 They do a variety of art styles from clay, stoneware, painting, journaling, and so much more. Ages 7-12 Pre - registration required sign up at [fishtalespotteryplace.com](http://fishtalespotteryplace.com) The next series should start 10/28

### **TNT—Teens & Tweens**

2nd Fridays from 2:30- 4:00 . Fee: \$5.00 . Contact Lori Shelly for more info at 641-226-4633

## 2025 Classes, Workshops and Open Studios continued

### **POTTERY & STONEWARE**

Ceramic Vintage Christmas Tree November 2nd, 23rd, & 30th 1pm  
Clay Handbuilding ornaments Sunday November 16th noon to 5pm

Linda also offers pottery, clay, acrylic, rope baskets, and more available by appointment or schedule contact Linda at [lindahooker50@gmail.com](mailto:lindahooker50@gmail.com) She has several Tuesday afternoons open from 1pm -3pm

### **DRAWING & WOOD CARVING**

Jeri Palmer leads a drawing class Tuesday mornings from 10-12 She also has a wood carving class or open studio during the same time. Reservations required [jlpalmer50@gmail.com](mailto:jlpalmer50@gmail.com) Another carving class may be scheduled by appointment.

Sewing Classes may be scheduled upon request. There are 3 teachers ready to teach small projects classes. Reach out to Cathy [cdudley9@hotmail.com](mailto:cdudley9@hotmail.com), Jessica at [jessiccook0909.com](mailto:jessiccook0909.com) or Renee at [rlvintagetreasures@gmail.com](mailto:rlvintagetreasures@gmail.com)

### **Stained Glass & Shattered Glass Classes taught by Cathy Dudley**

If you are thinking of taking one of the Oct stained glass classes get signed up quick!!

Here are the spaces left OCT Stained Glass classes.

October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am Stained Glass Class

October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am Shattered Glass Class

Thank You!

Cost of Classes \$45, Shattered glass class \$40

Classes are subject to change to meet the wants and needs of the students. So stay tuned!

Contact Cathy for details: [cdudley9@hotmail.com](mailto:cdudley9@hotmail.com) or 618-889-0750 (leave a message if she doesn't answer she will call you back) Hope to see you in one of the classes!!

### **1st Tuesday Fiber Workshops**

The next fiber workshop will be held on Tuesday November 4 at 10am meeting at 1416 Liberty School Rd Call 618-694-6394 to reserve your spot and get materials list \$5 for members includes a farm to table county brunch

Cricut Group is now scheduling classes with Ryan to make hats or mugs.

Email [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com) to schedule a class

### **Open Studios**

**Mondays** 9:00 am until 1:00pm.

**Wednesdays** 10 am until 2:00 pm.

Member dues are just \$50 per year. Members are also welcome to use the second floor for Open Studio if classes are in session on the first floor.

You can sign up for any of our classes or groups direct through the instructor or by emailing [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com)

The Friday Night Art series will take the month of December off to allow people extra time for holiday parties.

If you would like to book a family or work holiday party with us. Please reach out to [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com) to see if the instructor and gallery are available.



Jonathan Lake is having a show of some of his better paintings, not seen in LEAA, at the Herrin city library. Currently until ? A variety of paintings are on display from Rogue One, Dali Hart, Sasquatch On His Porch, Tuscany Garden, and more. Even more will be hung on Oct 11th

Painting on right



Jonty Kasku-Jackson's latest work on canvas, 'I Sing The Body Electric,' was selected by Liam's Den & Bubble Lounge to be included in the "Power In Pink" Exhibition in Las Vegas. "Power in Pink" brings together local and national artists whose lives have been forever touched by breast cancer such as survivors sharing their journeys, creators honoring loved ones and works dedicated to those lost but never forgotten. The exhibition runs October-December



Jonty is a self-taught artist and a new member of LEAA. She has been painting with acrylic inks off and on for 20+ years. Since she recently retired, she has time to focus on evolving her art so she decided to take the acrylic class at LEAA. That class gave her the confidence to create this work on canvas. Painting above on Left

40 people attended a Reception on September 28 at Harrisburg Library

Janet Bixler was one of several attending Marie Samuel's reception in Harrisburg on Sunday September 26, 2025. Approximately 40-50 quilts were given away at the event. Janet was lucky enough to win one of the quilts! Judy Spiller (not pictured) also attended the reception and received a quilt.



## THANK YOU !

"A special thanks to **George Stone** and others for asking the Harrison Bruce organization for a grant to obtain heating and air conditioning." The Bruce Foundation came through and the upstairs now has the 3 units installed."



## CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS for 2025

October—Mid-November " Photo Exhibit and Competition"

Mid—November- December Magical Memories

Exhibit themes for 2026 will be announced soon!



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