



# Hieroglyphs

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## From the President's Desk

by Jane Morgan

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Hello 2026! HAPPY NEW YEAR LEAA!

LEAA had a very successful year in 2025 with member participation record sales.

We expect the new year to bring new and exciting activities. Please keep up to date with classes and workshops as well as the ongoing group meetings. There is a paper at the LEAA counter listing the ongoing things.

WOW!!! We closed out the year with the Very Merry Marion Market bringing in over \$4000 in sales. If you want to participate in the December 2026 Very Merry Marion Market, begin preparing now and throughout the year. There is no booth fee cost to set up. Only the usual member sales percentage applies.

Be advised that this spring we are due to replace the old front windows. There is a plan in place to recycle the old glass so it can be reused as glass shelves. We are not sure about the date but we are told that it will sometime after the weather moderates. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience.

For those who haven't noticed, we installed a doorbell at the rear entrance. The doorbell became so popular and useful with out members that we are installing one for the front door. Ring the doorbell if you have your hands full and need help opening the front door and someone will come to the door and help.

We are always looking for members who love to teach and share their skills. Let us know if you would like to give teaching a try.

Call with any problems or concerns.

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## 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 6:00pm

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

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

## Board Members

President  
**Jane Morgan**  
Vice President  
**Kris Killman**  
Secretary  
**Christy Motsinger**  
Treasurer  
**Janet Bixler**

Cathy Dudley  
Art Fager  
Bill Hamer  
Jonathan Lake  
Patty Morrison  
Barbara Patchett  
George Stone  
Cindy Taylor  
Vebbie Troutman

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

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.

George Stone presented a slideshow of his trip to Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado to the ALPS group recently. There were 30-40 images in the presentation. The image at the right was part of that show.



Kris Killman will start his beginner photography classes starting January 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the LEAA art center. Cost is \$120.00 for the ten week course. The course is designed to help beginner photographers with basic DSLR or Mirrorless cameras with interchangeable lenses to not only learn how to use their cameras but to excel with them. For more information on the course contact Kris Killman using Facebook messenger or email at [kriskillman@gmail.com](mailto:kriskillman@gmail.com)

### LEWS Little Egypt Writers Society

2025 has ended, and 2026 begun. May this year be much better than the last. I know it will for LEWS. Although I will continue to produce our annual anthologies, my role as LEWS editor and facilitator also came to an end. But I am not leaving LEWS. Jonty Kasku-Jackson will be wearing the mantle. She is an experienced author and editor. Working via email, [kasku@kaskuart.com](mailto:kasku@kaskuart.com), she can help LEWS' members polish their pieces before they bring them to a Tuesday LEWS meeting to be read aloud and discussed. Every writer, novice or accomplished, has their own style, which we respect. Bill Hamer, retiring amateur editor and acting facilitator, who will have more time to work on the many writings that I had started and set aside.

### The Cricut Group / Paper Crafts and Cards Group

The **Cricut** group had a guest instructor, Stacy, who lead the Cricut Group in October with a layered scarecrow and turkey table decoration. November started our Christmas cards and decorations. Karen and JoAnne lead the group with snowflake lanterns and a card. In December we made nativity luminaries and gingerbread shakers lead by Stephanie. Stephanie made ornaments and Ryan made potholders to sell at Merry Marion Market. Jane made cute marshmallow snowmen. Next month we will be learning about layering vinyl.

**Paper Crafts and Cards Group** We are glad to welcome 2 new people to our group! In October we made stenciled trick or treat cards. Stacy lead make it take its for A Witches Night Out. November was watercolor Christmas cards. Some of our group made a trip to Branson which included Scrapbooks Forever. We made shaker ornament cards designed and lead by Stephanie for December meeting.



### LEAA Artists, Fiber Group and Stained Glass

The next Fiber Workshop will be held on Tuesday January 6 at 10am.

**Stained Glass Classes** for Jan, Feb, and March are all full. Have not started on class schedules after that yet. However I do have a "waiting list" for any cancelations, and then on to future classes. Will try to work with a "group of friends, or coworkers, or family, that may want to schedule a class for your group. Need at least 5 with max of 7 to do a private class. (dates depend on availability of the downstairs classroom.) Thanks, and HAPPY NEW YEAR, Cathy Dudley will try to work with a "group of friends, or coworkers, or family, that may want to schedule a class for your group. Need at least 5 with max of 7 to do a private class. (dates depend on availability of the downstairs classroom.)

## 2026 Classes, Workshops and Open Studios

### STAINED GLASS

Full for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – email [cdudley9@hotmail.com](mailto:cdudley9@hotmail.com) to get on the wait list

### ACRYLIC

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month \$25 for public, \$20 for members for members supplies included sign up on website or through [motsart23@outlook.com](mailto:motsart23@outlook.com)

Acrylic Class Monday's 1:30-4:30 Bring your own supplies sign up through website or [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com)

A new series in acrylic will be starting soon details will be posted on Facebook

### WATERCOLOR

Thursdays 2:30-4:30 Watercolor with Kris \$120 for general public, \$100 for members contact [kriskillman@gmail.com](mailto:kriskillman@gmail.com) to sign up

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays – Watercolor with Connie 3pm \$25 for public, \$20 for members sign up through website or [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com)

Beginner friendly watercolor class with Connie on Friday January 16. 5-7pm. \$25 non-members , \$20 members. Bring a friend. Beginner friendly. We will paint cardinals. All supplies furnished.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month \$25 for public, \$20 for members supplies included, sign up through website or [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com)

### OIL

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1pm Paint like Bob Ross with Certified Ross Instructor Brad Mullins from Happy Painter Studios has recently joined and his 1<sup>st</sup> 3 classes are scheduled. \$61 for members all supplies are included

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)

### Photography

Beginner Photography starts January 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm \$120 for 10 weeks sign up through [kriskillman@gmail.com](mailto:kriskillman@gmail.com)

### KIDS CLASSES & MORE

After School Art Classes \$90 for 6-week series 1st session starting January 6th 1:30 – 4:30, Ages 7-12 Pre-registration required sign up at [fishtalespotteryplace.com](http://fishtalespotteryplace.com)

Linda also offers pottery, clay, acrylic, rope baskets, and more contact Linda at [lindahooker50@gmail.com](mailto:lindahooker50@gmail.com)

One on one lessons or classes on any art medium with Jeri. Contact her at [jpalm-er50@gmail.com](mailto:jpalm-er50@gmail.com)

**Sewing Classes** or easy strip quilt are available email us at [leaa601@frontier.com](mailto:leaa601@frontier.com) for requests there are multiple teachers



Gallery Photos by ep morrison



*The fiber Group Remembers Mary*

## Member Memorial

Mary Slider, Fiber Artist, passed away at 6:15 pm Saturday night, December 27 at her home with hospice. A Memorial service is planned to be held in approximately 3 weeks at the Carterville First United Methodist Church in Carterville, IL 62918

The late Mary Slider left a legacy fiber exhibit completed by over 10 artists at LEAA Fiber First Tuesdays at the Cedarhurst Art Museum in Mt Vernon Jan & Feb 2026 . Patty Morrison's Weather in Motion brochures will also be featured and Rusty Freeman asked Marie to write a tribute poem for Mary which will be a part of the show.

**Missing Mary and Marie**  
By Marie Samuel

Leaders of Fiber First Tuesday  
Partners in fiber fun projects  
Covering so many media varied  
In many ways and nifty crafts  
Assuming we would be missed  
But hope others could step up  
And try more and more fun stuff  
Making sure all can move forth  
So meanwhile we carry on gladly  
Agreeing mostly in our escapades  
One may lead and the other follow  
In an exploring materials adventure.



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