

# Hieroglyphs

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## From the President's Desk

by Jane Morgan

Renovations to the upstairs are being done this spring. The upstairs painting is completed, and new flooring will be put down by mid-April. To complete the upstairs project there soon will be new heat and a/c conditioning installed.

The next major renovation down the road will be replacing the old windows in the front entrance. The repairs have been completed to the old black glass panels on the bottom of the front entrance. The nostalgic black glass dates back the early days of our building. The LEAA Board of Directors were very passionate about preserving the original appearance as much as possible while simultaneously giving the building a fresh updated appearance.

Anyone who would like to donate funds to the Capital Fund should see Capital Fund Coordinator George Stone.

There will be some exciting classes coming up in the future. Read the rest of the newsletter for the information. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the updates.

I don't want to let the cat out of the bag but – very soon there will be an opportunity to paint happy little trees with a guest instructor.

**SAVE THE DATE** - The LEAA Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Ice Cream Social is planned for June 14, 2025 12:30pm. This is always a fun afternoon of socializing and good ice cream. It is especially nice to see members that haven't been together in a while. The ballots will be mailed in May.

Call with any problems or concerns.

Jane Morgan, President LEAA 618-218-3455

### Little Egypt Arts will host its Annual Meeting

on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 12:30, to elect three board members including two officers. The celebration and meeting will begin at 12:30 with a free ice cream social. Please bring a dessert that goes with ice cream if you would. For those of you that are lactose intolerant, please bring the food of your choice.

The Celebration will be held at the beautiful Haven located on the south side of 13 on Crab Orchard Lake just west of the lake bridge. Meeting will be from 12:30 to 1; ice cream lunch will begin at 1 p.m. Participants are welcome to do a show and tell on a table set up for same and/or walk around the grounds. A drawing will be held for an unnamed prize, so when you show up, be sure to place your name in the container designated. No reservations required; however, we would like to know if you are attending so we can have enough ice cream to satisfy your summer cravings. Please contact LEAA to be put on a list of those attending and/or stop by and sign up. You may also contact Jane Morgan or any Board member. Looking forward to seeing you there.

PS This is Flag Day. No politics please, but feel free to wear patriotic colors.

### 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

President  
**Jane Morgan**  
Vice President  
**Missy Carstens**  
Secretary  
**Christy Motsinger**  
Treasurer  
**Janet Bixler**

Maria Anthony  
Cathy Dudley  
Art Fager  
Bill Hamer  
Jonathan Lake  
Patty Morrison  
George Stone  
Cindy Taylor  
Becca Mueller Williams

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

## ALPS

The ALPS camera club is still doing photo treks, usually deciding where we will go a week beforehand and that changes with the seasons. Kris will start an advanced photography class in late June, early July.

## LEWS Little Egypt Writers Society

LEWS continues to have four of five members regularly attending meetings. Two are writing novels. Larry Alvarado has completed ten chapters, and Rusty Watson has finished eleven. Both are better than half-way to completion. Twenty finished compositions, and there are about a dozen more in progress, have been submitted for this year's anthology. We are approaching the halfway mark. Last year, the published anthology contained more than fifty.

LEWS meets in the Arts Centre monthly on the second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 1:30p.m.

Bill Hamer (amateur editor and acting facilitator)

## The Cricut Group / Paper Crafts and Cards Group

Papercrafts and Card Group have stocked the circular display with seasonal cards and March we made over 135 cards for Honor Flight and VA nursing home. This group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Cricut group personalized canvas bags at February meeting and in March made 3D baskets and egg mandalas. See photo on right. The monthly meeting is on the 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm of each month.



## LEAA Artist & Fiber Group

Tuesday, April 1st the First Tuesday Fiber Group met to create mosaics with button art imagery. Easter and floral themes were created. Attendees brought buttons and heavy cardstock to glue buttons in a variety of whimsical shapes. Craft samples were shared and the group of 6 quickly got down to creating their own small images. First Tuesday Fiber Group is open to all each month to all things fiber. A variety a techniques are shared by LE-AA 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

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

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

Here are the spaces left in April Stained Glass classes.

April 16th at 4pm only one space left

April 17th at 10am 7 spaces.

April 26th Night Light Class has 3 spaces left.

Thank You!

Hope to see you in one of the classes!!

Cost of Classes \$45, Shattered glass class \$ 30

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

Contact Cathy for details: cdudley9@hotmail or 618-889-0750 (leave a message if she doesn't answer she will call you back)

### 1st Tuesday Fiber Workshops

The next fiber workshop will be held on Tuesday May 6 at 10:am. The project will be Lap Quilts. The June 3 project will be Slow Stitching 4th of July, and Baskets will be made on August 6. A notice regarding the project and supplies needed will sent to members via email.

### ACRYLIC

Acrylic Class Monday's 1:30-4:30 Fee – pay what you can. Supplies available for purchase for additional fees. April Critters and flowers, May - Dogs, June - Under the Sea. We want everyone to enjoy creating art!

Mondays in April



Mondays in May



Mondays in June



## 2025 Classes, Workshops and Open Studios continued

### WATERCOLOR

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month \$20 for members supplies included, \$10 if you bring all your own supplies

April 18<sup>th</sup> Frog on a Flower, May 16<sup>th</sup> boat, June 20<sup>th</sup> Sea Turtle



### 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)

**New Class -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 Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm / Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm / Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm More classes to follow

### NEW CLASSES

Summer Kids Camp \$70 for 4 week series 1st session starting June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 – 4:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> session starts July 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Open Studios

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

**Tuesdays** 9:30 am until 1:30 pm. Except on the 1st Tuesday which is Fiber Workshop day. 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.





The 8 who attended went inside to see fiber photos and paintings and collages made to commemorate both the 1925 tornado and the later one that damaged Marion. Informative posters were passed around and several told how they had family and friends affected by tornados. President Judy Spiller and our docent explained how our co-operative works and how to join. Lunch at the Vault was enjoyed.

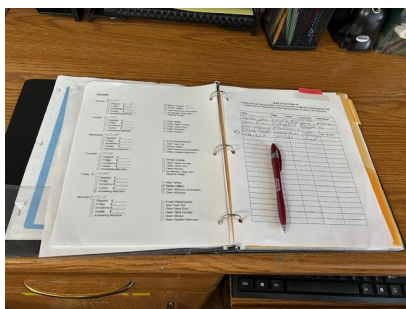
EthelMae Mitchell, Judy Spiller and Amarion Samuel are members of both groups and discussed their work in the exhibits both inside the gallery and in the windows. The project was organized by Beth Freeman. Mary Slider and Marie with help from many LEAA members.



Maria has organized and streamlined the Docent operations making the job much easier! We are still looking for a few more Docents to fill the schedule. You can volunteer for a morning, an afternoon or just a couple hours. Call 618-998-8530 and leave a message for Maria.



Docent Desk Photography EP



Tara McCree and Jeri Palmer have been busy starting to change out the windows for the new exhibit 'From A Book' and spring.

## CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS for 2025

April - Mid - May "Hanging on the Wall"  
 Mid - May - June "I found it in a Book"  
 July - Mid-August "Vacation or Cityscapes"  
 Mid-August—September "Nature and Animals"  
 October—Mid-November "Photo Exhibit and Competition"



## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Janet Bixler's watercolor painting, Home Sweet Home, was accepted into the 2025 Shrode Fine Art and Craft Competition Exhibit along with 45 other entries.

Congratulations to Vickie J Parry - whose quilt "Rosmaling on Path of Stonehenge" has been accepted for the Paducah Quilt Show in April 2025.

Marie Samuel has a book featured in the Carbondale Public Library exhibit for National Poetry Month.

Alais Ladwig has three pieces of her artwork accepted into Southeast Missouri State University's juried exhibit which runs through April 27th.  
(Image on right)



### Member's Cameo

At the district convention of Woman's Club art and Writing contest today in Marion at First Baptist Church I was proud to receive at first place on my "From Aprons to Art Quilts" publication. It travels to Peoria for state judging next.

Marie Samuel

(Image on left)



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