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From the President's Desk

by Jane Morgan

LEAA celebrates 30th Anniversary in July

Be sure and plan on coming to the Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Absher on Friday, July 18 at 4:30pm & Open House Celebration all day Saturday, July 19. Refreshments provided during the Open House.

The hot weather has descended upon us for the summer. Come to LEAA to beat the heat and cool off. We have a large variety of new classes and new groups to choose from. Relax in the cool air conditioning while learning something new or just enjoy being able to visit and network with like-minded friends.

New upstairs HVAC to be installed as soon as the HVAC company can get it scheduled. This will be amazing to see how they will use a very large crane to place the unit on the roof and then proceed with the installation. Having heat and cooling upstairs will double the availability of classroom space.

We could use you if you would be willing to teach and share your knowledge. LEAA is very diverse with all the specialty classes on the calendar.

LEAA needs volunteer docents. Do you have a few hours a month that you would be willing and able to help out? Docents are able to work as little as short two hours shifts or longer. We appreciate whatever time you can to fit into your schedule. Docents are an important part of the LEAA organization being able to keep our doors open and available for sales of merchandise.

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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 Tuesday at 6:00pm

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

Monthly Board Meetings are on the 3rd Monday at 12:00. All members are welcome to attend.

Board Members

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Cathy Dudley
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Jonathan Lake
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Becca Mueller Williams

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

ALPS

Eleven members of the ALPS and Light and Lens camera club photographed the Basilica in St. Louis recently. The ALPS camera club has outings regularly to photograph a large variety of subjects. We also have presenters at our meetings covering a wide variety of subjects having to do with Photography.

LEWS Little Egypt Writers Society

Last month, six members attended our evening meeting. Almost everyone had a story, and each piece was discussed at length. Marie Wilson brought "Sunflowers Rising," a book that has some of her work. It focused on Ukraine's struggle to survive as a nation and its need for our spiritual and economic support. Mike Hicks read a draft of his latest short story. "My Three Great Uncles" shared some of his family's history and ended humorously. Karen Uban read "The Pass Over," a draft of a one-act play that she is entering in a contest. George Stone brought "The Mysterious Natural Scissors," which is not about scissors. Chapters in a novel Larry Alvarado is writing are complete short stories. He read a revised draft of "Where Do You Go, Little Moe." At the chapter's end, Moe's story remains a mystery. Kids' Summer Arts Camp led by Linda Hooker was to meet at the same time as LEWS after-noon meeting. The group could not meet upstairs because it is not air-conditioned. We cancelled our meeting so they could use the space. LEWS meets in the Arts Centre monthly on the second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Bill Hamer, acting facilitator and amateur editor. (acting facilitator)

The Cricut Group / Paper Crafts and Cards Group

The Cricut meeting has changed to the first Tuesday at 6:00 pm. In April, they used sublimation on coasters. May flowers was the theme with Joanne and Karen leading the group. The June meeting was cancelled due to many previous engagements.

Here are some samples from the card making group.



LEAA Artist & Fiber Group

First Tuesday Fiber class meets from 10 to noon at LEAA has focused on several topics such as the Tri-State Tornado of 1925 and the Marion Tornado in the 1990s. A team of several including Mary Slider, Beth Freeman and Marie Samuel planned activities to pay tribute in fiber expressions to these historical events. Guest presenters such as Elizabeth Freeman and Katy Lockwood shared fiber and fabric crafts at recent meetings. Future fall events include visiting member homes and taking field trips. Our meetings are suitable for both beginners and advanced students. All are welcome to attend our first Tuesday events. July is free choice patriotic projects such as quilts of valor and a large red, white and blue yo-yo decoration with provided fat quarters. Scissors and thread & needles are always needed.

The group will be meeting at the home of Ethel Mae in Johnson City on September 2 at 9:30. We'll be making Bric-a-brac flowers. Bring scissors and needles. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch at T-moe's Pizza following the class.



2025 Classes, Workshops and Open Studios

Stained Glass & Shattered Glass Classes taught by Cathy Dudley

You pick the design from several patterns. Classes last 3-to 4 hours. Stained Glass you will learn, tools needed to do stained glass, how to cut glass, grind edges of glass, apply copper foil to glass, and then soldering.

August-stained glass class dates Aug. 13th at 4pm \$45, Sept 17th at 4pm \$45
Aug. 14th at 10am \$45 Sept 18th at 10am \$45

Shattered Glass class Dates Aug. 30th at 10am \$40 Sept 13th at 3pm \$40

In this class you can choose design, learn how to break glass, and may do some painting with the project.

Crushed/shattered glass is used as well as some pieces of glass, tools used, and how to design the project. Fun class!

Stained glass is limited to 7 students (age limit 16 and up) Shattered can be 10 students. (age limit 13 and up) To Register contact Cathy Dudley cdudley9@hotmail.com

1st Tuesday Fiber Workshops

The Fiber group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10am

The Handmade Cards & Stamping Group

This group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm.

Circuit Group

The monthly meeting is on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

TNT - Teen Classes We are currently looking for an instructor for this After School class. If you are available to teach contact Christy at christymotsinger23@gmail.com for details.

Open Studios

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.

STONEWARE, POTTERY, & MORE contact Linda Hooker at 618-925-3812 or fishtalespotteryplace/s/shop

Clay hand-building beach hut \$45 includes both dates, July 15, 5pm to 7 pm Part 2 Aug 23rd

Clay hand-building teacup and saucer \$45 includes both dates, Aug 2, 10 to noon. Part 2 Aug 23rd

Free form pottery group dates are July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, 10 to 2. Aug 23 will also be our date for painting the beach juts and teacup. We'll set a tea party date after we get the cups done.

Light up ceramic pumpkin on Sept 13th 10am to noon

SEWING

Classes available twice a month all levels welcome. Beginner friendly projects All supplies included. Bring your own machine. See FB or Contact Jessica for specific project information or to sign up jessica.cook0909@gmail.com

July 12th 3p-7p

July 26 4p-8p

Aug 16 10a-2p

Aug 30 4p-8p

Sept 6 4p-8p

Sept 25 10a-1p

3D Sculpture painting with Erin contact aliceart3@gmail.com July 10th 11am - \$55

Art Classes by request drawing, painting carving, pine needle basket weaving contact jlpalmer50@gmail.com

Drawing with Joshua - \$10

[More Painting Classes & Workshops dates and times on next page→](#)

ACRYLIC

1st Friday of each month \$20 for members \$25 for non members supplies included
 Acrylic Class Monday's 1:3p-4:30p Supplies available for purchase for an additional fee.
 Fee: Pay what you can. We want everyone to enjoy creating art!

WATERCOLOR

2nd Friday 11am -2 Free -- **Volunteer teachers needed** - hoping to have a different teacher each month???

3rd Friday 6-9pm \$20 for members \$25 non members supplies included

Thursdays 5 week sessions starts July 17. \$125.00 Bring your own supplies RSVP or questions call Leona at 219-689-8820

Watercolor with Connie 4th Wednesdays at 2pm Whimsical birds July. Baby Elephant in August, Flowers in September \$15 with supplies, \$10 if you bring your own \$5 extra for non members. July 23rd, August 2th, September 24th at 2pm

OIL

2nd Friday of each month 6p-9p. 20\$ for members. Oil painting Workshop with Jonathan Lake. To register email: nathankale55@gmail.com

Paint like Bob Ross with Certified Ross Instructor Brad Mullins from Happy Painters Studios – Beginner Friendly 1st time painters welcome. Classes once a month at LEAA \$61 for members \$66 for non members contact Brad at happypainterstudios@yahoo.com (schedule coming soon)

TnT Teens and Tweens has moved to 2nd Fridays for the summer it is still 1p-3p and ages 13-19

JAG (Jenny's Art Group) 3rd Friday 1-3 for ages 6-12 is currently full.

KIDS CLASSES

After school art club will start Sept 9, 3:30p to 5p and run 6 weeks.

2nd session will be Oct 28 to Dec 2, 3:30p to 5p

To register contact Linda Hooker at 618-925-3812 or fishtalespotteryplace.com

A huge thank you to our current teachers Cathy Dudley, Kris Killman,
 Jonathan Lake, Christy Motsinger, and Jeri Palmer!

Welcome and thank you to our new teachers in 2025!

Jessica Cook, Erin Alice Gray, Linda Hooker, Connie Huber, Leona Jurincie,
 and Brad Mullins

**If you might be interested in teaching an art class or even a one day workshop,
 Contact Christy at christymotsinger23@gmail.com.**



CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS - EVENTS for 2025

July—August
August—Sept
Oct—November
Nov—December

Vacation—Cityscapes
Nature and Animals
ALPS Photography Competition
Magical Memories





Happy 4th from LEAA



Congratulations LEAA on celebrating 30 Years



LEAA Honoring All Those That Serve



Jonathan Lake's Monday Painting Class

The Fiber Workshop group show off their Denim & Lace projects



April 2025 Fiber Class



REMINDER

There is a clipboard in the kitchen, where anyone, especially docents, can write down what is needed at LEAA. Anything from cleaning supplies to water & soda

Members in the News

Marie Samuel is very proud to have three of her quilts on display in this years Annual Gathering of Quilts with Cedarhurst Quilters.



Becca Mueller Williams had a piece that was accepted into the 31st Biennial Cedarhurst Art Competition this month. Show opening was June 27 and the show runs until September 21. She was also the featured artist in the inaugural issue of ARTSCO magazine. ARTSCO is a group out of Saline county, formed to bring more art opportunities to Saline County and the surrounding area.



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