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From the President's Desk

by Jane Morgan

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The new windows are coming! The new windows are coming! Share the news that the contractor should begin installing the new front windows around July 20 depending on the weather. The installation could possibly be delayed by rain if we were fortunate enough to receive any rain. The old glass will be repurposed into some glass shelving.

This year LEAA has had record growth in membership as well as record gallery sales. From June 2025 to June 2026 there has been nearly \$18,000 in sales. That's good income for our members who have things for sale. Contact Christy Motsinger if you are new and would like more information about displaying and selling your art.

This is another reminder to get prepared for the Very Merry Marion weekend (the first weekend of December). If you intend to have a space to sell additional items then you need to reserve your space and make sure your name is on the list. If you are a shopper you want to be saving your shopping money because this will be a fabulous Christmas shopping opportunity.

The LEAA mural is being refreshed this summer. Contact Kris Killman you have time and would like to help. Check on Facebook for videos and photos of the daily progress.

Also, there is a call for submissions for the blank wall space to the west of the mural/side door that will eventually have a mural painted on it. Please develop your designs and submit it to Kris.

Don't forget that Open Studio is your time to come in and work on your own or with a friend. Check the calendar for the Open Studio times. Come meet new friends, share ideas and network with other like-minded people. Open Studio is your time to use as best fits your needs.

Call with any ideas, problems or concerns.

Jane Morgan,
President LEAA
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 Noon. All members are welcome to attend.

Board Members

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George Stone
Cindy Taylor
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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 has monthly presentations. Join us on our photo treks around the tri-state area where you can be in the field with experienced photographers from the camera club. Kris Killman will be refreshing the mural this summer. Any LEAA member may join in painting the mural this summer, contact Kris at kriskillman@gmail.com. Kris will resume watercolor classes on Thursday afternoons once the mural is completed.

LEWS Little Egypt Writers Society

The Little Egypt Writers Society is sponsoring a writing contest on the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We are looking for submissions that are related to the Declaration of Independence but if you have a great piece that does not directly relate please feel free to submit it! Pieces must be 1000 words or less and can be anything you have written (short story, essay, poetry, lyrics or anything else you can think of). Selected pieces will be published in the Little Egypt Writers Society Anthology. The deadline for submission is AUGUST 15 2026. We look forward to reading your work!

The Cricut Group / Paper Crafts and Cards Group

The Cricut Group theme for April was Christmas in April. We made beautiful foil transfer cards. In May, Jane lead a large group making glass etching. June's theme was red, white and blue which included honor flight cards. A special thank you to Stephanie for the USA 250 banner.

Paper Crafts and Cards Group

The Papercrafts and Card Group continued the Christmas in April theme led by Shirley. In May, Carol led the group with unique card designs. In June, we continued working on red white and blue Honor Flight cards.

LEAA Artists, Fiber Group and Stained Glass

Wet-on-Wet Oil Painting Moves to Wednesday!

Jonathan Lake's Wet-on-wet oil painting class has been moved from the 2nd Friday to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Same hours, 6:00 - 9:00 p. m., \$25 members, \$ 30 non-members. All materials provided. The first Wednesday evening class will be held on Wednesday, July 15th.

The Fiber Group has been busy! They made fabric ornaments for Christmas, Butterflies out of vintage hankies and a project made with yoyo's ...not the toy!...yoyos are fabric circles! A fall field trip is being planned for a log cabin brunch and a quilting project. The trip is open to all. Call the Art Center for more information or stop in during one of their First Tuesday Workshops, which is from 10am to 1pm.





Groups Offered at LEAA

(All GROUPS are **FREE** to members)
(\$5 a visit for anyone else)



Website



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Artistic Lens Photography Society
2nd Thursday 6pm-8pm
Learn & share at meeting, photo treks
Contact: Press 1 on our line or message Kris
kriskillman@gmail.com



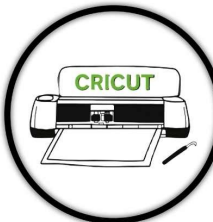
LEWS

Little Egypt Writers Society
2nd Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
4th Tuesdays 1:30pm-3:30pm
Work with other writers and edit.
Contact: Jonty kasku@kaskuart.com



PAPERCRAFT & CARDS

2nd Wednesdays
12:30pm-2:30pm
Learn to use multi mediums to make
beautiful heartfelt cards
Contact: Cindy (618)-559-4740



CRICUT®

1st Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
Learn how to use a Cricut® to make
custom items with paper, vinyl, or
sublimation
Contact: Cindy (618) 559-4740



KIDS' SUMMER CAMP

1st Session: June 9-30, Tues @1:30pm
2nd Session: July 7-28, Tues @1:30pm
Contact: Linda (Fish Tales Pottery)
lindahooker50@gmail.com
(618) 942-3474 or (618) 925-3812



FIBER

1st Tuesdays 10am-12pm
Learn Fiber related crafts such as
quilting, sewing, crocheting, & more
Contact: artcenter@littleegyptarts.com
or call (618) 998-8530 & press 7



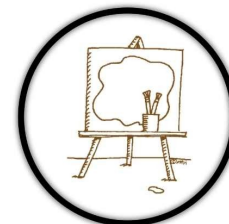
JAG

Jenny's Art Group
For ages 7 & up
3rd Fridays 1pm-3pm
Contact: Jenny (618) 771-3682



TNT

Teens & Tweens Art Group
2nd Fridays 2:30pm-4pm
For youth 13-19
Contact: Lori (641) 226-4633



WATERCOLOR

4th Fridays 2-4pm
Members take turns leading.
All skill levels are invited to bring their
supplies and create together.
Contact: artcenter@littleegyptarts.com



CROCHET

Learn how to crochet or come hang out
and share your skills with the group
2nd Tuesdays 6-8pm
Contact: Linda (618) 942-3474



OPEN STUDIO

Monday-Friday 10- 1
Bring your projects
Contact: LEAA (618) 998-8530 or
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Classes Offered at LEAA (Fee Required)



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WATERCOLOR CLASS

Beginner or Intermediate Series \$100
Thursdays 2:30-4:30
Contact: Kris Killman
kriskillman@gmail.com



WATERCOLOR CLASS

Beginner or Intermediate \$25
2nd Saturday of every month 3-5pm
Contact: Connie or LEAA
ArtCenter@LittleEgyptArts.com



OIL PAINTING

2nd Friday of each month @ 6pm
Oil paint class
Other classes available upon request.
Contact: Jonathan (618) 727-1292



ACRYLIC

1:30pm-4:30pm Mondays
1st Friday Acrylic 6pm
Contact: Christy at (618) 528-2325
christymotsinger@littleeegyptarts.com



ART CLASS

Tuesdays 10am-12pm \$10
Drawing, painting, carving, & more.
Classes UPON REQUEST
Contact: Jeri (618) 727-2564
jlpalmer50@gmail.com



MIXED MEDIA CLASS

COMING SOON!

Junk Journaling, Decoupage and more!



STAINED GLASS CLASSES

Beginner & Intermediate stained glass,
shattered glass Private group classes.
Reservations required.
Days and times may vary.
Contact: Cathy (618) 889-0750



SEWING CLASSES

Beginner sewing classes
Many small projects: Learn to cut fabric,
use your machine, and so much more.
Contact: mross@littleeegyptarts.com



POTTERY

Kids Summer Camp, After-school/Art Club,
Crochet, rope baskets, & more
Contact: Linda (Fish Tales Pottery)
lindahooker50@gmail.com (618) 942-
3474 or (618) 925-3812



CROCHET

Beginner Friendly
4th Saturdays 4-6pm
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PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Mondays 6pm-8pm
10 Week Courses. Class Level is based on the
season. Contact Kris For more information.
Reservations required
Contact: kriskillman@gmail.com



CERTIFIED BOB ROSS CLASS

Oil paint 1st Wednesdays & private parties
Beginner w/ Bob Ross supplies included!
Contact: Brad Mullins CRI
happypainterstudios@yahoo.com

Questions? Give us a call: (618) 998-8530

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Past & Present Pics from Patty



George Stone, a long time member of ALPS, frequently shares his photographs with us. The image at right shows a Red-Bellied Woodpecker using a Hummingbird feeder.

It seems that all the woodpeckers near George's house use the hummer feeder more than the Hummingbirds.

The "Woodies", as he calls them, really like the sugar water.



About Our Members

Val Fry had 2 paintings accepted for the “2,191,464 Hours of History “which is an exhibition celebrating the 250th birthday of America. They are 1) “Ain’t I A Woman ““(Sourjourner Truth 2) “They Called Her Moses” (Harriet Tubman). And one painting accepted for the Illinois Statewide 2026 exhibition. “A Different Route Home” Both shows are at the MG Nelson Family Gallery in Springfield. She was accepted for “Sacred Patterns/ Sacred rhythms” in May in Springfield. The piece was “ The Parable of the Soil” Also in May Fry exhibited in the Soulard gallery’s “Emotion of Red” show. The piece was “Red is Not Your Color” Fry also received a third place ribbon for her painting “Under the City” collage and acrylic at the 2026 Herrinfesta Italiana Art Competition

Another 2026 HerrinFesta winner is **Lynn Gross**. She won a second place ribbon for her fiber art “The Big Fish”. Lynn learned a new technique from Susan Carlson at the National Quilt museum in Paducah . The technique is to glue pieces of fabric on a foundation and finally quilt the piece at the very end. Tulle is used in various places to create shadow and depth in a piece. The technique uses fabric in a different way, looking at the pattern of the fabric to fit rather than the color.



Jonty Kasku-Jackson had two pieces accepted for the Mooneyham Art "The Boom Boom \$150 Dollar Make You Holler Show". This is a community group show, created with zero up front fees to increase accessibility for artists and collectors. This will be a highly curated show with live music by Psychedelic Symphony. The opening reception is July 11 2026 at Mooneyham Art: 305 State St. Alton IL, 62002.

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