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Mark Your Calendar!

Mon., Sep. 21

In Person Meeting

At State Bank of Lakes, Grayslake

- Roger Schule, demo, acrylics
- **Membership dues will be collected!**
- See pages 2 and 3 for details

Wed., Sep. 23

Submit to "Equinox Expressions Art Show," Volo Bog

- Show is all of Oct.
- See page 4 for details

Oct. 2-29

CLC Robert T. Wright Gallery, "Recent Works" Exhibition

See page 4 for details

Mon., Oct. 19

In Person Meeting

At State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake
Maureen Holcomb, watercolor demo

Nov. 3 to Dec. 2

Fall Membership Show/Critique

Watch for more info in Oct. Sketches

September Blooms

(accessed at vecteezy.com and mainenativeplants.org)



Sunflower



Joe Pye Weed



Aster



Zinnia



Golden Rod

LCAL Member Meeting; In-Person; Sep. 21, 7pm

Mon., Sep. 21st is the art league's first in-person meeting for the 2026/2027 season.

Roger Shule, Featured Artist and Demonstration



Our Sep. meeting will feature well-known artist and LCAL member, [Roger Shule](#), who will give an in-depth discussion about his infamous “matchbook art.”

He will demonstrate the method for creating this 3-dimensional art and explain how he gets his ideas for images, where to find them, and how to get them onto his primed, painting surface materials.

Background

What began years ago as the concept for a “Small Works” exhibit, has become an extensive body of work of over 300 dramatic “matchbooks.” Roger describes them as “little images that make big statements.”

Originally from Clifton, IL, a small farming community south of Kankakee, Roger developed his skills by creating sets and posters for his drama club. He sold his first painting to his high school history teacher.

Around 1989, Roger moved to Antioch and shortly afterwards joined the Lake County Art League. He is also one of the founding members of the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation.

Exhibits

Roger has exhibited throughout the area including at the Anderson Center in Kenosha, WI; CLC Gallery in Grayslake; Norris Gallery in St. Charles, IL; the Campbell House Gallery in Geneva, IL; Charlene's Gallery 10 in Gills Rock, Door County, WI as well as at small exhibits in Waukegan, Gurnee, Lake Villa, Fox Lake and Antioch.

Pay Membership Dues and Submit Membership Renewal Form at the Meeting

If you are paying your membership dues by check or money order, and/or if you are completing a hard copy of the membership renewal form, we will be collecting them at the meeting.

Other membership renewal options are listed on the next page.

Refreshments

- If you have signed up for refreshments, please be at the meeting 15 minutes early for set up.
- If you want to bring refreshments and/or snacks, please let Fran Isaac, our Hospitality Director, know at fmisaac@aol.com.

LCAL Membership Renewal and Dues are Due!

It's time for LCAL members to complete a membership form and pay yearly dues.

1. Membership Form Options

- Complete the [online form](#) at the [LCAL website](#).
- Print out a [pdf form](#) from the website and mail the completed form to the address in #2. below, or bring it to the Sep. meeting.
- If you are printing the form and paying by check or money order, you may bring them both to the Sep. meeting, or mail them together (see #2 below).

2. Payment Options (cash is not accepted)

- Mail a check or money order to **Lake County Art League; PO Box #5; Gurnee, IL 60031**. If you are completing a hard-copy of the membership form, include the completed form with your check or money order. (This payment option may take several weeks to process.)
- Pay by Zelle. You will need a Zelle account at your bank. In the payee title in Zelle, enter ["LCALfinance1@gmail.com"](mailto:LCALfinance1@gmail.com) to complete the transaction.

Questions or Concerns? Contact one of the following members:

Re. Forms and information: Julie Nykiel, Membership Director; julieannenykiel@gmail.com

Re. Zelle and payment: Mary Neely, Treasurer; mmbn@yahoo.com

CLC Robert T. Wright Gallery, “Recent Works” Exhibition, Oct. 2-29

The College of Lake County’s (CLC) [Robert T. Wright Gallery](#) will have an exhibit of “Recent Works.” This 46th annual juried competition includes all fine art media, work created in the last two years, and is again open to artists who live or work in Lake County, McHenry County and Cook County, IL.

Location: Robert T Wright Community Gallery, 19351 West Washington St., Grayslake, IL

Dates: Oct. 2-29

Application Deadline: Sun., Sep. 13, at midnight.

Opening Reception: Fri., Oct. 2, 5-7:30pm.

Call for Entry Form: Details available on the entry form, accessible at this [link](#) and on the CLC website.

Friends of Volo Bog Present: “Equinox Expressions Art Show”

Calling for artwork, celebrating the beauty of autumn!

- **Submit your art from now to Sep. 23, 3pm.** Email dnr.volobog@illinois.gov to request a submission form.
- Art must be autumn-themed or feature spooky elements of the natural world.
- Paintings or mixed-media art only; no photography.

Artwork must be on site by Sep. 27.

The show is **open for viewing all of Oct.** at the Visitor Center, where you can also bid on the artwork. 25% of sale proceeds go to Friends of Volo Bog.

Bidding closes Oct. 31, 3pm.

Location: Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside, IL



New Workshops at Mainstreet Art Center

New Workshops at [Mainstreet Art Center](#) have been posted on their website for 2026 & 2027. Registration opened on Sep. 8.

Some of the workshop artists' works are shown on this page.

Location: 20 E. Main St., Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Questions? Email Frankie Johnson at frankie847@aol.com or call Mainstreet Art Center at 847-550-0016.



Tim Oliver / watercolor
Workshop: The Artistic & Creative Process



Howard Friedland / oils
Workshop: Tighten the Fundamentals,
Loosen the Brushstrokes



Vladislav Yelisseyev / watercolor
Workshop: Watercolor -Landscapes



Liz Walker /acrylics
Workshop: Acrylics,
Mixed Media



Dan Beck / oils
Workshop: Oil Impressions:
Figure & Still Life

Cassandra Anzelone

Emotional Wellness Through Creative Expression

April 29 to Nov 24

The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Rd,
Highland Park, IL

Free sessions are also offered at Gorton Center in Lake Forest
and at the LGBTQ+ Center in Grayslake.

Questions? Contact Cassandra at
cassandra@artimpactproject.org



Creative Coffee: Sip, Swap or Shop

The Antioch Fine Arts League (AFAL) invites LCAL members to join their monthly Creative Coffee every 3rd Wed. of the month, 9:30-11:30 am. Bring what you are working on and wish to "show and tell" (optional). Coffee and treats are provided by AFAL but donations are gratefully excepted. Bring your unused art supplies that you'd like to get rid of; to be swapped or shopped (\$10 or less). Mark your item.

Location: Antioch Fine Arts Gallery, 896 Main Street, Antioch, IL.



Library Lobby Art Display Opportunities

The Lake Villa Library is seeking local artists to show their artwork in the **Featured Artist Exhibit space**. Exhibit your 2D works in the library lobby for 2-month time periods.

Group shows or solo art exhibits are welcome. Interested?, contact us at 847-356-7711.

We Are Looking for Places to Hang Our Art!

The art league is looking for other areas around Lake County where our members can display their art. If you know of a place that would allow our group to hang art, please email us at

lakecoartleague@gmail.com.



What's Happening With Plein Air?

Here are photos of some of the Plein Air painters this year at various locations throughout Lake County.

We always welcome artists who are interested in painting with our group. Whether you are a newbie or a seasoned artist, participating in these sessions will help grow friendships, enhance skills and most of all, add fun to your life!

Are you interested in joining our plein air group? Watch your email for our announcements or join our group on our [LCAL Plein Air Facebook](#) page.

Remember, events will only be posted several days in advance so we can monitor the weather.

If you have any suggestions about plein air locations or times, contact Deb Edmunds, Plein Air Director, edmundsdl@gmail.com.

Socializing! Sketching! Or just Sharing! (S-SOS)

This plein air group meets at various indoor locations when the weather is not conducive for exterior plein air. Meetings are also open to artists outside of our LCAL membership.

Each month, depending on availability, organizers and weather, we meet for coffee and participants can bring either something you've been working on to be critiqued, or sketching tools to capture the local scene. Or just bring yourself for fun discussions and socializing! Look for future announcements from LCAL in your email

Introducing Our New LCAL President, Sandra Saxton!

I'm Sandra Saxton, artist, wife, mother and grandmother. I've been a visual artist most of my life and worked for 18 years as a Visual Merchandising Director with major department stores. My responsibilities included designing and installing the windows and the interior department areas.

I got tired of working long hours for someone else so I started my own business, "Wreathworks Home and Garden." Our motto was "Transforming your home and garden into an art form." I worked as an owner for over 32 years, and then 2 years ago, I turned it over to my 2 children so I could to try to retire. Hahaha!

I currently design and sell my artwork, jewelry, prints, and cards at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF), and at the art and nature center on Washington Island in Door County – and anywhere else I can exhibit. I also teach classes at AFAF.

My favorite pastime is babysitting my 2 granddaughters, Charlotte, 5 years old and Layla, 18 months. I'm also a master gardener, love biking, swimming, kayaking, hiking and painting (especially abstracts).

It's a privilege to be the Lake County Art League President. I look forward to many friendships, bringing more art experiences to Lake County, and discussions about how to improve our league.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss something important to you: cell phone 1-630-209-3544 or email Saxton.songbirdstudio@gmail.com.

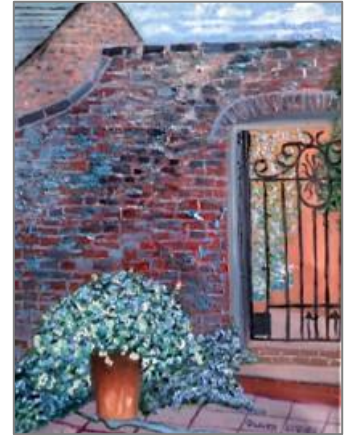


Oliver Steven Merriam

I will be submitting art to several upcoming shows. Some of the pieces that I will submit are shown on this page.

- Sep. 19: [“Emergence Part Three – Rebirth”](#); at the Starline Factory, Harvard, IL
- Sep. 28: Volo Bog, Ingleside, IL.
- Oct. 16: [“Lure of the Locals” Exhibition](#).
 - Art by local artists.
 - Location: 175 N. Archer Ave., Mundelein.
 - Reception Oct. 16, 5pm.
- Oct. 2-29: [“Recent Works”](#) at College of Lake County (see page 4).

Questions? Contact me at omerriam@yahoo.com



Flowerpot & Gate



"House by French Canal"



"Norway"



Rainy Day Revelry

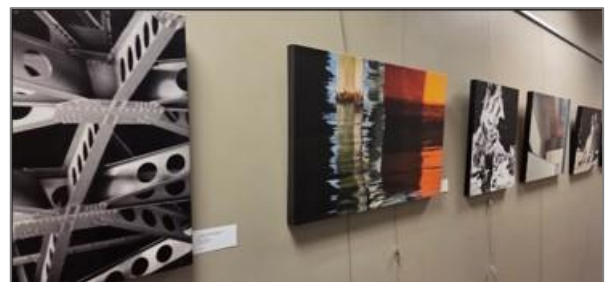
Mary Neely

Come see my art exhibit at this beautiful senior center!

Sep. 1 to Oct. 31, 9am to 3pm

Location: Dickinson Hall Senior Center,
100 E. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Questions? Contact me at mmbn@yahoo.com



One of the exhibit areas with my art

Randy Sweitzer

Check out my art at the "[Art Connection: Past Meets Present](#)" Art Teacher and Alumni Exhibition"

ArtConnectED understands the importance of building community and the role the arts play in bringing people together.

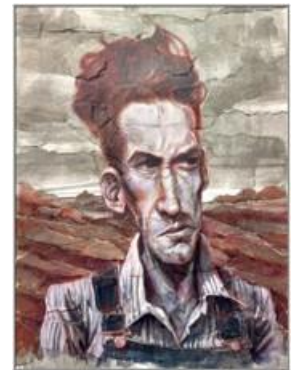
"Art Connection: Past Meets Present" celebrates the enduring connections between art educators and their former students, honoring the shared creative journey that begins in the classroom and continues throughout a lifetime.

This exhibition showcases the impact of mentorship, inspiration, and the lasting influence that teachers and students have on one another. Through a variety of media and artistic voices, the show highlights how creative dialogue and exploration can span years, evolve, and continue to inspire new perspectives.

Location: Bridgeport Art Center, 3rd Floor Gallery ,
1200 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL

Opening Reception: Sep. 18, 7-10pm.

Questions? Contact me at sweitzer.randy@gmail.com



"Course Correction"
Mixed Media; 13x19

Markus Clavadetscher

I will have a solo show called, "Recent Works," at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF) Guest Artist Show.

Much of my recent work focuses on themes of family, home, hideous roses and found objects, which I incorporate into my work.

Please join me at the reception!

Location: AFAF, 896 Main St., Antioch, IL

Dates: Sep. 2-27

Reception: Sat., Sep. 12, 2-5pm

Questions? Contact me at
Markus524@comcast.net.



Sculpture

Phil Schorn

I have done 8 shows already this summer and have another 9 scheduled into the fall.

Upcoming Shows:

Sep.	• 19th and 20th Riverwalk Fine Art Festival in Naperville, Naperville Art League • 26th and 27th: Art in the Barn in North Barrington
Oct.	• 3rd and 4th: Art on the Square in Woodstock • 10th and 11th: Bayshore Fall Fest in Milwaukee • 23rd and 25th: My home show in Grayslake

Classes

- Sep.: [Beginning Color Pencil](#), a 4-part class. Tuesdays, 6 to 8:30pm at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF).
- Oct.: Several events at [Gorton Center](#), Lake Forest and at [Adler](#) in Libertyville
- I have several online classes as well.

Workshops: I have several scheduled in Oct. and Nov. 2026, and in Jan. and Mar. 2027.

See all class listings and my show schedule and art on my [website](#).

Ernest Schweit

Accepted to Residency Program at Lure of the Local

I and my wife, Maureen Ivy Fisher (Rivkin), have been accepted as resident artists at the “Lure of the Local” exhibit at the 175 N. Archer Business Center, Mundelein, IL.

For 5 months, we will create our artwork and engage with the public alongside 15 other artists.

The residency coincides with the “Lure of the Local” exhibit, which opens in Oct. for a 1-month run in the same building.

Residency dates: Sep. 7, 2026 to Feb. 1, 2027

Location: 175 N. Archer Ave. Business Center, Mundelein

Questions? Contact me at ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net



Moving in to
“Lure of the Locals”

We Are Always Looking for New Members!

Tell your family and friends about LCAL! Invite them to attend one of our member meetings and demos. Refer them to our [website](#) for meeting information, upcoming events, and more!

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

Keep the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!

Our league benefits tremendously from the skills and talents of *all* members. Please seriously consider helping our board in any of the league's positions (listed on page 14). Find the description of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."

- **Workshops and Shows:** The Workshops leader helps with organizing, checking in art, refreshment set-up and clean-up, runners to help bring art to critique artists, and hanging art (sometimes).
- **Hospitality Support:** These volunteers bring refreshments and snacks to our in-person member meetings. Contact hospitality director, Fran Isaacs, to sign up for 2026 meetings (fmisaac@aol.com).
- **Other open LCAL board positions:** see the note at the bottom of page 14.

Questions about open positions? Contact Julie Nykeil at julieannenykeil@gmail.com or a board member.

Member of the Month!

Would you like to be featured as a LCAL Member of the Month? Just send us a bio, a photo of you (headshot is preferred), and any contact info you'd like to share (website, Facebook page, email, etc.) Send to: lakecoartleague@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE:

**LCAL can not print and "snail mail" any forms or prospectuses.
Forms and prospectuses for shows can be emailed but it's up to members to
print their own forms.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Are You a Facebook User?



Check out the [LCAL Facebook Group](#)! This group is only for current LCAL members. You are not required to join or use the group, but we encourage you to do so.

Advantages of Joining Our Group: It is a hub for communications where you can get the most recent news and information about LCAL, our events, shows, and anything else that pertains to the LCAL.

To join, search for “Lake County Art League Members Group” in Facebook, or click on the link above, and request to join.

Questions? Contact one of our FB Group administrators:

Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com or Louise Villegas at lou999@comcast.net



Online Suggestion Box

If you have any suggestions, feedback, ideas, etc., that you would like to share with the LCAL board, please use our COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS online form.

We hope you will share with us! The regular suggestion box will still be available at our in-person member meetings.

Enjoy Our Digital Library

Digital Library's Current Categories:

- Oil Painting
- Watercolors
- Acrylics
- Documentaries / Art-related
- Galleries and Museums
- Websites to Explore
- Netflix Art Shows
- Hulu Art Shows
- Amazon Prime Art Videos

Our library is accessible on the LCAL website. It covers many different art topics organized under 9 different categories.

Many references link to video presentations accessed from various streaming services. *(Links are updated as we become aware of changes.)*

We encourage you to **contribute to our library** by sending us links to your favorite art shows and websites. That way, it will become a true reflection of the LCAL, and it will accomplish our mission to promote art in Lake County.

Questions? Contact Denese Manley at denesemanley@gmail.com



YouTube

Thousands from about 30 countries subscribe to our [LCAL YouTube](#) channel!



LCAL Website: Advertise Your Shows!

Anyone who will have an upcoming solo show and would like to advertise on our website, please email lakecoartleague@gmail.com.

LCAL Mission, Meetings, Board Members, Directors

Lake County Art League (LCAL) Mission

Our purpose is to create more interest in art in Lake County, IL, and to develop a higher appreciation of visual art.

We will do this through art exhibitions, festivals, demonstrations of art techniques, lectures, critiques and sharing of ideas, inspiration and encouragement between members.

The Lake County Art League Year:

Meets Sep. through June, generally 7-9pm;
3rd Mon., as follows:

Jan., Feb., sometimes March	Virtual
Sep., Oct., Jan. through June	Presentations, usually a demonstration
May, Nov.	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec.	Holiday break

Be on the Lookout! If you see a new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or to improve the advantages of membership. Please share by contacting a member listed on this page.

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* Open Positions

The following positions are currently open to any member who would like to volunteer:

Workshops, Publicity, Art Festivals, and Tours

Find descriptions of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."