



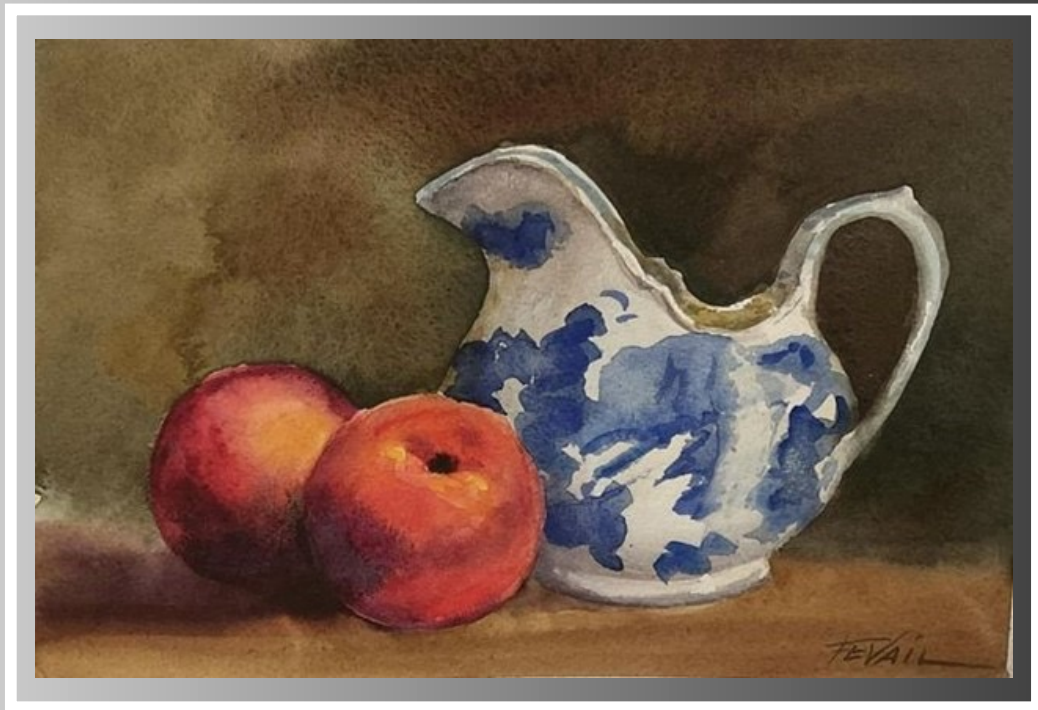
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## Watercolors by Frances Vail

Images are copied from Fran's Facebook page.  
Fran will critique the Spring Membership Show.





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## LCAL Spring Membership Show: Wed 1 May through Wed 29 May

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Back Cover; Mary Haas

The Lake County Art League (LCAL) Spring Membership Show is now underway! (There will not be a separate membership meeting this month.)

Since we have been doing a Spring Membership Show for 90 years, we've gotten pretty good at it!

This show will feature 38 new-art pieces from our LCAL members.

### The show is special for several reasons:

- It is the first of 6 shows that promise a nuanced view of what we in the LCAL do.
- It is hosted by the College of Lake County (CLC), whose Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art is well-known and widely respected.
- CLC students who became LCAL new members are also participants in the show and in its concluding critique.
- CLC helped design posters for LCAL and has offered to publicize the show through their Facebook network. All 6 shows will use some variation of host publicity.
- This show is a test of our ability to publicize our art opportunities through news articles, posters, handouts and networking.

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**Questions:** Contact Jeff Harold at [jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com](mailto:jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com)



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Spring Show Entry 32  
"Decisions, Decisions,"  
a photograph  
by Mary Neely

### Additional Show Information

The art work is hung in the lower-level of the gallery. This is a popular student reading area, with comfortable tables and chairs.

The gallery is providing coffee, cold tea, water and refreshments, and we are providing our usual finger food.

See more about the CLC gallery at their [webpage](#) and their Facebook page.

## More on the LCAL Spring Membership Show

### The Show Critique

Frances Vail, a veteran professional artist from Northbrook, IL, will critique the show on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9:00 pm at the Esper Petersen Reading Room in the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, College of Lake County. The general public is invited to this free and live event.

Fran has almost 60 years of experience producing fine art, murals, architectural renderings, and fashion illustration. For the past 30 years, she has been a teacher at the North Shore Art League's New Trier Extension, and her constructive critique of 38 paintings and photographs will seem like a lively advanced art class. See examples of Fran's art on the cover page.

This information has already been sent to a large number of non-members who have agreed to receive notices of plein events and other unique opportunities. We explain that this is simply an invitation to everyone to come to a comfortable place and experience fine art, to meet talent that ranges from self-taught to classically trained, and to see an objective analysis of their recent works. We have asked them to pass this information on to other regional artis they know, because fine art practice and appreciation grows in a community when it is often shared.

We are asking members to pass it on as well.

**The show catalog and detailed directions to the gallery are provided in a separate e-mail.**



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## LCAL June Show at Starline Factory Early June through 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Event

LCAL will have a June art show at the Starline Factory in Harvard, IL. All members are invited to participate and can enter up to 3 pieces (if we get too many works to hang, the group doing the hanging of the show will determine what options are available). There is no entry fee.

**If you want to participate**, email the following to Jeff Harold by Friday, 31 May:

- 1) Photo(s) of the work(s) you are submitting (these don't need to be fancy)
- 2) The unframed size of the work
- 3) The medium
- 4) The selling price (all work must be for sale)
- 5) The title of the work

### **Art Drop-off Options:**

- 1) Drop off your work at the Starline Factory in Harvard (waiting on actual date and time from Starline), or
- 2) Drop off your work at Jeff Harold's house.\* Make sure your artwork is wrapped to safely travel. Work must be dropped off there by Wednesday, 5 June. Call or email to arrange a drop off date and time.

**NOTE:** Since we are having the Spring Membership show at CLC, you will not be able to take your artwork home on 5 June. You'll need to pick it up at CLC on 3 or 4 June.

### **Hold Harmless Form:**

- By entering the show you agree to hold harmless Starline and any LCAL member transporting your artwork, from accidental damage or loss. If you are concerned about damage or loss, have your work insured.
- This form, in an accompanying email, must be attached to your artwork. Please list Jeff Harold as the "Artist's Representative." Print, sign and date the form.
- Jeff will also have some forms available at art drop off.

### **Art Pickup:**

- Shortly after the 4th Friday (awaiting exact date from Starline).
- Location TBD. Anyone not making it to the pickup location will need to pick up their art at Jeff Harold's house\* Call or email to arrange date and time.

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**Questions?** Contact Jeff Harold at: 847-361-1153, or [jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com](mailto:jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com)



## LCAL 2024-25 LCAL Officer Election Results

Congratulations and good luck to our newly-elected officers!  
LCAL members appreciate your commitment, and will strive to assist you in your elected offices.

### Outgoing

<b>President</b>	Jeff Harold
<b>Vice-President (VP)</b>	Debbie Kalinowski
<b>Treasurer</b>	Elizabeth Engle
<b>Corresponding Secretary (CS)</b>	Chris Tanner
<b>Recording Secretary (RS)</b>	Jack Littlefield

### Incoming as of 1 July 2024

<b>President Elect</b>	Deb Edmunds
<b>VP Elect</b>	Clarese Ornstein
<b>Treasurer Elect</b>	Elizabeth Engle
<b>CS Elect</b>	Erin Galbraith
<b>RS Elect</b>	Jack Littlefield



### Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

Our league benefits tremendously from the skills and talents of *all* members. So, please seriously consider helping our board in any of the league's positions (listed on page 12).

### Do you want to serve?

Contact one of your board members (see page 11).

Show your dedication to keeping the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!

**Questions:** Contact Louise Villegas at [lou999@comcast.net](mailto:lou999@comcast.net)



## RECAP of the LCAL 15 April Membership Meeting & Demonstration

**Congratulations** to the raffle ticket winner, Aruna N Sarode, who was selected at the April Membership Meeting.

This simple \$50 cash prize is one of a number of things now energizing our 90th anniversary meetings.

### Member Excellence Awards:

Below are the 3 Excellence Awards that were given out at the April Membership meeting.



"Maria"  
marker and ink  
Deb Edmunds



"Buckaroo in  
Bronze"  
18x14; scratchboard  
Les Scott

(no image available)

Roger Shule



**Odessa Haw Tay**  
“Warm Halloween”  
Oil



**Karl Martersteck**  
“untitled”  
Watercolor

## 2024 Phoebe Boyd and LCAL \$500 Scholarships

Each year the art league awards two scholarships to College of Lake County (CLC) students.

1. The Phoebe Boyd scholarship is funded by the Boyd family in memory of Phoebe Boyd who was a long time member of the art league and passed away November 22, 1997.
2. The LCAL funds the other scholarship annually from our member dues.

The recipient students are selected from art work that they enter; they are juried into the CLC Student Show in April of each year.

### Scholarship Recipients

On April 8th, LCAL members Oliver Merriam, Mary Neely, and Clarese Ornstein reviewed the artwork of the emerging artists in the CLC Student Show and selected the recipients of this year’s scholarships. Both students will also receive a 1-year LCAL membership.

- Odessa Haw Tay received the Phoebe Boyd award for her oil painting titled “Warm Halloween”
- Karl Martersteck received the LCAL Scholarship for his “untitled” watercolor painting.

Jeff Harold will interview both students after they are awarded the scholarships. We look forward to hearing from them and visiting with them in the future, hopefully at our monthly meetings.

Thank you, Oliver, Mary, and Clarese, for a job well done! And thanks to Val Brandner for organizing the awards!

NOTE: The CLC student show ended 2 May 2024.



An image of LCAL member, Mary Haas' painting, showing excerpts from past 90 years of the LCAL, is provided on the last page of Sketches.

## LCAL Celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024

Six art shows will be part of the LCAL 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration throughout 2024. The public will be invited to these shows as well as to any of our evening meetings that will always include a guest artist's presentation.

### Six Scheduled LCAL Art Shows in 2024

1-29 May	Spring Membership Show: College of Lake County, Robert T Wright Community Gallery of Art, Grayslake
20 May	Spring Membership Show: Critique
7-28 Jun	Starline Factory Gallery in Harvard
1-29 Aug	Downtown Antioch gallery of the Antioch Fine Art Foundation
6-28 Sep	Adler Arts Center, Libertyville
4-25 Oct	Starline Factory Gallery in Harvard
Nov (date pending)	Fall Membership Show: Waukegan's newly restored Carnegie Library
Mid Nov (date pending)	Fall Membership Show: Critique

**Questions about the Anniversary?** Contact a committee member; see page 11.





LCAL 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 27 April Article in the Daily Herald

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

GRAYSLAKE

Art league's 90th anniversary spring show opening May 1

BY MAGGIE ROSE BARON  
mrosebaron@dailyherald.com

Since 1934, the Lake County Art League, or LCAL, has been a space for local artists to showcase their work, grow their craft and talk about art with like-minded aficionados.

This year, the league is hosting its 90th anniversary spring art show at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, May 1-29. Artwork by league members will be on display in the lower level of the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, open for free public viewing from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

According to 90th anniversary committee chair Deb Edmunds, the show is intended "to promote education and to promote people's artwork." She said it serves as an opportunity for artists who may not be able to display their work elsewhere, due to costs or space restrictions at other shows.



COURTESY OF MARY HAAS

"Dreams of Art League Shows Gone By" oil by Mary Haas celebrates a Lake County Art League legend of artists in the 1950s hanging their paintings on fishermen's nets. Haas' painting won the league's 90th anniversary poster contest.

On May 20, LCAL will welcome Frances Vail, a painter and teacher at the North Shore League, into the gallery to critique the works. Anniversary committee co-chair Chris Tanner said the critique is a chance for members to get honest feedback on their pieces.

"You get a really good understanding of how good you are and what your growth is since the last time you did a critique," Tanner said.

When the league was established in Waukegan in the midst of the Great Depression, yearly dues were \$2.50. In commemoration of that history, new member dues for this year have returned to that cost, said Tanner adding, 18 people have joined the league so far this year — an increase from the average of five new members by springtime.

Edmunds said LCAL hopes to promote membership to younger generations. It awards scholarships to two College of Lake County students each year, and Edmunds said, CLC students were encouraged this year to become members.

The league offers members the chance to attend monthly demonstrations and events and to submit their artwork to any of its shows. Throughout the spring, summer and fall, LCAL will hold six shows, culminating with a fall membership show and critique in November. Nonmembers are welcome to attend LCAL's monthly meetings as well as any of the shows.

Tanner emphasized appreciation and involvement with art beyond the league.

"Don't just join one art league, join more than one," Tanner said. "You learn from these things, and you develop these relationships ... It's not just about the LCAL, it's about art leagues everywhere."

The article's original layout has been reformatted to fit this page.



## LCAL Digital Library Overview

**Please enjoy our Digital Library, which is emailed to you along with Sketches as a separate attachment (pdf file).**

The library covers many different topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset below).

Many are video presentations accessed from various services such as YouTube, Amazon Prime, Hulu, and Netflix. To view, click on the link and it will take you directly to that video. *(NOTE: These services sometimes discontinue a show; we will update the lists as we become aware of any changes.)*

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

### 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

**Questions?** Contact Val Brandner;  
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## LCAL Meetings and Staff

### The Lake County Art League Year:

Meets Sep through Jun, generally 7-9pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., as follows:

Jan, Feb, sometimes Mar	Virtual
Sep, Oct, Jan-Jun	presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov, May	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec	Holiday break

**Newsletters:** After Nov, newsletters are sent only occasionally to members who have not paid their dues

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

### 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

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Correction from Apr Sketches:  
This is not an image of Cora Davies who led the drive for creating an art league in 1934. It is a local woman from that era.



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Waukegan home of Cora and her husband J.W. Fredrick Davies, a local minister.



Mary included this lovely sketch of her 8-yr-old son.



**“Dreams of Art League Shows Gone By”  
Oil; Mary Haas**

Mary’s painting commemorates LCAL’s 90 years. It illustrates a favorite art league legend: In the early 1950s, there was no public space for art shows, so on a special day, members hung their art on fisherman's nets drying at Waukegan Harbor. The harbor, seen in the distance, was then the center of a vast commercial fishery.