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Sketches

Official Newsletter of
Your Lake County Art League

January 2025

Zoom Member Meeting and Demo, Jan. 20, 7 pm

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Our first member meeting of 2025 will be on Zoom, Jan. 20 at 7 pm.

Adam Clague, our guest artist, will demonstrate his portrait technique and impressionistic style of oil painting.

Adam is a member of the Portrait Society of America, the National Oil & Acrylic Painters' Society, the American Impressionist Society, and a Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America. Adam's work has received numerous awards, including Portraiture Award of Excellence at the 2018 OPA Salon Show, Best of Show at the 2016 American Impressionist Society National, and 2nd Honor Award at the 2014 PSoA International.

His paintings have been displayed in such venues as the Salmagundi Club in New York City and the European Museum of Modern Art in Barcelona, Spain.

Learn more about Adam and his wife, Andrea, at their Clague Fine Art [website](#).

Adam enjoys sharing what he has learned as a full-time artist by offering in-person and virtual workshops/courses, and free blog lessons, interviews, and video demos, on his [website](#).

Adam received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Pensacola Christian College, where he studied under Brian Jekel.

It was at college that Adam met his wife and fellow painter, Andrea Orr Clague. The couple now lives near Kansas City, Mo with their sons, Gideon and Jaron.



Tea & Inspiration



Victor Study

Questions: Contact Jeff at
jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com



Adam Clague

There's Still Time! Sign up by Jan. 25!

Introduction to Color Pencil Workshop, Feb. 8

LCAL is sponsoring this 1-day workshop **conducted by LCAL member, Phil Schorn**, at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Lunch will be catered by Laurretta's Italian Bake Shop and Café, Grayslake.

Participants will learn how to layer and mix colors, and will create a finished rendering. The class is for artists of all levels.



Vivian's Leaf

Sign-up form is located at the end of Sketches.

Questions? Contact Phil at 847-421-7925;
phil@pschornstudio.com [website](#)

"Art for Everyone: Bob Ross" Exhibit through Jan. 20

This special exhibition features Bob Ross (1942-95), famed for his TV show, "The Joy of Painting." 75 of his original works display his philosophy of spreading happiness through art.

Location: [Dunn Museum](#), 1899 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville.

"Abstracts" Exhibit

Location: Undercroft Gallery at Christ Episcopal Church, Lower level, 410 Grand Ave, Waukegan

The **closing reception & art pick-up** for this ongoing event is Sat., Feb. 25, 1-3 pm

To view by appointment in groups of 3-5, contact Ari to arrange a time and date.

Questions? Contact Ali Albakri at nyika1940@gmail.com or 224.381.0321.



Mary Neely abstracts



Mona Phiffer abstracts

Adler Artist Member Exhibit; Jan-Feb 2025

Adler members show will be Jan. 17 – Feb. 22. Opening reception will be on Jan. 17, 6-8 pm. For more information, go to the Adler [website](#).

Lake Villa Library Exhibit

Earlier this month, LCAL members were invited to submit their artwork to be hung at the **Lake Villa Library**. We encourage you to see their work on display from **Jan. 8 to Feb. 23, 1-3 pm**.

Please join us at a **"Meet the Artist"** event, **Feb. 4, 2-3:30 pm**.

As a bonus, the Lake Villa Library will hold their annual fundraiser event, **"Grapes and Growlers," Feb. 21, 7-9 pm**. This event draws around 400 people and features a wine and craft beer tasting, as well as a performance by John Primer & The Real Deal Blues Band.

The event is **open to the public**; there is a **\$20 cover charge**.

(More information is provided at the library [website](#).)

Art Pick Up: Arrange pick up with one of the following people.

No artwork can be stored at the library.

Mon., Feb. 24, 4-6 pm, Clarese Ornstein (socoro@comcast.net)

Tue., Feb 25, 11 am to 1 pm, Deb Edmunds (edmundsdl@gmail.com)



Artworks on display

Library Lobby Art Display Opportunities

The Lake Villa Library is seeking local artists to display their artwork in the **Featured Artist Exhibit space**.

Artists can exhibit their 2D works in the library lobby for 2-month time periods.

Group shows or solo art exhibits are welcome.

If you would like **to be considered for an exhibit**, please **complete the [online proposal form](#)**.

NOTE: This opportunity is separate from the "Lake Villa Library Exhibit" in Jan. and Feb., also shown on this page.

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

LCAL Spring Membership Show

Plans are in the works for our Spring Membership Show at the Carnegie Library; tentatively scheduled for April 26.

Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF)

We look forward to August when the AFAF will again host a show for the LCAL, as they did this past August!

Socializing and Sketching or Sharing: S-SOS!

As introduced in last month's Sketches, we are initiating these events over the winter months to **beat the winter blues** and connect with each other in person during daylight hours.

Join your fellow artists for some socializing, sketching or sharing!

Since LCAL will not have an in-person meeting until March, we encourage you to join us at a local coffee shop and have some fun by sketching or sharing your ideas, art, supplies or whatever you'd like to bring to the meeting.

Meetings will last for a few hours and anyone from the LCAL will be welcome to join. **Upcoming gatherings will be announced by email, so watch for a heading with "LCAL, S-SOS."**

The times and dates will be correlated around the weather and the days that the hosts are available.

If you are interested in leading one of these sessions, please contact Deb Edmunds, Plein Air Director.

We Need a New Hospitality Director!

The position starts at our next in-person meeting in April.

Description of Duties

At each in-person meeting and LCAL event, our hospitality director prepares tables for refreshments and snacks. They organize other members to bring food/snacks. They also heat up water for hot beverages, put out plates, napkins, etc., and clean up afterwards. They also replenish supplies as needed.

The Hospitality Director is part of the LCAL board and is invited to attend the monthly board meetings.

This is a great opportunity to support your LCAL!

Volunteers to help the Hospitality Director are also needed.



Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com, 773-230-8068, or visit the [LCAL Facebook page](#).

Looking for New LCAL Members!

Tell your family and friends about our organization!
 Invite them to attend one of our Zoom or in-person member meetings and demos.
 You can refer them to our [website](#) for meeting information, upcoming events, and more!

Questions: Contact Membership Director, Louise Villegas at lou999@comcast.net

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

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 7.

We especially need a new **Hospitality Director!** (see page 4)

Support for Workshops and Shows: We are seeking a couple of members to assist our Workshops and Shows Director, Clarese Ornstein. Please email Clarese if you are interested: socoro@comcast.net

Other Open Positions: See **Note** on page 7.

Do you want to serve?

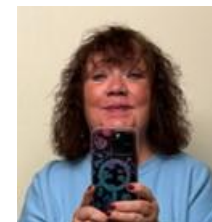
Contact a board members (page 7).
 Keep the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!



Meet Board Member, Clarese Ornstein LCAL Vice President

Hello and Happy New Year, LCAL Artists!

I began my art journey in 2018, shortly after becoming a widow. I play with many media. Most recently, am enjoying pastels, painted paper collages, and iPhone photography. Nature inspires me.



As Vice President, I work closely with other board members and most recently, work on programs and workshops. I am proud to have been a part of organizing and coordinating our 90th anniversary show at The Adler in September. It was a great experience!

I joined LCAL in 2019. I've studied with Tom Lynch, Pat King, Phil Schorn, Tom Perkowitz, Elizabeth St. Hilaire and take numerous classes in IL and WI.

I am a retired elementary teacher and I also taught Agriculture in the Classroom for the Lake County Farm Bureau. I am a Lake County Master Gardener.

I love cats and I am happy to share any of my 3,000 photos of my Maine Coon, Miss Kitty! Her photograph will be hanging at the next exhibit at the Wright Gallery.

I volunteer at BIG Great Lakes in Gurnee as an artist, assisting special needs adults with creating art.

Questions? Contact Clarese at socoro@comcast.net

Are You a Facebook User?

Check out the [LCAL Facebook Group](#)!

Right now, 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. When we receive your request, we will add you to the group.

Questions? Contact one of our 3 Facebook Group administrators:

Erin Galbraith galbraith@gmail.com
Deb Edmunds edmundsdl@gmail.com
Louise Villegas lou999@comcast.net

Enjoy Our Digital Library

Our library is now accessible on the LCAL website.

It covers many different art topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset below).

Many references consist of links to video presentations accessed from various streaming services. *(NOTE: the links will be updated 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 websites. In 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

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

LCAL Meetings, Board Members and Directors

The Lake County Art League Year:

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

Jan., Feb., sometimes March*	Virtual
Sept., Oct., Jan.-June	Presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov., May	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec.	Holiday break
* Mar 2025 meeting will be in person	

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 on this page.

Elected Officers	Name	email
President	Deb Edmunds	edmundsdl@gmail.com
Vice President	Clarese Ornstein	socoro@comcast.net
Recording Secretary	Jack Littlefield	thelittlefields@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Erin Galbraith	galbraith@gmail.com
Treasurer	Elizabeth Engle	betharoo30@aol.com

* Open Director Positions

The following positions are currently open to any member who would like to volunteer:
Hospitality, Art Festivals, Tours, and Publicity

Directors *	Name	email
Historian	Ali Albakri	nyika1940@gmail.com
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	Louise Villegas	lou999@comcast.net
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	Deb Edmunds	edmundsdl@gmail.com
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Undercroft	Ali Albakri	nyika1940@gmail.com

Color Pencil Workshop

SPONSORED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE

presented by Philip Schorn, CPX

Date: February 8, 2025

State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake

Time: 9am-4pm / Lunch Included!

This one day workshop is to introduce and enhance the students use of the color pencil for creating a finished rendering. Learn how to layer and mix colors to create a vibrant image. The class is designed for all levels of artists.



Student Cost: \$120

Supplies and lunch are included in the fee (Yes, you do get to keep the supplies).

How to Register: **Need registrations by January 25**, so supplies can be ordered in time.

Scan the QR Code to register and pay!

Visit: pschornstudio.com/classes

or Mail: Check made to: Philip Schorn

Address: 1494 Leeward Ct
Grayslake, IL 60030



Any Questions: Phil@pschornstudio.com

Saturday Feb 8

9:00 - 4pm

9:00 - 9:30am	Instructor Introduction Purpose of the Course Student Goals from this workshop
9:30 - Noon	Why the supplies chosen Drawing from a photo Demonstrate effects of the color pencil, blending techniques Blending Pen Start with test sheet of marble.
Noon - 1pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:30pm	Using a reference photo
3:30 - 4pm	A review of what we did. How it could be done better. Questions