



LCAL.org | 503c3 | lakecountyleague@gmail.com

[LCAL Website](#)  
[LCAL Facebook Page](#)

# MNEWS

Member Newsletter

News For and From Members of  
Your Lake County Art League  
**March 2025**

## Inside

**Ongoing Events**  
Pg 1

**S Saxton, M Krutsch,  
O Merriam, E Galbraith,  
C Ornstein**  
Pg 2

**S McDonald,  
J Brooksher**  
Pg 3

**P Schorn, E Schweit**  
Pg 4

## Antioch Collaboration for Art

In this exciting new collaboration, one or more members of the [Antioch Fine Arts Foundation \(AFAF\)](#) will be displaying their art at the [Antioch Public Library](#) (757 Main St., Antioch) for 3-month periods throughout the year.

**Questions?** Contact Suki M. Clark (AFAF) at [suki.michelle@ymail.com](mailto:suki.michelle@ymail.com)

## Open Studio

LCAL members Janet Shaw and Doug Kimberlin enjoy painting in the **Fine Art Studio of the Vernon Hills Park District every Wed. from 10:30 to 1:30.**

Join this lively, helpful group of painters that has been going strong for 20 years! There is no teacher; everyone works on their own projects and assists each other with advice and support.

Try a session for \$12, or enroll in the series at a low cost. Openings available.

**Questions?** Contact Janet at 847-721-3738 or [Adult Fine Art Studio](#)

## Ongoing Events

### Volo Bog Avian Art Show

Takes place April 9-May 15 and includes a weekly silent auction, Wed.-Sun., 9 am–3 pm.

**Submissions:** March 16-April 11.

**Reception:** May 15.

See their [website](#) for details.

### Blue Moon Gallery Annual Spring Show

This “**Wall Flowers**” exhibit features the beauty & power of flowers. Gallery owner, Kendra Kett, will be the juror and curator. (Submissions are closed.)

**Opening Reception:** March 22, 6-9 pm

See their [website](#) for details.

### Art in the Shire

The reception was held March 8, but most participants leave their **art on display throughout the Shire law firm, following the art show.**

**Location:** [The Shire Law Group](#), PC, 1 Overlook Point, Ste. 650, Lincolnshire, IL.

**Questions?** Contact Renee Leonard or Chris Acampora at [renee@shirelawgroup.com](mailto:renee@shirelawgroup.com), [chris@shirelawgroup.com](mailto:chris@shirelawgroup.com), or 847-955-9000 (Ext. 1 for Renee and 4 for Chris).

**Sandra Saxton**

- I am showing my art at the **Antioch Public Library** (see page 1). My paintings incorporate oils, acrylics, pencils, crayons, and other materials into collages.
- I am also showing my art (below) at the **Volo Bog** until March 12. This show is also an auction!



Sandra Saxton

**Questions?** Contact Sandra at [saxton.songbirdstudio@gmail.com](mailto:saxton.songbirdstudio@gmail.com)

**Oliver Steven Merriam**

I am currently exhibiting oil paintings at the **Volo Bog**.  
I will also be at the **Art in the Shire** show (see page 1).

**Questions?** Contact Oliver at [omerriam@yahoo.com](mailto:omerriam@yahoo.com)

**Erin Galbraith**

I am selling fine art glicée prints of some of my artwork. Please visit my [website](#).

**Questions?** Contact Erin at [galbraith@gmail.com](mailto:galbraith@gmail.com)

**Clarese Ornstein**

- I am currently showing my art at the **Volo Bog**, and will also participate in the [Volo Bog Avian Art Show](#), (see page 1).
- I will be at **Art in the Shire** (see page 1), showing a pastel piece, a watercolor piece, a collage of painted rice papers, and cards with proceeds going to Brushes or Vincent charity. I'll be leaving my art through the end of March.
- I will take a watercolor class with [Kari Anderson](#) April 11-12 in Sturgeon Bay, WI. This is open to all artists.

**Questions?** Contact Clarese at [socoro@comcast.net](mailto:socoro@comcast.net)

**Marjorie Krutsch**

I will be joining the **Art in the Shire** show (see page 1).

**Questions?** Contact Marjorie at [mkrutsch1@gmail.com](mailto:mkrutsch1@gmail.com)

### Samantha McDonald (SamTheJam)

- **Solo Gallery Showing** at 3Legged Coffee Brewery, 2120 E Grand Ave, Lindenhurst. April 1-May 31. More information coming soon.
- **Grayslake Mayfest** Solo chalk art installation. 164 Hawley St, Grayslake; behind the Grayslake Heritage Center. Sat., May 3rd; 1-4 pm. More information coming soon.
- **Kites at Racine Public Art display** is Racine's 24th annual public art project. Six-foot tall kites will be displayed outdoors in downtown Racine from June through mid-Sept. My design, "Gnome Stack," was accepted for display (see images below). All pieces are sponsored and will be auctioned off later in the year.
- I was accepted to the **Habitat for Humanity Public Display** event. Sculptures will be on display from June-August 2025 in East Dundee, West Dundee, Carpentersville, or Elgin. More information coming soon. They are currently looking for sponsors.
- **Open artist call for Mythological Meyhem** at the Robin and Mark Seigle Gallery, Elgin ArtSpace Lofts, 51 S. Spring St., Elgin. June/July 2025.

**Questions?** Contact Samantha at [clintandsam@gmail.com](mailto:clintandsam@gmail.com)

Kites before painting (left) and after ("Gnome Stack")

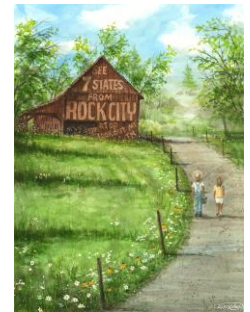


### Jim Brooksher

I'll be doing a **watercolor demonstration** for the Lakes Region Watercolor Guild on Thur., March 13th at 9:30 am, at the State Bank of the Lakes Grayslake (50 Commerce Dr. Grayslake).

Below are a images of paintings I may be demonstrating.

**Questions?** Contact Jim at [jimbrooksher@gmail.com](mailto:jimbrooksher@gmail.com), or 847-508-4715.



**Phil Schorn**

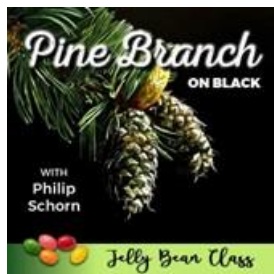
I'm offering a 90-minute. online workshop, March 22, 10:00 am Pacific Time. It is limited to 35 students.

In this class, channel your inner artist as we whip up a stunning pinecone, branch, and needles on some bold black paper!

Drawing on dark surfaces can be a bit like wrestling an octopus—tricky and full of surprises! But fear not! I will guide you through a foolproof method that'll leave you grinning and eager to tackle more black paper masterpieces.

It's not just about the "how"; I will share my secrets on the "why" behind it all!...Links to all the classes are on my [website](#).

If you can't attend, all registrants will receive a video.

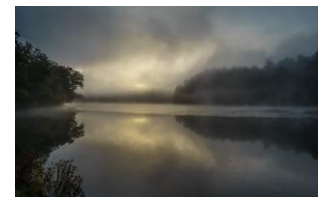


**Questions?** Contact Phil at 847-421-7925, [phil@pschornstudio.com](mailto:phil@pschornstudio.com), or at his [website](#).

**Ernest Schweit**

Three of my pieces are on view in the **Beloit Art Center's Juried Photography Exhibit**, which opened March 7, and runs through March 27.

Of special note, the image titled "Awakening" is a collaborative effort with John Hatelsted, who created an amazing custom frame for the 24 x 16 metal print.



After 69 editions over almost 6 years, and a list of subscribers that's grown to 134, my on-line newsletter will cease publication and the content will move to a new platform, [substack.com](http://substack.com).

I'll continue to publish news of shows and new work on my [Facebook page](#).

Please also check out my [website](#) for images of my latest photography, and for links to my [blog](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

**Questions?** Contact Ernest at 847-609-8070 or [ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net)