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Member Newsletter

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Your Lake County Art League

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## Antioch Collaboration for Art

One or more members of the [Antioch Fine Arts Foundation \(AFAF\)](#) will display 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! Work on your own projects; no teacher; assist 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](#)

## Volo Bog Avian Art Show

April 9-May 15, Wed.-Sun.,  
9 am–3 pm.

**Reception:** May 15, 1–3 pm.

See their [website](#) for details.

Some **LCAL members** who are participating in this show:

- Oliver Steven Merriam, [omerriam@yahoo.com](mailto:omerriam@yahoo.com)
- Clarese Ornstein, [socoro@comcast.net](mailto:socoro@comcast.net). Her pastel shown below is one of several on display.
- Sandra Saxton has 3 pieces on display, shown below.



"Mama Embracing  
Baby"  
Clarese Ornstein



3 pieces by  
Sandra Saxton

### ArtsLink North

A new arts endeavor, **ArtsLink North**, supported by Visit Lake County, is a place for artists, musicians, performers, and event spaces to list their events, showings, openings, and performances at no cost. Its mission ArtsLink North is to serve as the primary source of information for arts events and experiences in Lake County, IL.

It promotes and communicates the economic benefits of the arts, is a vehicle for resource-sharing and collaboration among arts organizations, and advocates for funding and support.

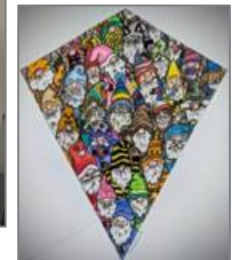
**Questions?** Contact [teresa@lakecounty.org](mailto:teresa@lakecounty.org) or [margie@lakecounty.org](mailto:margie@lakecounty.org)

### Samantha McDonald (SamTheJam)

- **Solo Gallery Showing** at 3Legged Coffee Brewery, 2120 E Grand Ave, Lindenhurst. April 1-May 31.
- **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.
- **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 (right; "Gnome Stack")



## Leslie SCott

[les.scratchart@yahoo.com](mailto:les.scratchart@yahoo.com)

My recent work is titled "Rhythm Beneath My Feet" is part of the exhibit at the LCAL Spring Show at the Carnegie Library this month of May. It features an underwater scene of a stream with reflections of light on pebbles.

## Ernie Schweit

I spent 4 days photographing the beauty of Big Sur in northern California last month.

I was there with my artist wife, Maureen Fisher Rivkin, who was painting in a workshop taught by her brother, Dean Fisher, at Garapatta State Park, south of Carmel.

I photographed at Garapatta State Park, Point Lobos, and Carmel River State Park. I also gathered information for a series of [blog postings](#) about my work there.



## Clarese Ornstein

- I will attend **The Old Irish Goat** painting class taught by Elizabeth St Hilaire, June 1-10 at Essence Of Mulranny in a small coastal village in Ireland.



- I was invited to attend a 3-hour zoom demo by **Teresa Kirk**, mixed media artist, for mixed media on April 23rd as former student.



- May 19, [Dunn Museum Zoom presentation](#)** of a story about the Great Depression as experienced by Waukegan artist, Reima Victor Ratti.



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

### Cassandra Anzelone

Cassandra is instructing 2 different and free emotional-wellbeing art projects with Art Impact Project (AIP) in May:

- **Gorton Center, Lake Forest, Tues., May 13, 6–7:30 pm.**  
Concentric Circle Project, inspired by artist Wassily Kandinsky, fosters a relaxing environment. We use acrylic paint on canvas to create a beautiful pattern, representing the delicate and complex layers of human emotion. [Register here.](#)
- **The Art Center Highland Park, Highland Park, Tues., May 27, 6:30–8 pm**  
Summer Sketchbook Project; learn about the benefits of using a sketchbook. We'll get you started with some fun prompts and send you home with a sketchbook and ideas to keep you busy all summer long! [Register here.](#)

**Questions?** Contact Cassandra at [cassandra@artimpactproject.org](mailto:cassandra@artimpactproject.org).

### Sandra Saxton

- I am a member of the Antioch Fune Arts Foundation and have a few paintings on display there.
- I am showing 3 pieces at the Volo Bog Avian Art Show (see first page).
- I am also showing an abstract piece at the LCAL Spring Show at the Carnegie museum.



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

### Maureen Fisher Rivkin

Below are landscapes I painted at a 4-day plein air workshop this April in Big Sur near Carmel, CA.

This was one of many workshops my brother Dean Fisher leads in both the US and Europe ([deanfisherworkshops.com](http://deanfisherworkshops.com)).

The beauty of the coast there is incredibly inspiring, and I loved the challenge of painting the ever-changing light, the magnificent cliffs, and the ocean churning over the rocky shoreline.

I look forward to continuing to hone my skills by participating in LCAL plein air events with Deb Edmunds!

**Questions?** Contact Maureen at [mfisherrivkin@gmail.com](mailto:mfisherrivkin@gmail.com).

