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From Chris Tanner: **Recap of Tom Trausch Workshop in April**

On 20 and 21 April, Lake County Art League (LCAL) hosted a workshop conducted by Tom Trausch. He discussed adding people into landscape paintings, and demonstrated his technique.

The workshop that took place at the Antioch Township Center, was a success. Some positive feedback from attendees, included: Tom was a good teacher. He had a positive approach to his instruction. His critique was thoughtful and immediate.



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From Phil Schorn: May News

It is time to focus on my May Events. Memorial Day Weekend is a lot closer than you may think. Here is a rundown of my Memorial Day Weekend Shows...



“After a Hard Day”
Colored Pencil



“Cheers”
Colored Pencil

- **Friday, May 24th**, I will be at Tonality Brewing Company, Mundelein, from 6-9 pm for a drawing demo. I will be finishing up a rendering of the Bar for an auction that evening. I have a number of new Liquor renderings (left), that are posted on my website. These will be on display at Tonality Brewing into June.
- **Saturday, May 25th**, I will be at Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake for the “Works On Paper” reception, 6-9 pm. This exhibit was by invitation by the gallery curator. I’m very honored to be asked to participate in the exhibit, for which I have several new renderings being framed. More information will be coming out on this soon.
- **Saturday & Sunday, May 25-26**, I will be participating in the Barrington Arts Festival, downtown Barrington from 10-5. This is my 5th year. This show is one of my favorites, always a good crowd.
- Once June comes, 3 more shows! It is going to be a busy summer!

I offer several drawing technique [videos](#), project [kits](#) and books on my [website](#) as well. There is something for everyone who is interested in color pencil.

“I take something ordinary and make it extraordinary”.
Enjoy the art and become inspired!

P. Schorn
STUDIO

Questions? Go to pschornstudio.com



From Ernest Schweit: A Special Touch to the Grandeur of Garrapata

Garrapata State Park sits like a jewel along the sparkling northern California coast, with 2 miles of beachfront, coastal hiking trails and, most importantly, stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.



“Time Stands Still“

U.S. Hwy 1 connects the park to Carmel By the Sea to the north, the equally magnificent Point Lobos Nature Reserve, and the rest of Big Sur to the south.

With its rugged vertical headlands and offshore sea stacks of granite, sandstone, and shale, the coastline is a photographer's paradise, one that I visit at least once a year.

For all its beauty, though, Garrapata can be problematic. First, there is so much depth and grandeur that it's next to impossible to reduce it down to a single image, or even a series. Second, it's been photographed so frequently that, as beautiful as the images are, they start to look the same.

So I tried something different on this trip: long-exposure image making, a technique that creates milky colored swirls in the ocean creating an ethereal, dreamy feel to the work.

This technique takes more time, equipment, experience and patience than many photographers want to invest. But I love it because it slows down the process, making it like the early days of the art form, when the pioneering masters would make 7 or 8 negatives in 8 hours of shooting and call it a good day.

And the final images...well, they blow me away because, in this case, they let me show you the grandeur of Garrapata State Park, as I see it.

Judge for yourself!

Also see my [website](#), social media accounts on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#); and my [blog](#).

A special series of 3 images from Garrapata are available for purchase.



Questions? Contact me at Ernest M. Fisher Studios; 847 609 8070; email: ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net



From Ernest Schweit, cont.: **Big Sur, Just the Start**

Garrapata State Park was only one stop on a longer trip through Big Sur in northern California and the Southwest.

We also shot at Point Lobos Nature Reserve, Carmel Beach, Carmel River State Park, and Death Valley before arriving at our final destination, Tucson, AZ. Look for images from our trip at our website,



“Whaler's Weather”
Point Lobos in Big Sur

All told, starting from my home in the Midwest, I logged about 3,000 miles in the car, making photos at every stop.

This is the 3rd year I've made this trip; it never gets old, especially Point Lobos, where Edward Weston and Ansel Adams spent years of their lives creating work that forever changed the face of photography.

The park contains more than 550 acres of forested hiking trails that wind along a Pacific shoreline dotted with hidden coves, inlets and beaches, granite outcroppings and picture perfect hiking trails.

Death Valley couldn't have been a more opposite landscape from the rest of California. It's the largest state park in the contiguous U.S., as well as the hottest, driest and lowest of all our parks. It covers a staggering 140 miles from north to south and as much as 15 miles wide.

While Big Sur amazes with its Pacific Ocean blues and yellow and grey rocks, Death Valley is an arid masterpiece of spectacular pinks, grays, yellows and whites painted on a landscape of undulating hills and sharply dropping valleys.

Also see my [website](#), social media accounts on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#); and my [blog](#).



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From Clarese Ornstein: **Upcoming Art Shows**

I will attend a **week-long watercolor class** taught by Kari Anderson at the Clearing in Door County in May.

- Kari has been painting in watercolor for the past 25 years, mostly in Door County.
- Her favorite subjects are wintery landscapes, and abstract florals. Prints from her whimsical “tomte” series and Door County Lighthouse series remain favorites of collectors who follow her work.
- Her distinctive, fluid watercolor style makes her the most recognizable watercolor artist in Door County.

I recently began volunteering as an artist at [BiG Great Lakes](#) in Gurnee.

- “BiG Great Lakes is an "out of the box" innovative entrepreneurial community for adults with special needs where we make and sell high-end artisan products, while providing community, connection and a culture of honor.”
- “We want to change the way the world views this population by taking the ‘status quo’ of providing these individuals with custodial support, to having these individuals creating beautiful marketable items to sell to help sustain the vocational community they enjoy everyday. They have become artisans, bakers, gardeners, potters, card makers and more.”

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From Clarese Ornstein, cont.: Volo Bog Avian Art Show

Volo Bog [Avian Art Show](#): Come and see!

(28478 Brandenburg Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041; Ph: 815-344-1294)

Spring is all about celebrating birds at Volo Bog State Natural Area and I hope you will visit the annual Avian Art show, which has hundreds of bird-themed art. The show is ongoing until May 26.

Attendees can also bid on their favorite artwork at a silent auction.

A portion of all sales will help fund programs of Volo Bog.

The artist reception will be on Sunday, May 26, 1-3 pm.

Questions: Contact Clarese at 847-525-7823

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“Barred Owl”
by Judy Arvidson

LCAL Artists in this show include:

Deb Edmunds is showing 1 of 3 small pieces (right).

Questions: Contact Deb at edmundsdl@gmail.com

Debbie Kalinowski is showing her pastel piece, “Springtime,” (left).

Questions: Contact Debbie at artbydebbiek@gmail.com

Aruna N Sarode is showing 3 paintings (below).

Questions: Contact Aruna at arunans@hotmail.com or [website](#)



“Springtime”



“Broad-billed hummingbird”,
Oil 12”x12”



“Sunflower Gold”, Acrylic
8”x8”



“Golden Hour”; Oil; 24”x36”



Other Member News



From Mary Neely

I am exhibiting 12 expressive abstract photographs in the Galeria del Pasillo at the College of Lake County's Lakeshore Campus.

Come see your fellow LCAL member's work!

Dates: April 1 - May 22, 2024

Location: CLC Lakeshore Campus

34 N Sheridan Road, 3rd Floor

Waukegan, IL 60085

Questions: Contact Mary at mmbn@yahoo.com

From Chris Tanner

The Gurnee Park District is looking for art teachers who use various mediums, for adult classes or workshops of 1-2 days.

Interested LCAL members can call Mary Lester at 847-599-3745 (direct line) or 847-815-5003 (cell).

Classes would begin in the Fall, Sept-Dec, 2024.

Questions: Contact Chris at chrisetanner9@gmail.com

Ali Albakri, Undercroft Gallery

The current show of about 30 of Ali Albakri photos of past Afro-Native American's annual local Pow Wow in Zion, Illinois will continue through June 22. Open by appointment.

Individuals or groups of no more than five please call Ali at 224.381.0321.



Other Member News



"Border Patrol"

From Jim Brooksher

My painting "Border Patrol," part of the U.S. Coast Guard's permanent art collection, will be on display with 16 other Coast Guard paintings at the Port Huron Museum, located on 6th Street, in Port Huron, Michigan.

The painting, shown below and attached, depicts the Bluewater Bridge connecting Port Huron and Sarnia, Ontario, along with a Jayhawk helicopter, a Coast Guard 110' Patrol Craft and a Canadian ore ship.

Questions? Contact Jim at jimbrooksher@gmail.com

From Aruna N Sarode

Antioch Fine Arts Foundation has moved to a new space and I have 3 paintings in their "All Seasons in Bloom" art show.

The show is currently on and runs through May 27; the opening reception is on Saturday, May 11 from 2 to 5 pm.

This is what their event description reads on Facebook:

"Join us at an opening reception for the exciting exhibits on display this month at the Antioch Art Center! May 2024 features the very first exhibits held at our NEW address of 896 Main Street in the heart of beautiful downtown Antioch. The "All Seasons in Bloom" invitational art show shares the venue this month with our 3rd annual "Art and Bloom" exhibit of live flowers and plants, held in collaboration with the Garden Club of Antioch. Hope to see you soon!

Questions: Contact Aruna at arunans@hotmail.com or [website](#).



"Red Lily"; Oil; 12"x12"
Aruna N Sarode



Other Member News



Linda Kollacks

I'm delighted to be recently accepted in the American Impressionist Society (AIS) online exhibition.

There were over 2,242 entries with 258 accepted.

It felt so good to be in the loop again after many months hiatus grieving the loss of my husband.

Questions? Contact Linda at: lindakollacks@gmail.com

Deb Edmonds

Weather was perfect for our plein air event on 10 May. We painting at the 600-acre nature wonderland called St. Mary of the Lake seminary and conference center in Mundelein. The 2.5-mile drive around the lake is a largely unknown scenic wonder of Lake County.

Questions? Contact Deb at: 773-230-8068 or edmundsdl@gmail.com

