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Official Newsletter of
Your Lake County Art League

February 2025

Zoom Member Meeting and Demo, Feb. 17, 7 pm

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[Robert Burridge](#) is our guest artist for the LCAL Feb. 17th meeting. He will be doing a demo on florals in acrylics.

Robert paints with bright colors and broad brushstrokes giving his work and obvious and easy recognizability. Robert strives to constantly reinvent himself, which has given his work a more abstract, ethereal mood; one that he describes as neo expressionism.



Questions? Contact Jeff Harold at
jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com

"I've always worked fast," he said, and works on up to 20 paintings a week. "If it doesn't go in [the right] direction, I kind of laugh at it as a cosmic joke," he continued. "It's pretty humbling. You work on a piece, and it's just not happening. There are just some pieces that have a black cloud over them."

Recap of Jan. Member Meeting

This meeting featured guest artist **Adam Clague**, who did a portrait demo for us. It was great! Thank you to Jeff Harold for putting it together.



Adam Clague

You can view the demo on [YouTube](#).

Below is Adam's completed painting from the demo. See more of Adam's work on his [website](#), where you can also sign up for his portrait class.



"David"

Introduction to Color Pencil Workshop, Feb. 8

Enrollment has closed. Thank you to the 15 members and non-members who signed up to take this LCAL-sponsored, 1-day workshop **conducted by LCAL member, Phil Schorn**, at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake, 9 am-4 pm.

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

Participants will learn how to layer and mix colors, and will create a finished rendering.

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



Vivian's Leaf

"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 Ali 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 are showing their work at this exhibit that runs until Feb. 22. For more information, go to the Adler [website](#).

Gurnee Arts Commission: Informational Meeting

Mayor Hood invites residents, local artists and all interested in nurturing the arts to come together for an informational meeting with the goal of establishing a new Arts commission for Gurnee.

Dance, music, painting, sculpting, drawing, photography, theater, culinary, floral design, woodworking, and more...; creativity in its many forms enriches our lives.

At this meeting, we will discuss the vision and goals for the Arts Commission and opportunities for residents and businesses to get involved.

Please bring your ideas for encouraging a vibrant arts scene in Gurnee!

If you cannot attend but would like to share your thoughts, **contact** Matt Trujillo at mtrujillo@village.gurnee.il.us.



LCAL Spring Membership Show

Plans are in the works for our Spring Membership Show at the Carnegie Library. Details to come in future Sketches!

Art drop off: Sat., April 26

Critique: Sat., May 17

Lake Villa Library Exhibit

In Jan., 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 through **Feb. 23**, during their open hours.

Recently, a small group of artists gathered at the Lake Villa Library to share their art journey (see images below). The event drew local patrons who were very interested in the art that's been on display for the past month.

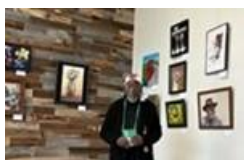
If you haven't had a chance to check out the exhibit, please stop by and take a look.

The library will be holding their big event "**Grapes and Growlers**," **Feb. 21, 7-9 pm** and the public is welcome to attend (**\$20 cover charge**). This annual fundraiser draws around 400 people. It features a wine and craft beer tasting, as well as a performance by John Primer & The Real Deal Blues Band.

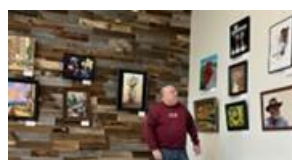
Art Pick Up: Arrange pick up with one of the following people. No artwork can be stored at the library.

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

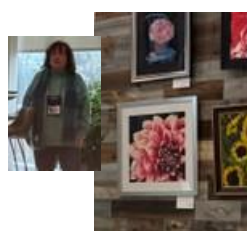
Tue., Feb 25, 11 am to 1 pm, Deb Edmunds (edmundsdl@gmail.com)



Ali Albakri



Jeff Harold



Clarese Ornstein

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.

Call for Art at Starline Factory

Details for the Second Saturdays Art Event at the Starline Factory will be available soon on the [Starline website](#).

Note that this show is being moved from the 4th Fridays to 2nd Saturdays beginning in March!



Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF)

We look forward to August when the [AFAF](#) will again host a show for the LCAL, as they did in 2024!

Socializing and Sketching or Sharing: S-SOS!

Beat the winter blues and connect with each other in person for some socializing, sketching or sharing, during daylight hours this winter!

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. Anyone from the LCAL is 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.

Link to Your Social Media on LCAL Facebook!

Do you have a website or a social media site that you'd like to post on the LCAL's website? Please send an email to Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com, our website director. Please include your name as you'd want it to appear online and the web link of the website, Facebook page or Instagram page link.

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

We Need a New Hospitality Director!

The position starts at our next in-person meeting in April. Also note that this position **can be shared** among several people.

Description of Duties

For each in-person LCAL meeting and event:

- Organize other members to bring food/snacks.
- Prepare tables for refreshments and snacks.
- Heat up water for hot beverages, put out plates, napkins, etc.
- Clean up afterwards.
- 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.



Membership Opportunities, cont.

Interested in Judging CLC Student Artwork?

Each year the LCAL offers **\$500 scholarships** to two College of Lake County (CLC) students. These students are selected based on their work, juried into **the CLC Student Show which takes place in April.**

One of the scholarships is funded by the Lake County Art League; the other by the Phoebe Boyd family. Phoebe Boyd was a long-time member of LCAL and upon her death, requested her family to fund an annual scholarship to a CLC student.

These programs have been in effect for many years and are part of the mission of LCAL to create more interest in art in Lake County Illinois and to develop a higher appreciation of visual art.

Judging Committee:

- The LCAL committee selecting the students is composed of three members (usually two who have done the judging before, and one new member) and the judging generally takes one morning at CLC, Grayslake campus.
- To be on the committee you must be a current LCAL member and have no relationship with the students being considered. It is preferred that committee members not be LCAL Board members.

If you're interested in being on the selection committee for these scholarships, please **contact** Val Brandner by Feb. 28 at 847-445-2788 or isketchit@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for the LCAL Spring and Fall Membership Shows!

We are looking for volunteers to help with organizing, checking in art, hanging (sometimes), helping with refreshment set up and clean up, and runners to help bring art to critique artists.

Anyone interested please contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

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!

Welcome New Members!

Marina Rawlings; rawlimar17@gmail.com

Oil, Charcoal, Ink

Sam Frank; onehotdog727@gmail.com

Watercolor

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 9.

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 9.

Do you want to serve?

Contact a board members (page 9).
Keep the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!



Meet Two of Our LCAL Board Members

Jack Littlefield, Recording Secretary

Jack Littlefield has been an active member of LCAL for 20 years and has served on the LCAL Board as recording secretary for 17 years.

Art has been an important part of his life since childhood. At age 9, he exhibited his first watercolor at Waukegan's Carnegie Library.



Jack graduated from Western Illinois University with a double major in English and Art Education. It was in an art class during Junior year that he met his wife, Jane, of 53 years. Jack received his master's degree in Ceramics/Printing Making from Carthage College.

Jack taught art classes at Zion Benton High School for 33 years. Those classes included Introduction to art, AP Studio Art, Calligraphy, Watercolor Painting, Art Appreciation/History, and Silversmithing. He led 9 student trips to Europe to view museums and famous sites.

"Being a member of LCAL has been a great joy in my life," Jack says. "The art community is a special group of people who share their love of creating. The programs and workshops provide new experiences, ideas, and techniques for all of us. LCAL has certainly enriched my life. Thanks to all of you!"

Questions? Contact Jack at thelittlefields@gmail.com

Louise Villegas, Membership Director

I was drawn to art growing up, but always told I had "no talent" so I never studied professionally. I started taking local art classes after a bout with cancer at age 49. Last year, I made a vow to be more serious about my artwork by joining LCAL, entering exhibitions, and submitting works to magazines.



I now take many classes, including oil (with Sue Schneider, Tom Perkowitz), colored pencil (Philip Schorn) and watercolor (Paul Milauskas).

I am also enrolled in two online video courses with Dreama Tolle Perry of Flow, and Richard Robinson of My Painting Club. Richard critiques our monthly assignments and then selects some to be in his regular feature in International Artist Magazine. I've had six student paintings critiqued in the magazine, and have been one of several winners in a couple of the magazine's regular Creative Spark contests.

I am thankful to have met so many artists in the LCAL, and for all that LCAL provides. The opportunities for exhibitions are wonderful and the art demonstrations are amazing. I truly appreciate the work done by LCAL board members and hope to do my part as Membership Director.

Questions? Contact Louise at lou999@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 FB 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.

Many references consist of links to video presentations accessed from various streaming services.

(NOTE: links are 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. 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

YouTube

We currently have 721 subscribers to our LCAL YouTube channel, which gets about 700 views each month.

- The [interview with Bob Burridge](#), our demo artist for the February Member meeting, was posted on Jan. 31st where it has already received 23 views.
- [Adam Clague's Demo](#) (see page 1 of Sketches) has already received 170 views with 6 likes, and his [interview](#) has received 115 views with 2 likes.

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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	Ernie Schweit	ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net
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