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Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Dates
LCAL Member Meeting and Demo	Oct. 21; TUESDAY
LCAL Member Meeting and Demo	Nov. 20, THURSDAY

Upcoming Events

Event	Dates
LCAL Fall Membership Show	Sept. 6-28: Show Sept. 28: Critique & Reception, 12:30-3pm
LCAL Membership Dues are Due	Oct. 1
Collage Glass Workshop	Sept. 15
Kroll's Farm Fall Flower and Art Show	Sept. 20-21
Juried Exhibition at Mainstreet Gallery	Oct. 1-29



LCAL Fall Membership Show: Sept. 6-28 at Volo Bog State Natural Area

Our show, “Celebrating Nature” is up and ready to view!

Where: 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd.,
Ingleside, IL

When: Sept. 6 through Sept. 28; Wednesdays
through Sundays from 9am-3pm

On Sun., Sept. 28:

- **Critique and Reception:** 12:30–3pm.
Doors open at noon. Our guest critique artist is Samira Gdisis (see bio on this page). All guests are welcome to join the critique.
- **Silent Auction** ends at 2:00pm.
A 25% donation for Friends of the Bog will be charged for any sales. All sales will be handled by the Volo Bog State Natural Area.
- **Art pick up:** Artists must remove their art at 3pm. (Please arrange for pick up if you cannot attend the critique.)
- **We need volunteers for clean up!** If you would like to help, let Clarese Ornstein know when you are at the show.

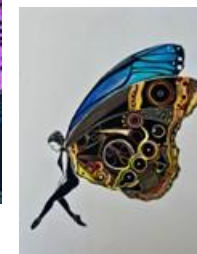
Samira Gdisis, our guest critique artist, is an interdisciplinary artist, community builder, and curator from Racine, WI.



She works in several media including oil, acrylic and encaustic painting, bookbinding, and collage. Samira holds art-related degrees in interdisciplinary art and printmaking with a minor in arts management, and a Master of Art in museum studies from Johns Hopkins Univ. She has shown her artwork in local, regional, and national exhibits.

Some of Samira’s art work is shown below.

Follow Samira’s studio practice on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or her [website](#).



Upcoming Events, cont.

Reverse Collage Glass Workshop: Sept. 15

In this hands-on workshop with Suki Michelle, learn how to create a collage on glass.

When: Sept. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: State Bank of the Lakes, Lindenhurst, lower level

Contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net for registration and payment details.

Participants must bring their own glass bowl.

Materials for collage will be supplied. Or, you may bring photos or personal art, already printed on regular copy paper.



Kroll's Farm Fall Flower and Art Show: Sept. 20-21

LCAL members have been invited to participate in this event at Kroll's Farm. Kroll's is looking for artists to set up booths (for free) and to plein air paint during their festival.

When: 12noon–5pm both days.

Where: 13236 W. Town Line Rd , Waukegan

Contact Deb Edmund's at edmundsdl@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Plein air painting can be done on both days but unlike our usual plein air events, there will be no critique, just show up and paint.

There are all kinds of pumpkins a large corn maze and goats to paint. The farm has plenty of opportunities to create a fall scene with crowds of people there checking out the event.

More information is available on [Facebook](#).

FRAMES, GLASS AND MATS!

Don't miss this presentation "All about Framing" that will be presented at our **next monthly meeting, Oct. 21st**. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Frame shop owners Christine and Tom from Perkowitz Art Studio in Grayslake will be our guest speakers. They are expert framing consultants who can show us how to enhance our artwork. We look forward to this informative demonstration!

Make a NOTE: The meeting is on **Tuesday, Oct. 21st**, 7-9pm at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.

Guests are welcome!

Plein Air Events: Summer into Fall

There will be other opportunities to meet LCAL members at plein air events throughout the summer and early fall. Notices for plein air will be emailed directly to members. Also look for event announcements on our [plein air Facebook page](#).

Upcoming Events, cont.

Juried Exhibition at Mainstreet Gallery: Oct. 1-29

Mainstreet Gallery in Lake Zurich will host a juried exhibition Oct. 1-29, "[Nature's Palette: Still life and Gardens.](#)"

This exhibition will showcase the vibrant creativity and talent of local artists.

You will see art works reflecting the artistry of everyday life and material pleasures (such as food, wine, florals, fruit, vegetables, and man-made or natural objects) and nature's beauty (gardens or florals).

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and 2 honorable mentions.

All 2-D works will be for sale.

Questions? Contact Kari Johnson, Mainstreet Art Center, at kari@mainstreetartcenter.com; 847-550-0016.

Looking for Places to Hang Our Art!

The art league is looking for other areas around Lake County where our members can display their art.

If you know of a place that would allow our group to hang art, please email the LCAL at lakecoartleague@gmail.com.

Let's Celebrate and Have Some Fun, Thursday, Nov. 21!

Mark your calendars for the Nov. LCAL Meeting, on Thurs., Nov. 21, 7-9pm at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake.

We will have a holiday demo and hands-on program, which will include FREE PIZZA!

Art League member Sandra Saxon will demonstrate a quick abstract technique session and then we will dive into creating an 8 x 10 abstract.

The art league will provide some of the project materials and one 8 x10 canvas for each participant. Look for more info in the next *Sketches*.

RSVP: If you would like to attend this meeting, please let us know so we know how much materials and food to purchase.

- Email lakecoartleague@gmail.com, subject line, "I want to create an abstract with Sandra."

Anyone wishing to bring a side dish or dessert please do!

Membership Dues for 2025-2026 are Due Oct. 1!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE OCT. 1!

LCAL normally requires that dues and membership forms for renewing members are collected at the first in-person member meeting of our art league year, which is Sept. However, because we will be holding our Fall Membership Show in Sept., our next in-person meeting of the 2025-2026 year won't take place until Oct.

Due Dates for Payment of Dues

- Pay your dues **by Oct. 1**, or
- Pay in person at the Fall Membership show's critique at the Volo Bog on **Sept. 28**. Someone will be available to take your completed membership form and check or money order at that time.

Payment Options for Dues: Zelle, Check, Money Order

This year, we have added a new electronic payment option (Zelle) to pay your dues. This option is faster and simpler than paying by check or money order. However, you are welcome to still pay by check or money order if you wish.

Please note that **we can no longer accept cash**.

Paying with Zelle

If you would like to pay with Zelle, but do not have it set up with your bank, please visit the [Zelle website](#), where you can "See if your bank offers Zelle" and then select your bank from the list. You will then "Continue to your bank" to follow the instructions that are specific to your bank. If you still have questions, contact your bank for assistance.

Once you are prepared to pay with Zelle, email Louise Villegas, Membership Director, at lou999@comcast.net and she can provide payment instructions.

Paying by Check or Money Order

Make your check or money order out to Lake County Art League and mail it to Lake County Art League, P.O. Box #5, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Membership forms must accompany payment of dues!

All returning members must submit a completed form with their payment. There are two ways to submit your renewal:

- The [ONLINE FORM](#)
- The downloadable member form at the bottom of the LCAL website's [Membership and Forms](#) page.

You do not have to pay by Zelle to use the online form.

Questions? Email lakecoartleague@gmail.com.

Members and Membership Opportunities

We Are Always Looking for New Members!

Tell your family and friends about LCAL! Invite them to attend one of our member meetings and demos. Refer them to our [website](#) for meeting information, upcoming events, and more!

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

Welcome New LCAL Members!

Terry Edwards

Medium: Acrylics

Email: coloringoutofthelines@gmail.com

Jisu Oh

Mediums: Acrylics, pastels, pencils, charcoal, gouache, and digital

Email: jisu3d@gmail.com

We Are Looking for a New Corresponding Secretary!

Do you have good computer skills and can stick to a deadline? If so, consider helping our art league in this executive board position!

Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com to find out the details.

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

Keep the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!

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). Find the description of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."



- **Hospitality Support**

- We need volunteers to bring refreshments and snacks to our in-person member meetings. **Contact** hospitality director, Fran Isaacs, to sign up for the Oct. and Nov. meetings or any future meetings in 2026 (fmisaac@aol.com).

- **Support for Workshops and Shows**

- We need help with organizing, checking in art, refreshment set-up and clean-up, runners to help bring art to critique artists, and hanging art (sometimes).

- **Open LCAL board positions:**

- See the note at the bottom of page 9.
- See "Corresponding Secretary" on this page (left).

Questions about workshops, shows, and open LCAL board positions:

Contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net.

You can also contact a board member directly.

Ernest Schweit

Gallery show closes with two sales

"Respite," an exhibit featuring 30 of my photos at the College of Lake County's Robert T. Wright Gallery, closed Aug. 6.

I'm happy to share that two of them, both printed on metal, now have new homes: "Morning at Jones Island," a moody portrait of willow trees lining a channel shrouded in fog in Grayslake, and "The Way," a bejeweled sun setting over a pier in Libertyville (see images below).

The experience of showing in a beautiful gallery setting was amazing, and if you ever get the chance, give it a shot. The work is totally worthwhile.

Next up: Lure of the Local, Oct. 17 through Nov. 16 at the Archer Business Center in Mundelein. I submitted three images to this juried show. Although I've received a letter of acceptance, I'm still awaiting word on which images will be shown.

Questions? Contact Ernest at ernestschweit@sbcglobal.net



"Morning at Jones Island"



"The Way"

Clarese Ornstein

I am taking the following classes/workshops:

- Watercolor class taught by Carol Fink Sackschewsky on Tuesdays at the Antioch Art Gallery, through Sept. 23.
- Gelli Plate Mono Print Art class Sept. 12-Oct. 3 with Jim Gross, also at the Antioch Art Gallery.
- Online workshop with pastel artist Alain Pickard in Sept. Her work is on exhibit at the Antioch Art Gallery in Sept. and at the Volo Bog State Nature Center Sept. 6-28.

Questions? Contact Clarese at socoro@comcast.net

Jim Brooksher

TWSA Biennial Exhibition

My latest painting of an Amish carriage near Monroe, WI, was accepted into the Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA) Biennial Exhibition, taking place Sept. 1-Oct. 31. Show location: [TWSA Website](http://www.twsa.org).

Lake Villa District Library on Munn Road

- I have a solo exhibit of watercolor paintings at the Lake Villa Library, Sept. 8-Oct. 31. My painting, "Witches Moon," shows a Victorian mansion with monsters from early movies and 8 characters from "The Wizard of Oz" movie.
- I will also do a watercolor demonstration at the library on Sept. 24, 5:30pm.

Questions? Contact Jim at jimbrooksher@gmail.com



"Fall Buggy Ride"
Transparent watercolor



"Witches and Moon"
Watercolor

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 FB Group administrators:

Deb Edmunds edmundsdl@gmail.com

Louise Villegas lou999@comcast.net

Online Suggestion Box

If you have any suggestions, feedback, ideas, etc., that you would like to share with the LCAL board, please use our COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS online form.

We hope you will share with us!

[Suggestion Box Form](#)

The regular suggestion box will still be available at our in-person member meetings.

Enjoy Our Digital Library

Our library is accessible on the LCAL website. It covers many different art topics organized under 9 different categories.

Many references link 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

YouTube

We have thousands of subscribers from about 30 countries to our [LCAL YouTube](#) channel!

LCAL Website: Advertise Your Shows!

Anyone who will have an upcoming solo show and would like to advertise on our website, please email lakecoartleague@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. through June	Presentations, usually a demonstration
May, Nov.	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec.	Holiday break

Be on the Lookout! If you see a new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or 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 (temporary)	Mary Neely	mmbn@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Elizabeth Engle	betharoo30@aol.com

* Open Positions

The following positions are currently open to any member who would like to volunteer:

Corresponding Secretary, Art Festivals, Tours, Publicity

Find descriptions of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."

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