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Official Newsletter of
Your Lake County Art League

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Announcements

New Online Suggestion Box

We now have an online suggestion box! If you have any suggestions, feedback, ideas, etc. that you would like to share with the LCAL board, please use our new COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS online form.

We welcome anything and everything and we hope you will share with us!

[Suggestion Box Form](#)

The regular suggestion box will still be available at our member meetings if you would rather not use the online version.

Free Art Supplies!

Long time League member Betty Drapalik, passed away several years ago. Her husband Joe still has several of her Art Supplies to give to anyone wanting them, including paper, brushes, paints and more!

Please call Joe through Sept. 10, at 847-662-2617 if you are interested.

(Posted by Jim Brooksher: imb Brooksher@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events

List of Upcoming Events (details on pages 1-3)

| Event | Dates |
|---------------------------|--|
| Member Show at AFAF | Jul. 27: Art drop off Jul. 30-Aug. 31: Show |
| Collage Glass Workshop | Aug. 15: Registration deadline Sept. 15: Workshop |
| Dandelion Wine Festival | Aug. 16: Festival & art drop off |
| LCAL Fall Membership Show | Sept. 2: Art drop off Sept. 6-28: Show |
| LCAL Member Meeting | Oct. 21 |
| Art Swap | Nov. 20 |

Members Show at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF)

We are still looking for participants for the AFAF LCAL Members August show!

Exhibit dates: July 30-August 31

Drop off: **July 27**, 4-6 pm and **July 28**, 10 am-12 pm

- Please fill out the [submission form](#) (pages 8 and 9) and drop it off with your artwork.

Reception: August 9, 2-5 pm

Art pick up: August 31, 4-6 pm and Sept. 1, 10 am-12 pm
Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful artwork from our group at the reception on August 9!

Will you be participating? If you plan to submit your art, please contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com, before you drop of your art.

Upcoming Events, cont.

Reverse Collage Glass Workshop

In this hands-on workshop with Suki Michelle, learn how to create a collage on glass. Cost is \$15.

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

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

Register by 15 Aug.: **Hurry: only 2 open spots!** 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.



Plein Air Events

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

Dandelion Wine Festival; Aug. 16

Join in on the FUN at Bowen Park for this 25th annual festival! Artists can display up to 4 pieces depending on space and participation.

When: Sat., Aug. 16, 12-6 pm

Where: Bowen Park
1800 N Sheridan Rd, Waukegan

Artwork Drop Off: Aug. 16, 9–11 am

Plein Air Opportunity

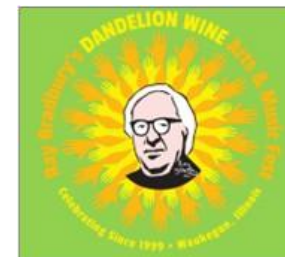
This will also be an opportunity to Plein air paint. Artists who can participate even for a few hours would be appreciated.

Members' Tent – Volunteers Needed!

Stop by our members' tent for a meet and greet! Volunteer to help with 1) tent set-up and take down and 2) promotion of the art league and the plein air event.

- Tent shifts: 11 am-1 pm; 1-4 pm; 4-6:30 pm.

Want to Volunteer? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events, cont.

Next LCAL Member Meeting; Oct. 21; In-Person

Our next member meeting will be Oct. 21, 7-9 pm, at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake.

Tips and Tricks for Framing Artwork

Christine Oleson and Tom Perkowitz from Perkowitz Art Studio in Grayslake will be our presenters. They are expert framing consultants who can show us how to enhance our artwork.

We look forward to this informative demonstration!

LCAL Fall Membership Show; Sept. 6-28

We encourage all of our members to show your art in our upcoming Fall show, "Let's Celebrate Nature!"

There is no charge to participate!

- **Where:** Volo Bog, Volo, IL
- **Art drop off:** Sept. 2, 9 am-1 pm
- **Critique:** Sept. 28, 12:30-3 pm

We still need volunteers!

- **Sept. 2** for the art drop off
- **Sept. 28** on the critique day

Art Swap; Nov. 20

For LCAL members, 7-9 pm at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Details to come!

Interested? Contact Clarese Ornstein, LCAL Workshop Director, at socoro@comcast.net.

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 has moved from the 4th Fridays to the 2nd Saturdays.



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:** There is currently a **waitlist** to display art. If you are interested in displaying your art, contact the library to get more information.

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

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 contact "On the Wall" director Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

Recap of the June 16th LCAL Picnic-Potluck!

Annual LCAL Picnic-Potluck

For our last meeting of the 2024/2025 year, we had a potluck picnic at Gurnee's Viking Park, on June 16th.

Members brought a dish to pass and LCAL provided the refreshments.

We played several rounds of "Art Bingo" with prizes for the winners.

As you can see from the photos, we had a good turnout and a great time!

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.



Photos courtesy of
Debbie Kalinowski

Above photos courtesy of Ali Albakri

New Members and Membership Opportunities

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

Below are some ongoing opportunities for your help:

- **Hospitality Support**

- We need volunteers to bring refreshments and snacks to our in-person member meetings. Contact our new hospitality director, Fran Isaacs, to sign up for the Oct./Nov. 2025 meeting or any future meetings in 2026 (fmisaac@aol.com).



- **Support for Workshops and Shows**

- We need your 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.

- **We still need your help with the 2025 Fall Membership Show** at the Volo Bog in Sept. (see page 3).

- **Open LCAL board positions;** see **Note** on the last page.

Questions re. workshops, shows, and open LCAL board positions:

Contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net.

Do You Want to Serve Your Art League?

We encourage our members to participate in any of the board positions (listed on the last page) by helping out the board member assigned to that position.

Just contact the board member directly to ask if they would like some help.



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

New LCAL Members

Welcome New Members!

- Sean Killen - oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencils, charcoal, photography
- Patty VanHuis - acrylic, pencils, gouache - pattyvanhuis@gmail.com
- Tiffani Williams - twillpaints@gmail.com

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

LCAL Facebook, Digital Library, YouTube

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:

Erin Galbraith galbraith@gmail.com
 Deb Edmunds edmundsdl@gmail.com
 Louise Villegas lou999@comcast.net

LCAL Website: Advertise Your Shows!

Anyone who will have an upcoming solo show and would like to advertise on our website, **please contact** Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

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 currently have over 1100 subscribers from about 30 countries to our [LCAL YouTube](#) channel!

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 | Erin Galbraith | galbraith@gmail.com |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Engle | betharoo30@aol.com |

* Open Positions

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

Art Festivals, Tours, and Publicity

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

| Directors * | Name | email |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Historian | Ali Albakri | nyika1940@gmail.com |
| Hospitality | Fran Isaac | fmisaac@aol.com |
| Membership | Louise Villegas | lou999@comcast.net |
| | Bobbi Swisher | bobbi_swisher@outlook.com |
| | Jeff Harold | jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com |
| On the Wall | Clarese Ornstein | socoro@comcast.net |
| | Ernest Schweit | ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net |
| | Deb Edmunds | edmundsdl@gmail.com |
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| | Debbie Kalinowski | artbydebbiek@gmail.com |
| | Jeff Harold | jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com |
| | Maureen Fisher Rivken | mfisherrivkin@gmail.com |
| Scholarships | Val Brandner | isketchit@yahoo.com |
| Newsletters | Erin Galbraith | galbraith@gmail.com |
| | Jody Bennett | jorbenn1@yahoo.com |
| Workshops | Clarese Ornstein | socoro@comcast.net |
| Virtual Library | Denese Manley | denesemanley@gmail.com |
| Connection to the Greater Art Community | | |
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| Undercroft | Ali Albakri | nyika1940@gmail.com |

"LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE"
INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT AT THE ANTIOCH ART CENTER

**Antioch Fine Arts Foundation is extending an invitation to Lake County Art League artists
to exhibit July 30th, 2025 – August 31st, 2025**

Prospectus is as follows:

Location: **Antioch Art Gallery and Education Center, 896 Main Street in Antioch, IL 60002**

Application entry fee: **1st artwork - \$25 for AFAF members,
\$30 for guest artists
Additional artworks - \$5 each**

Exhibition dates: **07/30/2025 – 08/31/2025**

Application entry forms accepted: **07/01/2025 – 07/28/2025**

-Submit by drop off or mail delivery to above address, Attention: Carol. You may also scan and email the completed form to antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com with subject line: LCAL

Drop off artworks: **Sun. 07/27/2025, 4pm – 6pm
Mon. 07/28/2025, 10am – 12pm**

-Please call Carol for an appointment if not able to deliver on specified dates.

Reception: **Sat. 08/09/2025, 2pm – 5pm**

-Please invite your family and friends. You may bring food and beverages for your guests.

Pick up artworks: **Sun. 08/31/2025, 4pm – 6pm
Mon. 09/01/2025, 10am – 12pm**

Exhibition Guidelines:

- Each artist may submit **2D and/or 3D artworks in any medium, up to 3 artworks total**. You may also have 5 browse box items. Your name, the artwork title and the price must be attached on the bottom or on the back of each artwork.
- **All work must be original.** No political or inappropriate subjects. The AFAF Board reserves the right to refuse art that does not meet gallery guidelines.
- All 2D work must be wired for hanging (no saw-toothed hangers), matted and framed to present professionally. Prefer half sheet size or smaller. Plexiglas is preferred on larger works, but not mandatory. Unframed canvasses **MUST** be at least 1.5 inch deep (museum depth) with finished edges. Unacceptable works must be picked up by the artist ASAP as there is no storage space at the gallery.
- AFAF will do advertisement consisting of newsletter to our mailing list and postings on the AFAF website, Facebook and Instagram feeds.
- You must sign a waiver of liability for work being displayed in the gallery. AFAF will not be responsible for loss or damage to artwork. We take all reasonable care of your work. You must have your own insurance.
- The gallery charges a 30% Commission on works sold that are over \$100 and 20% on all works that are \$100 or less.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gallery Director, Carol Fink Sackschewsky at phone 847-858-2256 or email artscape20@gmail.com.

Application: Complete and submit the attached entry form/inventory sheet for your work.

Antioch Fine Arts Foundation
"LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE" - Invitational Exhibit Entry Form
July 30th, 2025 – August 31st, 2025

This sheet must be completed, signed and submitted between July 1st and July 28th. You may mail it in with your entry fee or drop it off at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, 896 Main Street, Antioch IL 60002. You may also scan the completed form and email it to antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com, with subject line: "LCAL".

Are you AFAF Member ☐ (\$25 Entry) **or Guest Artist** ☐ (\$30 Entry) ?

Please **PRINT** or **TYPE**:

Artist Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Liability Waiver: I understand that AFAF will not be held responsible for loss or damage to my artwork. I also give AFAF the right to reproduce images of my art, for publicity purposes only.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Include a 30% commission if price is over \$100, and 20% if \$100 or under)

| # | Fee | Artwork information |
|--------|-----|---|
| 1) | | Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____ |
| 2) | | Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____ |
| 3) | | Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____ |
| TOTAL: | | |

Browse box artwork:

Each browse box item must be listed on the back of this form for up to 5 items, matted and wrapped for viewing. Your name, the artwork title and the price must be attached to each artwork. Specify if print or original. List your browse box items at the back of this sheet.

If you would like your work to be part of the selection for the advertisement, please submit one image via email to antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com.

Alternate person to pick up your artworks: _____

Thank you for participating in AFAF invitational art exhibit.
Carol Fink Sackschewsky, Gallery Director