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Art League

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LCAL Oct. 21 Meeting – LIVE MODEL

Let's have some fun! Join us at our Oct. meeting at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake, for an opportunity to sketch, draw or paint a live model. Bring your own paper, sketchbook, pens, pencils and paints.

Note: You must bring materials that will protect the surfaces that you will be painting on if you are using anything other than pencil or pens and sketch pads.

Larry will be our clothed model for the evening and will sit for us for 1½ hours. Photographs of him will be permitted.

Doors open at 6:30; sketching is from 7:15 to 8:45. We will have a short break to socialize around 8 pm. **Please keep cross talk and discussions to a minimum during the live model session.** Please pack up all of your materials by 8:45.

Can anyone bring snacks? Several volunteers will bring snacks, but we are still looking for a few more. If you are able to bring something, please contact Sinéad Carus, our hospitality director, at irishvikingdesigns@gmail.com.

We will also vote on the current and proposed changes to our By-Laws and our Policies and Procedures regarding the LCAL "library," which was emailed to all members on Sept. 29. A vote of 2/3 members in attendance is required. Please attend the meeting if you would like to vote on this matter.

2024/25 Membership Dues Are Past Due!

Pay your dues to keep your membership up to date!

- Pay by check made out to "Lake County Art League." (\$20/students, \$35/individuals, \$45/family)
A completed **membership form** (for both new *and* returning members) must accompany your payment. Available at [LCAL website](#).
- Mail payment and completed membership form to:
Lake County Art League, PO Box #5, Gurnee, IL 60031

We appreciate your continued support and membership. Your dues allow us to continue to provide excellent programs, in-person and online.

Up-to-date membership is required for participation in our membership shows. (Two membership shows are conducted each year, in May and Nov.)

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



Larry, live model

Recap of the LCAL Sept. Meeting

Art on Glass?

In Sept., the LCAL met for our monthly meeting and had a fun time learning about **Suki Michelle Clark's method of creating art on glass**. About 28 members attended the meeting.

Here is a recap of what her method entails in case you missed the demonstration and her supply list:

- For images to apply, print on regular printer paper.
- If you use tissue, it can be layered for different depths of color.
- Alcohol to clean the glass.
- Mod Podge glue/sealer. Suki likes high-gloss or "dishwasher safe" for the hard surface but wouldn't put it through a cycle. Mod Podge comes in matte also.
- A soft brush, any size. When it's completely dry, spray with Mod Podge acrylic sealer, 1-3 coats depending on how much shine you like. You can also use Krylon Triple Thick for a similar result.
- A coat of Krylon UV-resistant spray; high-gloss.

See more of Suki's art at her media sites: [Website](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).



Suki at work



Excellence Awards

The artists below won an award of Excellence for their paintings at the Sept. meeting.

Congratulations!



Clarese Ornstein
Mixed Media



Les Scott
Scratchboard



Sue Schneider
Oil

CONGRATULATIONS!

Adler Art Center Show "PAST TO PRESENT" Was a Big Success!

By Deb Edmunds & Clarese Ornstein

At the Beginning!

In January 2024, the LCAL was given the opportunity to put together a show for the art league's 90th anniversary. Clarese Ornstein, our present Vice President, suggested having a mid-year celebration at the Adler Art Center. Plans began immediately to have a Sept. show and we started working with Ellen at the Adler and members of the 90th Anniversary Committee to organize the event. The theme was the 1930s. The artwork by Mary Haas was used for promotional posters created by Jeff Harold and distributed by several art league members. Chris Tanner created the catalog of paintings for the opening night.

At the show, we displayed cut-outs of people from that era, and hung fishnets to recall how the league displayed art at their early shows. Live music with a 1930s theme, and wine and refreshments were provided by Adler. Viridian Catering was hired; chef Andrew Brennan provided a finger foods and desserts from the 1930s.



LCAL Participation!

Forty LCAL members submitted all types of art, filling the walls of the Adler's ballroom and dining room. The opening reception (Sept. 6) was a big success, with attendance around 175 people. Attendees described the show as "fun and elegant!"

On "Gallery Night," about 20 artists answered questions about their art, and also shared art pieces from their past. It was interesting and fun to talk about past experiences with everyone's art endeavors, and a great way to connect the art with the artist.



Some members in attendance



Caterer, Andrew Brennan, and his wife, Aleksa Lederer, a LCAL member

Tip our Hats!

A big thanks to the Adler Arts Center and all their staff for putting on a very interesting and fun show. Another thank you to everyone who helped to put the show together, including Clarese Ornstein, Deb Edmunds, Chris Tanner, Mary Neely, Gail Gudgeon, and Jeff Harold.

And of course, if it weren't for you, the members, we couldn't have pulled off such a successful event.

There were two sales: Sandra Saxton's "Abstract Water Lilies" for \$700 and Judy Williams' "Lilies of the Forest" for \$75.

Congratulations Everyone!!!

Questions? Contact Clarese at socoro@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

LCAL Fall Membership Show



Start preparing your art for the Fall Membership Show in November! This show is part of our 90th Anniversary celebration.

Participants must be active members (i.e., dues must be paid).

We will be back at the Jack Benny Center and there are a few changes from last year.

Drop off: Nov. 6, 3-6pm and Nov. 9, 10am-1pm

Critique: Wed., Nov. 20, 6-8pm

Two pick-up options: 1) At closing of the critique night.

2) If you want to leave your art up during the holiday activities at the Jack Benny Center, pick up on Dec. 19, 6-8pm or Dec. 21, 10am-12pm. **NOTE:** For option 2, you will need to arrange your preferred pick-up date with Fran Isaac: fmisaac@aol.com.

Questions about Anniversary events? Contact a committee member.

90 th Anniversary Committee	
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Fran Isaac	fmisaac@aol.com
Mary Neely	mmbn@yahoo.com

"Recent Works" Fine Art Exhibit

This is a juried competition for artists who live or work in Lake, Cook, and McHenry counties in IL. Cash awards and purchase prizes are being offered.

Dates: The exhibit runs through Oct. 31. The opening reception was Fri., Oct. 4.

Location: Robert T. Wright Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake. Of the 350 entries, about 100 works were accepted.

Thanks to our LCAL members who applied for this exhibit, and congratulations to those whose work was accepted!

LCAL Spring Membership Show

Plans are in the works for our Spring Membership Show at the Carnegie Library; tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2025.

Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF)

We look forward to Aug. 2025, when the AFAF will again host a show for the LCAL, as they did this past August!

Lake Villa Library Opportunity in 2025

"On the Wall" has been rekindled! The Lake Villa Library has contacted the art league to offer a great opportunity for our members to exhibit their art. An exhibit will be organized in Jan./Feb. at the library's new location: 140 N. Munn Rd., Lake Villa. There will be room to hang 12-15 art pieces.

More information to come!

Questions? Contact Erin Galbraith at galbraith@gmail.com.

LCAL 2024-25 LCAL Officers & Membership

Welcome All New LCAL Members!

Check out our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for meeting information, upcoming events, and more! If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Director, Louise Villegas at lou999@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

Our league benefits tremendously from the skills and talents of *all* members. So, please seriously consider helping our board in any of the league's positions listed on page 7.

See the **Note** on page 7 listing several open positions that we need to fill.

Do you want to serve?

Contact one of your board members (page 7).

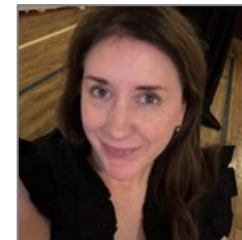
Show your dedication to keeping the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!



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

Meet Your New Corresponding Secretary!

My name is **Erin Galbraith** and I am the current Corresponding Secretary for LCAL, taking over for Chris Tanner. You've probably seen my name in your inboxes, and if you haven't, you probably have not been checking your email!



I joined LCAL in Feb. 2024, so I am still quite new. I have only been painting since 2019/2020. Despite discovering art pretty late, I've really been enjoying it. It's been a great outlet for me and I love that I am now a part of this community and have met so many wonderful people.

My role is to be the hub for communications. I enjoy communicating with members and assisting with Sketches and MNews. (Please read them each month!) If someone reaches out via the LCAL website, that email will come to me. I created an online form for new registrations digitally and this has proven to be a faster way to register and ultimately, we would like to be able to take electronic payments. I work very closely with Louise Villegas, Membership Director, in this respect.

A little bit about me: I am originally from Waukegan. I got a degree in Sociology/Psychology from ISU in 1999 and then moved to California and worked in "Big Tech" in Silicon Valley (Yahoo, Google, Facebook) for many years before starting graduate school for Counseling Psychology in San Jose, CA. I had to discontinue my studies and move back to IL in 2015 for family reasons. I enjoy pub trivia, collecting markers & pens (it's an addiction!), animals (esp. cats and rodents), know how to play pickleball, and want to experiment with as many types of art and mediums as I can.

If we have not yet met, I look forward to meeting you at a league meeting, show, etc. If you have questions about the emails I send or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Questions: Contact Erin at galbraith@gmail.com

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? Please direct any questions to one of the 3 administrators of our Facebook Group:

Erin Galbraith

Deb Edmunds

Louise Villegas

Enjoy Our Digital Library

Our library is now accessible on the LCAL website.

It covers many different art topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset below).

Many references consist of links to video presentations accessed from various streaming services. *(NOTE: the links will be 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. In that way, it will become a true reflection of the LCAL, and it will accomplish our mission to promote art in Lake County.

Do you have digital skills?

If you have a skill with digital format, **we need help** with updating and maintaining our library.

Please contact Deb Edmunds if you are interested!

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773-230-8068)

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.-June	Presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov., May	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 how to improve the advantages of membership, please share by contacting a member listed on this page.

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* Open Director Positions

The following positions are currently open to any member who would like to volunteer:
Librarian, Art Festivals, Tours, and Publicity

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Image of a
local woman
from the era of
Cora Davies



Sketches

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Waukegan home of
Cora and her husband
J.W. Fredrick Davies, a
local minister



Mary included this
lovely sketch of
her 8-yr-old son



“Dreams of Art League Shows Gone By”
Oil; Mary Haas

Mary’s painting commemorates LCAL’s 90 years. It illustrates a favorite art league legend: In the early 1950s, there was no public space for art shows, so on a special day, members hung their art on fisherman's nets drying at Waukegan Harbor. The harbor, seen in the distance, was then the center of a vast commercial fishery.