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Member Newsletter

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From the LCAL President: Deb Edmunds

Hello Members!

If you missed it, our **June meeting and picnic** were moved inside because of the extreme heat. The approximately 25 attendees all had a great time!

Sandie Bacon's demo about how to create interesting patterns using a Gelli plate, was entertaining and educational. We also learned a bit about "Open Acrylics" which is a medium that the group was not familiar with.

August continues with the LCAL show at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (see page 2).

September is right around the corner, bringing the LCAL first member meeting of the 2024/25 year (see below), as well as LCAL 90th anniversary show at the Adler Arts Center (see page 2).

Next Member Meeting: Sep. 16!

Watch for announcements about our LCAL 2024/25 Fall kick-off member meeting on Sep. 16, at our usual location: State Bank of the Lakes (Grayslake).

Suki Michelle will be doing a demo.

More to come in the September issue of Sketches!

2024/25 Membership Dues are Due in September!

Pay your dues to keep your membership up to date!

- Payment is by check.
\$20/students, \$35/individuals, \$45/family
- Make checks out to "Lake County Art League."
- A completed membership form (for both new *and* returning members) must accompany your payment. Access forms at the Sep. 16 meeting or on the LCAL [website](#).
- You can pay at the Sep. 16 membership meeting, or by mail (with completed membership form):

Lake County Art League
PO Box #5, Gurnee, IL 60031

Your continued support and membership is greatly appreciated. With your membership dues, we can continue to provide excellent programs in person and online.

Membership needs to be up-to-date in order to participate in all of the membership shows. (Two membership shows are conducted each year, in May and November.)



I'm looking forward to leading our organization into 2025, the 91st year of LCAL.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns: email edmundsdl@gmail.com or phone/text at 773-230-8068.

Sincerely, Deb Edmunds, LCAL President

LCAL has several art shows coming up that may be of interest to you and we encourage you to participate!

"Past to Present" Show at the Adler, Sept. 6-30

The LCAL is celebrating our **90th anniversary** with our ["Past to Present" membership show](#) at the Adler Arts Center, 1700 North Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville.

Opening Reception: Sep. 6, 6-8pm. Enjoy music and food, both inspired by the 1930s. Some art pieces will be displayed on fishnet, reminiscent of early LCAL shows at the Waukegan harbor.

LCAL members may exhibit ONE piece of original artwork in the show. There is no entry fee. Art pieces must be wired and ready to hang.

Art Drop Off Dates: Aug 27, 4-7pm and August 29, 9am-1pm.

Adler Artist Exhibition Agreement Forms must be completed ahead of time or at the drop off.

Please submit the following information to Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com

- Name of your piece, type of medium, size, selling price or not for sale (NFS)
- An image of your piece (jpg file), either framed or unframed.

Optional "Meet the Artist" Evening: Sep. 19, 6:30-8pm for members participating in the Adler show.

Artists are encouraged to bring an additional art piece that represents their beginnings to share that evening, and to speak a few minutes about their art journey from past to present. This can be a copy or an original piece framed or unframed.

Art Pick-up Dates: Sept. 30th, 4-7pm or Oct. 1, 9am-12pm.



"Artists from the 30s"

[Antioch Fine Arts Show for LCAL](#)

The **Antioch Fine Arts Foundation** is hosting a show in progress for the LCAL, **Aug. 1-25, 2024.**

Stop in to see the art!

Reception was Aug. 10 (right)



LCAL Fall Membership Show in November

Originally to take place at the remodeled Carnegie Library in Waukegan, but due to construction delays, entries will be hung at the Jack Benny Center in Waukegan. Details will be sent out when they have been solidified.

To participate in this show, you must be current with your membership status for 2024/2025.

From Deb Edmunds: Upcoming Events

Plein Air

Several plein air events have kept artists busy this summer. Anyone interested in trying to plein air paint are encouraged to join the group. There are all levels of expertise and I always tell artists, "I learned the most about painting from this group. Not to mention that it's just 'a lot of fun!'"

Watch your email for upcoming plein air events.



Plein Air Event Sunday, Aug. 18; 1-4pm

The **Deerfield Area Historical Society** invites artists to a plein air painting event.

Their "village" consists of 5 buildings including the "Casper Ott Log House," one of the oldest buildings in Lake County, and the iconic "Little Red School House."

All ages, abilities and mediums are welcome.

Location: SW corner of Deerfield Rd. and Kipling Place, Deerfield.

Artists may bring 3 art pieces to sell to the public alongside their location on the property.

For more information and to register, send an email to

deerfieldhistory@gmail.com

Volunteers needed!

We are still looking for volunteers to help for several hours at our LCAL booth at the Mundelein Farmers Market on Saturday, August 31 from 8am-12noon.

We would like to spread the word about our organization and everything it does to help promote art in Lake County.

Artists will also be encouraged to Plein air at the event. Plein air painters should check in on our **Facebook site**, and confirm that you will be attending the event. If you haven't joined the group, please do!



Contact Deb Edmunds if you would like to volunteer that day.

Questions? Contact Deb at edmundsdl@gmail.com or by phone/text at 773-230-8068.

Leisa Corbett

The College of Lake County, Lakeshore campus, purchased my painting, "Prairie Burn" (below). It will be part of their permanent collection for the Illinois Art in Architecture Program.

Questions: Contact Leisa at leisette@gmail.com



"Prairie Burn"; Diptych
Leisa Corbett

Beth Engle

I am helping Ali Albakri plan a closing reception for the current **Flower Power exhibit at the Undercroft Gallery at Christ Episcopal Church** on Saturday Sep. 7th from 1-3pm. Since the gallery is part of the Art League, I would greatly appreciate it if as many of you as possible could stop by and bring a friend or two, if only for a few minutes to say hello, and support the exhibiting artists, including Aruna Sarode and Val Brandner.

The gallery is in the lower level of Christ Episcopal Church, reached from the interior of the church or via exterior stairs at the front of the church. There is ample parking. The address is 410 Grand Avenue, Waukegan.

Questions: Contact Beth at betharoo30@aol.com or 847-858-9018

Clarese Ornstein

- In July, I attended the Plein Air Festival in Door County. Artists were invited by the Peninsula School of Art from many states. I met artists at Sister Bay Marina, Horseshoe Bay Farms, Woodwalk Art Gallery, The Door Garden, and Plum Bottom Gallery. Next year the event will be held July 20-26, 2025, locations vary in Door County.
- I will be returning to Door County Aug. 14 for a watercolor class by Kari Anderson at Bayshore Inn, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Questions: Contact Clarese at socoro@comcast.net

Phil Schorn

I will be participating in the following shows:

- Adler Arts Center “Festival of the Arts” Aug 3-4
- Highland Park, “Port Clinton” Fine Art Show, Aug 24-25

I received an “Award of Excellence” at the Glenview Art League Show last month (see photo below).



I will be starting up with my classes in Lake Forest and Libertyville this fall, look to my website for current dates/times.

Please check my [website](#) for images of my latest colored-pencil art, as well as upcoming shows, classes, videos, etc., and to sign up for my newsletters.

Questions? Contact Phil at 847-421-7925 or at his website.

Ernest Schweit

I will be showing 3 of my black and white images during the opening reception of the Lake County Art League's Invitational Show from 2-5pm Saturday, Aug. 10 at the new gallery space of the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation.

My work will include “Cliffs at Watson Lake,” just outside of Prescott, AZ (see below).

I was very excited to deliver three of my images recently purchased for the permanent collection of the College of Lake County. All are landscapes of Lake County (Lake Michigan, Independence Grove in Libertyville, and McDonald Woods in Lake Villa), printed on metal.

My work is among 36 pieces that will hang in the college's new Lakeshore Campus in Waukegan. They were all purchased through a state program known as Art in Architecture; the competition attracted a record 145 applicants.

Please check out my [website](#) for images of my latest photography, and for links to my [blog](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).



“Cliffs at Watson Lake”
Photography

Questions? Contact Ernest at 847-609-8070 or ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net

Congratulations to our new LCAL Officers!
(as of 1 July 2024)

President	Deb Edmunds	edmundsdl@gmail.com
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Recording Secretary	Jack Littlefield	thelittlefields@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Erin Galbraith	galbraith@gmail.com
Treasurer	Elizabeth Engle	betharoo30@aol.com

Thank you Jeff Harold, and Debbie Kalinowski, and Chris Tanner
for your previous service as president, vice president, and corresponding secretary, respectively!!
Your dedication and service are greatly appreciated.

Open Opportunities on the LCAL Board!

These director positions are open to anyone who is interested
in serving our league:

Art Festivals	On the Wall
Librarian	Workshops
Publicity	Tours
Hospitality	

If you have any interest in these areas or would like to help with the
functions of the art league, please feel free to contact Deb Edmunds, at
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