



# Sketches...

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Lake County Art League

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## Leisa Shannon Corbett will critique our Spring Membership Show

*Leisa is a recognized local teacher and artist that probes and inspires, and is a former president of the Lake County Art League.*

Born in Saint Louis Missouri, Leisa began drawing in earnest at age seven and earned an Associate of Arts degree from Saint Louis Community College. She then served eight years in the U.S. Army and trained as a military intelligence specialist and German linguist. Leisa earned her bachelor's degree in art history while stationed in Berlin. She exhibited and sold her paintings in local galleries and had a business conducting tours of Berlin art museums for English speakers.

*“During the years I lived in Germany it was a constant challenge to accept that the crude brush strokes, garish primary colors, and sad faces in German Expressionist art spoke deeply about human experience that cannot be expressed in words. Until that point, I was accustomed to the beauty of American Magazine illustration and Italian Renaissance art – which I thought was ‘real art.’”*



Prince Ali



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Amber's Wave

Later she earned a Master of Fine Arts in visual art from Vermont College of the Fine Arts. After graduation, she worked three years for Golden Artists Colors, giving workshops and technical lectures. For seven years, she taught art history, art appreciation, drawing and painting at community colleges in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. Leisa received the Excellence in Teaching Award for Adjunct Faculty at North Lake College (in Irving, Texas) for 2005-2006.

In 2018 and 2019, Leisa won an Award of Excellence for her painting from the Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists and an Award of Excellence at the Recent Works 2018 exhibit at the College of Lake County. In 2010, Leisa became an artist member, and later co-director, of the Dandelion Gallery in Waukegan. She is currently showing her work at the Blue Moon Gallery in Grayslake.

She now lives in Waukegan as it has become an artist enclave with inspiring creative energy.

The Spring Membership Show closing critique will be Monday May 16 in the theater of the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 5:30 to 8:30. Viewing hours are:

- Monday through Thursday 3 to 8:00pm
- Fridays 4-7:00pm
- Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm

Bring a friend.

## Starline show and sales opportunity early June through the 4th Friday Event

*LCAL will be having a June art show at the Starline Factory in Harvard. All members are invited to participate and can enter two (2) pieces. If you want to join in the show, send the information below to [jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com](mailto:jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com).*

**Info Required for Submission:** Please email the following to Jeff Harold

- 1) Photos of the work you are submitting (these don't need to be fancy)
- 2) The unframed size of the work
- 3) The medium
- 4) The selling price (all work must be for sale)
- 5) The title of the work



**When:** The show will run from early June through the 4th Friday Event.

**Art Dropoff:** There are three options for dropping off your work. (Make sure your artwork is wrapped to safely travel.)

- 1) Bring it to the May 16 Spring Members Show and critique. We will be collecting the work starting at 5:30pm.
- 2) You can drop off your work at the Starline Factory in Harvard (waiting on date and time from Starline).
- 3) Drop off your work at Jeff Harold's house in Antioch. Work must be dropped off by Thursday May 26. Please call Jeff at 847-361-1153 to arrange a drop off date and time.

**Art Pickup:** Waiting for info from Starline but will be shortly after the 4th Friday.

**Art Pickup Location:** Still working on the best location but will pass on information as we have it.

*By entering the show you agree to hold harmless any LCAL member transporting your artwork from accidental damage or lost. If you have any concerns about damaged or lost artwork you should have it insured. You will also be required to sign a hold harmless form for Starline that will be available during drop off of your artwork.*

## Scholarship winners interviewed on YouTube

If you haven't seen it yet, go to **YouTube**, search for **Lake County Art League** and watch the interview that Jeff Harold had with this year's Phoebe Boyd and the Lake County Art League scholarship winners Rachel Jacobsen and Niah Kuchenbrod. You will enjoy their stories and see what deserving students they are for the scholarships.

## Undercroft Gallery display opportunity in June-July

The Undercroft Gallery is staging its Grand Reopening after a long Covid break. LCAL members are encouraged to share their art in a NATURE theme, with a special focus on flowers and butterflies if possible. Contact Gallery Director Ali Albakri at 224-381-0321 & [nyika1940@gmail.com](mailto:nyika1940@gmail.com) or Beth Engle at 847-858-9018 & [betharoo30@aol.com](mailto:betharoo30@aol.com) to schedule art pick up or drop off the week before the opening reception. We will determine the number of pieces per artist based on how many artists respond. The show is at the Undercroft Gallery on the lower level of Christ Episcopal Church, 410 Grand Avenue, Waukegan.

The opening reception is scheduled for June 26th from 11 am to 3 pm with refreshments (we would appreciate any offers from members to supply some refreshments). The show will hang until July 30. Publicity will include announcements to the Christ Episcopal Church congregation, as the reception begins as Sunday services are concluding, inclusion on the Waukegan events calendar, and Patch on-line events calendars. Multiple members have sold pieces from shows at the Undercroft, so be sure to participate in this easy indoor opportunity to display your art.

## Jack Richeson Company Tour Postponed...

Due to the COVID epidemic all plant tours at the Richeson manufacturing plant have been closed. Tours may be opened sometime in September. About 15 Lake County Art League members have shown an interest in visiting the Richeson Co. so we will stay in touch with them and will plan a visit whenever the plant tours open again. Watch *Sketches* for future news. In the meantime, you might want to try some of their products. You can get them through retail stores like Blick Art Materials, Jerry's Artarama Art Supplies, or Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, etc.



## And ...

The Lake County Art League year runs from September through June, meeting 7-9:00 pm on the third Monday of these months. Meetings in September, October, January, February, March, April and June include presentations, usually a demonstration. November and May meetings are the closing critiques for our popular fall and spring membership shows. Finally, we take a holiday break in December. After December our newsletters will be sent only occasionally to members who have not paid their dues.

If you sense there is new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or you know how to improve the advantages of membership, please share that. Contact one of the members below.

### Looking Ahead:

**The June General Meeting will be our usual third Monday of the month, in this case June 20. Note, however, that it will be a casual afternoon gathering at Viking Park to share art, tall stories and do a little painting. It will be our chance to thank president Gail Gudgeon for her steady leadership through two years of a stressful pandemic. Details are pending.**

**We will take our usual July and August break (though Member News will continue), then start again in September with a new president and vice president.**

**2024 will be the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lake County Art league, and we will celebrate that with special outdoor Spring and Fall Membership Shows in Libertyville and Waukegan. The public will learn how our early shows were one-day events where art was hung on drying fishermen's nets in Waukegan's lakefront. Planning starts this summer. Gotta buy us some nets!**

### Elected Officers

|                   |                    |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| President         | Gail Gudgeon       | gaile.gudgeon@gmail.com        |
| President-Elect   | Jeff Harold        | jeff@jeffharoldphotography.com |
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### Directors

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| Art Festivals | (vacant until festivals again become viable) |                            |
| Historian     | Ali Albakri                                  | nyika1940@gmail.com        |
| Hospitality   | Fran Issac                                   | fmisaac@aol.com            |
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| Publicity     | Tom Perkowitz                                | perkowitz@mac.com          |
| Scholarships  | Val Brandner                                 | isketchit@yahoo.com        |
| Sketches      | Chris Tanner                                 | chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net |
| Tours         | Val Brandner                                 | isketchit@yahoo.com        |
| Workshops     | (vacant)                                     |                            |

### Connection to the Art Community

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| Social Media | Phil Schorn  | phil@pschornstudio.com     |
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|              | Deb Edmunds  | edmundsdl@gmail.com        |
| Undercroft   | Ali Albakri  | nyika1940@gmail.com        |

### Also

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| Past President | Oliver Merriam | omerriam@yahoo.com |
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