



Sketches...

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Lake County Art League

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Sangita Phadke Will Demo Pastel Painting at 20 February Meeting (Zoom).

Enjoy this **virtual demonstration** on your computer screen in the comfort of home.
Invite an artist friend to join you, or share your link so some of your friends can tune in.

I wanted to [paint] only the fruit with no distraction, like a stage with one spotlight. The arrangement started off with the desire to highlight one single fruit as the star. I placed that one in the center and the other fruit around it in a circle. As the week goes on, the colors and textures I see slowly start to change. When I get to the finishing touches of the painting I add details, such as dents and discolorations ...

Sangita Phadke's website (<https://www.sangitaphadke.com>) reports that she is a self-taught artist from Colts Neck, NJ. Sangita grew up in the Chicago suburbs and graduated with a degree in finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Once in the business world, however, she realized that her true calling was to tell stories through art. Most of those stories seem to revolve around fruit.

In an August 2011 article in the *The Pastel Journal*, she recalls a formative trip to visit her grandparents in Mumbai, India, that makes her fascination with fruit understandable. "Whether it's a spicy chili or a sweet apricot, food evokes a sense of respect for the land and its people. I've traveled to local farms, and to farmers markets and stands along the



highway to see, taste, and admire the amazing food grown in our country and throughout the world. Food is an experience shared by every culture. I've come across all the traditional staples, like apples and pears, and more exotic varieties of plums."



Accolades: Sangita's award-winning paintings have hung in some of the most prominent museums, galleries, and private collections across America and abroad, including The United States Embassy, the San Diego Art Institute, the Butler Institute of American Art, The National Arts Center in Taipei Taiwan, and The Art Gallery of Hamilton Ontario. She received the designation of "Master Pastelist" by the Pastel Society of America and the International Association of Pastel Societies. Her work has been featured in *Fine Art Connoisseur*, *American Art Collector*, *The Artist's Magazine*, *Pratique des Arts* (France), *The Pastel Journal* (source of the above quotes), *Les Maîtres du Pastel* (France), *International Artist Magazine*, and *Southwest Art Magazine*.

See Jeff Harold's interview of Sangita Phadke at <https://youtu.be/G8idmrOM0D8>.

David Becker Will Do an April 15 & 16 Watercolor Workshop

Workshops give you an opportunity to flex your art muscles, and you always learn something. In this case that will include how to use your painting time efficiently. David Becker works fast. He will thin acrylic paint to be a transparent watercolor, then finish shapes and details with the opaque acrylic. You will no longer be obligated to paint from light to dark.



David Becker was once an illustrator for some Chicago ad agencies, but managed to find time to teach and create his own fine art paintings, which no doubt led to the remarkable speed at which he paints!

If you'd like to preview his painting style and speed, go to YouTube to view a recording of the October 2022 art league meeting where he presented a Zoom demo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSoi4ZVnN7c>).

In our April workshop, David will teach watercolor from beginning to end:

- You will learn how to take control of the watercolor medium and how to use that control to create well-composed paintings.
- Subject matter will change daily with photo references supplied in the morning and afternoon.
- David's teaching method will take you on a paint-along tour, while trying various surfaces and techniques.
- His goal is for you to conquer the medium of watercolor.
- He takes great pride in assuring that every student will leave with the ability to paint with control while trying many new materials.

| Workshop Details | |
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| Date/Time | April 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday) 8:30 - 4:00pm |
| Location | The Antioch Township Center, Antioch, Illinois |
| Skill level | All levels of painters |
| Supplies | A supply list will be provided before the workshop. |
| Cost | Members \$100; non-members \$135 |
| More details and entry forms | See February Member News |
| Questions? | Call Jim at 847-223-1317 or Becky at 847-623-8863. |

Sketches Will Soon Launch a Special 90th Anniversary Issue

In 2024 we will celebrate 90 years of bringing fine art into Lake County! We must work hard to make these events highly visible:

- We have already won a verbal commitment by Waukegan to host the 2024 Fall Membership Show in the restored Carnegie Library.
- We will soon schedule the 2024 Spring Membership Show in Libertyville's Cook Park and Civic Center.

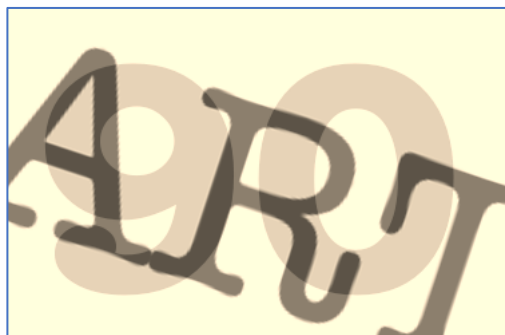
Our 2024 celebration will provide an extraordinary opportunity for growing our membership and involving members in the administration of their art league. Just as the pandemic has provided an opportunity to innovate, our 2024 celebration will visibly anchor those innovations and probably initiate more.

90th Anniversary Committee

Our immediate priority is to establish and grow this committee, which will work out the details of this celebration. **We need volunteers!** -- your energy, your time, and your imagination – to plan and coordinate the events, including:

- Launch a poster contest (see example poster logo below).
- Reserve Libertyville's Cook Park and Civic Center for the 2024 Spring Membership Show.
- Set expanded roles for Publicity, Facebook and Historian directors.
- Build Village of Libertyville support to complement our long-time Waukegan support.
- Leverage press connections already held by Libertyville and Waukegan.

The Anniversary Committee will be active in 2023 and 2024, and possibly beyond to help sustain this burst of art league energy.



(this logo is a not-graphic-artist example)

Membership Forms: “Interests” Explained

Did you know that your Membership Form is a means of communicating with your board of directors? When filling out your form, we would like to know the medium(s)/techniques you work with in your art, and your interests in different aspects of the organization.

Interests

When you indicate your interests from the list provided on the membership form, we also want to know if you’d like to be one of our many volunteers. If you skip that part of the form, we have no idea what your interests are. Your interests help identify how you may benefit from being a member and what areas of the organization you may want to volunteer for. Afterall, our league can’t function without you and fellow members helping with the various tasks of the organization.

In addition to volunteers, our league is always in need of members who would like to chair a committee or serve on the board.

We would like to thank all our members who have volunteered to help with the many areas, whether it be helping with refreshments, writing for the newsletter, finding volunteers to help with workshops, and many other parts of the organization that makes your experience with the Lake County Art League fulfilling and exciting.

We look forward to your sharing your time and talent with us as we strive to share our experiences with you. Your active involvement in the many activities of the art league will help you grow as an artist and us grow as an organization.

- spring/fall membership shows
- help with art workshops
- help with tours
- help with plein air sessions
- help with social media |
- help with website
- help with newsletter
- help with member news
- help with display of member art
- help with Zoom hosting

We are now searching for members to advise us on graphics design and desktop publishing software.

Benefits of getting involved in our art league:

- Support in our shared interest
- Quickly pick up the rhythms, history, purpose and energy of the group.
- Members help each other experience the excitement of their mutual interest like your growing skills, interesting information and events in the newsletters, and awarding the growth of others.

Get involved, get excited!

Mediums/Techniques Here’s what we have learned this year about our 63 members:

| Medium/Technique | Number of Members |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Watercolor | 20 |
| Oil | 20 |
| Pastels | 10 |
| Acrylics | 9 |
| Pen and ink | 5 |
| Photography | 5 |
| Mixed media | 4 |
| Colored pencil | 4 |

| Medium/Technique | Number of Members | If you would like to learn who is working in a specific medium, please ask Fran Isaac and she will ask if they would like to get in touch with you by e-mail or phone. E-mail Fran at fmisaac@aol.com with “LCAL-media” in the subject line. |
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| Painting, no medium mentioned | 2 | |
| Jewelry | 1 | |
| Graphite | 1 | |
| Scratch art | 1 | |
| Printing | 1 | |
| Collage | 1 | |
| Alcohol inks | 1 | |
| Children’s book illustrator | 1 | |
| None mentioned | 4 | |

And ...

The Lake County Art League year: September through June, meeting 7-9:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of these months.

- Meetings in January, February and sometimes March are done virtually to eliminate winter nighttime driving, and to take advantage of technology to see demos from and meet prominent artists from across the country.
- Meetings in September, October, January, February, March, April and June include presentations, usually a demonstration.
- Meetings in November and May 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.

| Elected Officers | Name | email |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
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Remaining LCAL 2022-23 Schedule

Mon 20 Feb 2023, 7-9:00

Virtual meeting/demo

Mon 20 Mar 2023, 7-9:00

Virtual meeting/demo

Sat 1 Apr 2023, 10-1:00

"Come and go" Spring Membership Show
check-in at Waukegan Jack Benny Cente.

Mon 17 Apr 2023, 7-9:00

Very 1st live and broadcast meeting/
demo at Libertyville Civic Center

Mon 15 May 2023, 7-9:00

Live meeting/critique at Waukegan Jack
Benny Center

Mon 19 June 2023, 7-9:00

Live meeting/demo at Gurnee Viking Park
(Libertyville Civic Center
wet-weather option)