



Sketches...

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Lake County Art League

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January 2022 Presentation

Our January presentation will be the Bob Nonnemacher demonstration that was scheduled for a picnic shelter (our third) in October 2021, but canceled due to weather. He will be sending it to us Thursday January 17, 7-9:00 pm via Zoom from his home.

Bob will show how he paints a broad pattern of color, texture and shape, then cuts it apart and assembles a fractured pattern that engages the viewer in a different way. His work is anchored in the beauty of geometry. In his words:

“One simple line on a canvas---not very interesting in-and-of-itself. Now add just one more line; perpendicular, diagonal, or parallel and interesting things start to happen. Geometric shapes and negative spaces side-by-side start to appear and interact as your eyes dance in every direction. Now add color to those lines, spaces, and shapes. Those colors add a certain flavor or feeling, or remind you of places and things.

“When people view my paintings I want them to be moved by beauty in a simpler form ...”

See his work at <https://www.thebluemoongallery.com/featured-artists/bob-nonnemacher>.

Now all January, February and probably March demonstrations will be sent to our members through Zoom. We had no choice but to utilize Zoom last year, we got pretty good at it, and saw how it could help with cold winter nights that are a safety concern to many of us. Our intent is to do this as a live meeting at the same time for those who can make it, but there are technical issues that have yet to be resolved.

Members Needed to Judge CLC Student Show

Member volunteers are needed to select two students to be awarded two \$500 scholarships for art shown in the College of Lake County (CLC) Student Show, which will probably be next April.

The Phoebe Boyd award is one of those two scholarships. It is funded by the Boyd family in honor and remembrance of Phoebe Boyd, a longtime member of the Lake County Art League. The other award is a LCAL



scholarship funded by our league dues. These awards will be based on how our volunteers, as artists, perceive student art juried into the CLC Student Show. There will be no standards or criteria, nor will there be any need to justify member's choices. Selection of winners will follow discussion and consensus among a maximum of three volunteers.

New members in LCAL are as qualified to judge art as are veterans of the art league, and should not hesitate to volunteer. If serving on the selection committee sounds interesting, please contact Scholarship Director Val Brandner at isketchit@yahoo.com. Val details the process below and would be happy to answer any questions.

Current or former members of the Lake County Art League or their relatives are not eligible to receive any scholarship that the Lake County Art League grants or administers. To make these selections and comply with our 501c3 obligations we need members who have no affiliation with the students to make the selections. That includes not currently attending the College of Lake County. Ideally, the selecting members will also not be officers on the LCAL Board of directors.

We'd like to get as many people on our list of those willing to serve as possible. While no more than three members will be used, it is our hope that we can have different members serve in subsequent years.

In a normal year (i.e., before COVID-19) the artwork would be displayed in the Wright Gallery at CLC and we would meet at the college on one day and make our selections. Given the current COVID resurgence we may still need to view the work on our computers and make the selections from those images.

If the selectors can't reach consensus, but 2 out of 3 of them agree, the art that 2 agree on will be selected. If no selectors agree with each other we will put the names of all three selections in a hat and draw from the hat to make the final selections.

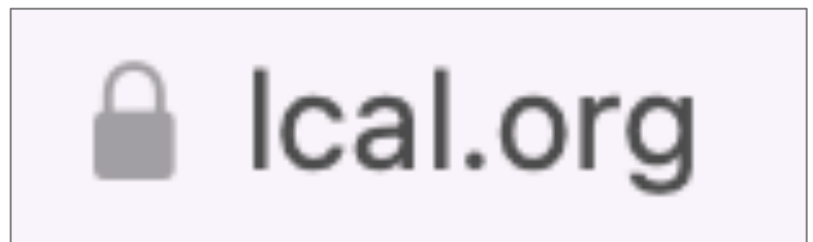
Val will coordinate the selection process with the college and our selection committee, but will not participate in the selection.

Because of the virus you may need a computer to make your selection during the pandemic. If you don't have a computer but would like to be on the selection committee please let Val know at 847-336-6218 or 847-445-2788. Hopefully this virus will not last forever and we can get back to normal.

LCAL Website has been updated

Webmaster Phil Schorn has cleaned up the website. He has set up a new Gmail account and added important new features, like a page for our *member teachers* and some detail about what they are teaching. Check it out.

Once again Phil has added a membership gallery. There is now a membership page which may contain links to members websites or email addresses, though permission must be given on a yet to be updated membership form.



More and more members have been teaching, so a page has been added to list those members along with their current and planned classes. Zoom now provides greater opportunities for our members to teach, and teaching is yet another way of reaching out to the community.

If you would like to have your information posted we need:

- Name
- What you teach
- Where
- How to Contact you

You can email your information to: phil@pschornstudio.com

Remember that both our Website and Facebook page are for our members to share their art and their vision. These important resources are updated as needed, and your suggestions are always welcome.

Adler 2022 Members Show

The February 11 – March 31 show will be an Adler Arts Center exhibit – not virtual – for Adler members, many of whom are also LCAL members. The opening reception will be Friday, February 11, 7-9:00 pm.

Please contact Adler's Program & Marketing Director Ellen Williams at ellenw@adlercenter.org or 847.367.0707 with the following if you would officially like to participate:

- The title/medium/price (not required to sell) of the piece you will be showing. We are limiting to one piece per artist for now, should that change, we will let you know.
- Complete and sign an exhibition agreement. You can either send via email or drop off when you drop your piece for the show.
- Choose a February 7, 8 or 9 drop-off date, 9 am - 7:00 pm.

Please note that the Adler Arts Center will be closed March 21 – 26, 2022 for Spring Break.

Any Bequest to LCAL Needs an EIN

A member who wished to leave a bequest to the art league recently said that an attorney writing the will needed LCAL's Employer Identification Number (EIN). This is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number, and is used by the IRS to identify a business entity. The art league had to have an EIN to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our Treasurer provided the LCAL EIN: 90-0135168.

Constitution, Bylaws Distribution

A copy of the Lake County Art League and Bylaws will be e-mailed to all of our members later this month. It will be mailed to those few members who have requested a hard copy of **Sketches**.

And ...

The Lake County Art League year runs from September through June. In the past we have met on the third Monday of these months, 7-9:00 pm. Meetings in September, October, January, February, March, April and June included 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.

| | Board Meeting 7-9:00 pm | General Meeting 7-9:00 pm |
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| January | 3 | 17 |
| February | 7 | 21 |
| March | 7 | 21 |
| April | 4 | 18 |
| May | 2 | 16 |
| June | 6 | 20 |

Elected Officers

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| President | Gail Gudgeon | gaile.gudgeon@gmail.com |
| Vice President | (vacant) | |
| Recording Sec | Jack Littlefield | thelittlefields@gmail.com |
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Directors

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| 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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| Undercroft | Ali Albakri | nyika1940@gmail.com |

Also

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