



Sketches...

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Lake County Art League

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We will pioneer Zooming distant artist demos this winter

It's taken a couple of years of planning to expand our successful pandemic Zoom experience, but this year we will aggressively return to that useful technology.

Our January, February and March demonstrations will now be done on Zoom so that our many elderly members don't need to drive on dark, wintery nights for art conversation and demonstration. Better still, we can draw from a rapidly growing nationwide inventory of artists using Zoom to find wider recognition.

We too hope to gain wider regional recognition -- and increased LCAL membership -- by broadcasting our live local demos and perhaps our popular twice-a-year critiques to non-members over YouTube. Take a look ...

January	Demo by Sarah Sedwick, oil, Zoom from Oregon studio
February	Demo by Sangita Phadke, pastels, Zoom from New Jersey studio
March	Demo by Bill Miller, discarded linoleum medium, Zoom from Pennsylvania studio
April	Demo by Ken Call, watercolor, live at Libertyville Civic Center, and broadcast
May	Critique concluding Spring Membership Show at Waukegan's Jack Benny Center
June	To Be Determined

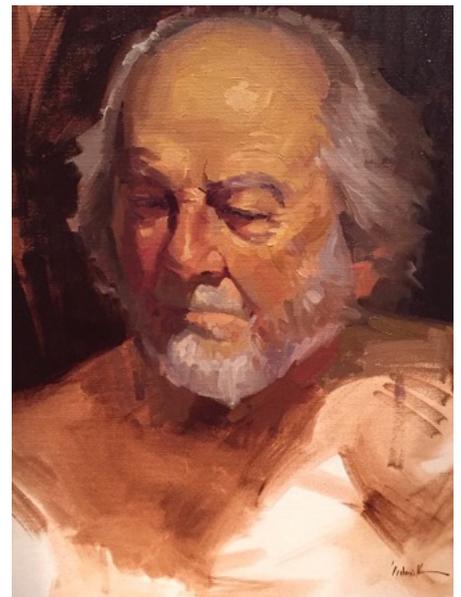
January 16 live but virtual demo 7-9:00 pm in comfort of your home

After a brief business meeting, Sarah Sedwick will demo the painting of an oil portrait or still life on Zoom from her studio in Eugene, Oregon.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1979, Sarah began oil painting at age ten. In 2001, she earned a BFA from Maryland Institute, College of Art, with a focus on illustration and painting, and a minor degree in art history. Her work focuses mainly on still life and portraiture, always painting from direct observation.

See her website at <https://www.sarahsedwick.com/>. You can follow Sarah's latest works, fresh off the easel on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/sedwickstudio/>.

Teaching is an integral part of Sarah's creative work. She teaches still life and portrait painting workshops around the country and internationally, as well as an online art mentorship program described at <https://www.sarahsedwick.com/page/12354/online-mentorship-program>.



Introducing the new LCAL Digital Library

While Thomas Jefferson loved books and said “he could not live without them,” it’s hard to say whether he would have approved of our digital world. He certainly would note that we must lug 20 and more tubs of books out of closet storage for each art league meeting. He would have invented something better. So in an updated Jeffersonian spirit we have invented the new lug-less LCAL Digital Library. Think of it as virtual doors to virtual rooms.

Behind Door No. 1 You will find a table of eight YouTube videos about oil painting. That’s more than five hours of video which include painting techniques of Carvaggio, DaVinci, and the Flemish artists. On another table are video painting tips on glazing, wet on wet painting, loose painting and alla prima painting by the old masters, and more.

Door No. 2 for now has one video on essential watercolor skills and another on intuitive watercolor, which lets the paint take you are on a tour. **They are sitting on the floor waiting our art league members to send us links to include their favorite art shows and web sites.**

Door No. 3 has a shelf with seven artist’s documentaries and art related video shows.

There are more doors and with space to grow. The virtual furniture may need some work, but our library will become yet another example of the Lake County Art League striving to promote fine art in Lake County. **Member News** will catalog all of this for our members to enjoy and to comment on. **Sketches** will monthly tell us what’s new and remind us to help build a growing and dynamic digital library,

A nod to the past is due. We are grateful for all the hard work that the late David Jahns, Debbie Kalinowski, Phil Schorn, Pat King, Les Scott, Chris Tanner and their predecessors and many helpers who have put into our physical library. The new Digital Library is dedicated to them.

Interested in judging CLC Student Show for \$500 scholarships?

Each year we are responsible for selecting two College of Lake County students for \$500 scholarships. These students are selected based on their work juried into the CLC Student Show that takes place in April. The program has been in effect for many years and is part of the mission of the Lake County Art League to create more interest in art in Lake County Illinois and to develop a higher appreciation of visual art.

If you’re interested in being on the selection committee, please contact Val Brandner by **January 31** at 847-445-2788 or isketchit@yahoo.com.

The committee each year is composed of three members (usually two who have done the judging before and one new member) and the work generally takes one morning at CLC. To be on the committee you must be a current LCAL member and have no relationship with the students being considered. We would prefer that committee members not be LCAL Board members.

For the second year in a row there are five LCAL opportunities to show your work.

LCAL Spring Membership Show in April and May 2023

LCAL Fall Membership Show in October and November 2023

LCAL display at Starline Factory in Harvard in June and October 2023

LCAL display at Antioch Fine Arts Federation gallery in downtown Antioch 2023

Suggestions from members for presentations and demonstrations

A spiral notebook with an attached pen was circulated through the theater seats at the Spring Membership show asking for suggestions for future presentations and demonstrations. The interesting answers are both diverse and artistically challenging, and will be pursued by our Presentations committee. Check 'em out:

Painting with a palette knife
Watercolor painting with stencils
Zentangles/patterns/mandalas
Mixed media with oils
Mixed media with acrylics
Decoupage
Photography
Abstract art: how to do it
Waukegan Arts Council murals

Fiber art:

- tapestry
- weaving
- quilting
- rugs

Marketing:

- Digital marketing help
- How to sell
- Website design
- Business cards
- Pricing

Color theory

Calligraphy

Portraiture

Cubist art

Watercolor

Hands on: pick a reference and see what happens in 2 hours

Digital Art and how to work with:

- Procreate
- Light Shop
- Photoshop

Note that some of these suggestions would not be practical without Zoom. Any additional suggestions should be sent to Fran Isaac at 847-249-0482 or misaac@aol.com.

Our current membership

60	Total Members, including ...
2	Student Scholarships Members
1	Legacy Member
4	Spouse Memberships

Membership is down following the pandemic, as would be expected. Yet it's worth noting that our Spring Membership Show was as excellent as always, and the lower participation allowed a closing critique of almost 4 minutes per entry. It was one of the finest critiques we have had in many years.

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 January, February and probably March are done virtually to eliminate winter nighttime driving. 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.

lakecoartleague@gmail.com for inter-board communication and records

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.

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Remaining LCAL 2022-23 Schedule

Mon 16 Jan 2023, 7-9:00, for a virtual meeting and demo.

Mon 20 Feb 2023, 7-9:00, for a virtual meeting and demo.

Mon 20 Mar 2023, 7-9:00, for a virtual meeting and demo.

Sat 1 Apr 2023, 10-1:00, for a "come and go" Spring Membership Show check-in at the Waukegan Jack Benny Center.

Mon 17 Apr 2023, 7-9:00, for our very first live and broadcast meeting and demo at the Libertyville Civic Center.

Mon 15 May 2023, 7-9:00, for a live meeting and critique at the Waukegan Jack Benny Center.

Mon 19 June 2023, 7-9:00, for a live meeting and demo at the Gurnee Viking Park, with a Libertyville Civic Center wet weather option.