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Member Newsletter

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Your Lake County Art League

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## Upcoming Events

### Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art Members Show; Ongoing to Feb. 13

The latest fine art from current members of the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art is showcased. Come and celebrate these talented artists and their diverse work.

**Location:** College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington St, Grayslake

**For more information:** [visit this link](#) or contact Curator, Ann Rintz at [ARintz@clcollinois.edu](mailto:ARintz@clcollinois.edu)

### People's Choice Invitational Exhibit

The Antioch Fine Arts Gallery is hosting this ongoing exhibit of 2D and 3D art in **Feb.**

Gallery visitors vote throughout the month for their favorites. Cash prizes are awarded for the most popular artworks!

**Theme:** "All things Blue"

**Location:** 896 Main Street, Antioch, IL

**Reception and awards ceremony:** Sun., Feb. 23

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

### Blue Moon Gallery Annual Spring Show

This "Wall Flowers" exhibit features the beauty & power of flowers. Gallery owner, Kendra Kett, will be the juror and curator.

**Submissions:** Art in any media. Open to artists aged 18 years or older in southeastern WI and the greater northern IL/Chicagoland vicinity.

**Submit deadline:** March 5, midnight.

**Opening Reception:** March 22, 6-9pm

See their [website](#) for details.

### Art in the Shire, March 8

Will take place Sat., March 8, 10 am to 3 pm. Open to the community. (The application period expired in Jan.)

**Art drop off:** Feb. 11

Culver's will serve lite bites throughout the event.

**Location:** [The Shire Law Group](#), PC, 1 Overlook Point, Ste. 650, Lincolnshire, IL.

**Questions?** Contact Renee Leonard or Chris Acampora at [renee@shirelawgroup.com](mailto:renee@shirelawgroup.com), [chris@shirelawgroup.com](mailto:chris@shirelawgroup.com), or 847-955-9000 (Ext. 1 for Renee and 4 for Chris).

### Suki M. Clark

The **Antioch Fine Arts Foundation** is pleased to announce a **collaboration with the Antioch Public Library**. They will be exhibiting some of our work, rotating new displays every 3 months.

Our first artist is Sandra Saxton, a member of LCAL. Her beautiful display, now showing, will be up through mid-March.

The library has graciously offered to host a **reception** for Sandy on Sunday, **March 9, at 2 pm**.

We hope you will join us on that afternoon!

**Questions:** Contact Suki at [suki.michelle@ymail.com](mailto:suki.michelle@ymail.com)

### Clarese Ornstein

- I have art in exhibits currently at the [Adler Arts Center](#), the [Wright Gallery](#), and Volo Bog.
- I will be attending Phil Schorn's color pencil workshop (see page 2 of Feb. Sketches) on Feb 8th and his Feb zoom classes.
- I will also be participating in the **Art in the Shire** show on March 8, 10 am - 3 pm (see page 1 of MNews).

**Questions?** Contact Clarese at [socoro@comcast.net](mailto:socoro@comcast.net)

### Samantha McDonald (SamTheJam)

- I have an ongoing artist gallery show at the Beer Bazaar Grayslake, 17 W Belvidere Rd., Hainesville, IL, **until end of Feb.**
- I will be in an Oddball Art Labs group gallery show at the Schaumburg [Prairie Center for the Arts](#). Art will be up **through the end of Feb.** So far, I have submitted several masquerade centerpieces and a large 6ft masquerade mixed medium mask (see images below). A reception will be held Feb. 9 from 3-6pm.  
Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL

**Questions?** Contact Samantha at [clintandsam@gmail.com](mailto:clintandsam@gmail.com)



### Marjorie Krutsch

I will be joining the **Art in the Shire** show March 8, 10 am to 3 pm (see page 1 of MNews).

**Questions?** Contact Marjorie at [mkrutsch1@gmail.com](mailto:mkrutsch1@gmail.com)

### Erin Galbraith

- Like several other LCAL Members, I have a painting hanging in the Antioch Fine Art Gallery for their "All Things Blue" People's Choice show (see page 2 of MNews).



"At Your Own Risk"

I encourage everyone to drop by to see the artwork and vote on your favorite piece.

The **reception is Sun., Feb. 23 from 2-5 pm** and winners will be announced at that time. Everyone is welcome!

- I also have artwork featured at CLC's Wright Gallery and the Lake Villa District Library.

**Questions?** Contact Erin at [galbraith@gmail.com](mailto:galbraith@gmail.com)

### Sam Frank

On March 5-6, I will attend a **workshop with Ian Ramsay in Salt Lake City**. Fantastic painter. Hard to get in because openings were first offered to members of the Utah Watercolor Society and only 15 seats were available. Two workshops, 2 days each and all sold out!

**Questions?** Contact Sam at [onehotdog727@gmail.com](mailto:onehotdog727@gmail.com)

### Suki Michelle from AFAP

The [Antioch Fine Arts Foundation \(AFAP\)](#) is now collaborating with the [Antioch Public Library](#), 757 Main St., Antioch. One or more of our artists will be displaying their work at the library for 3-month periods throughout the year.

Our first artist is **Sandra Saxton**, also a member of LCAL. Sandra's paintings incorporate oils, acrylics, pencils, crayons, and various other materials into collages. See an image Sandra's work below.



Sandra Saxton

**Reception and Demo:** The library is hosting a reception for Sandra on **March 9 at 2 pm**, and she will be doing a demo. Kids are also invited; we'll have a special activity for them, including art-related books.

Thank you for allowing us to put this in your LCAL newsletter! It's an exciting collaboration.

**Questions?** Contact Suki at [suki.michelle@ymail.com](mailto:suki.michelle@ymail.com)



See more from Sandra on page 5 of MNews.

**Phil Schorn**

I will participate in the Adler Arts, CLC, and the Lake Villa Library Exhibitions for Jan. & Feb.

I'm offering several classes/workshops in Feb.

- Feb 8: Color Pencil Workshop, State Bank of the Lakes, full day. Supplies and Lunch included. (See flyer attached at the end of Sketches.)
- Feb. 4, 11, 17, 24: Intermediate Color Pencil, 9-11 am online
- Feb. 3, 10, 18, 25: Beginner Color Pencil 6-8:30 pm at the Libertyville, Adler Arts Center
- Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24: Beginner Graphite Pencil, 1-3:30 pm at the Gorton Community Center (GCC), Lake Forest
- Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25: Beginner Color Pencil, 1-3:30 pm, at GCC

Links to all the classes are on my website.

**Questions?** Contact Phil at 847-421-7925, [phil@pschornstudio.com](mailto:phil@pschornstudio.com), or at his [website](#).

**Ernest Schweit**

After 69 editions over almost 6 years, and a list of subscribers that's grown to 134, my on-line newsletter will cease publication and the content will move to a new platform, [substack.com](http://substack.com).

I'll continue to publish news of shows and new work on my [Facebook page](#).

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

**Questions?** Contact Ernest at 847-609-8070 or [ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net)



**Oliver Steven Merriam**

I am currently exhibiting oil paintings at the Lake Villa Library, Volo Bog Nature Center, College of Lake County, Antioch Art Alliance and at the **Art in the Shire** show March 8, 10 am to 3 pm.

**Questions?** Contact Oliver at [omerriam@yahoo.com](mailto:omerriam@yahoo.com)

**Sandra Saxton**

I am showing my art at the following venues:

- Volo Bog until March 12. This is an auction!
- Adler until Feb. 24.
- CLC until Feb. 14.

I'm also a member of Antioch Fine Arts Foundation and am in their contest People's choice.

Please come to the gallery, look at all the talented artists and their beautiful work!

Images of 2 of my pieces are shown below.

**Questions?** Contact Sandra at [saxton.songbirdstudio@gmail.com](mailto:saxton.songbirdstudio@gmail.com)



**Janet Shaw and Doug Kimberlin**

Janet and Doug enjoy painting in the Fine Art Studio of the Vernon Hills Park District every Wed. from 10:30 to 1:30. Join this lively, helpful group of painters that has been going strong for 20 years! There is no teacher; everyone works on their own projects and assists each other with advice and support.

Try a session for as little as \$12, or enroll in the series at a low cost. Openings available.

**Questions?** Contact Janet at 847-721-3738 or [Adult Fine Art Studio](http://AdultFineArtStudio.com); or Louise Villegas at [lou999@comcast.net](mailto:lou999@comcast.net)

**Jeff Harold**

After attending the Wright Gallery Members Show reception, where my Young Swan entry (below) was purchased, I later saw that 4 works were sold.

My Blue Heron entry for the Adler Members Show is also shown below.



"Avian Portraits - Great Blue Heron Textures"



"Avian Portraits - Young Swan"