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# Sketches

Official Newsletter of  
 Your Lake County Art League

June 2026



## Mark Your Calendar!

**July 20-August 30**

**Invitational Show at Antioch Fine Arts Gallery**

See page 2 for details

**Monday, September 21**

**In-Person Meeting**

Location: State Bank of Lakes, Grayslake

Acrylics demo

**Monday October 19**

**In-Person Meeting**

Location: State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake

Watercolor demo

**November**

**Fall Membership Show and Critique**

To be announced

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## Invitational Show at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Gallery



Each August the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF) hosts the LCAL at one of their invitational shows, and we will be there again this year.

Last year we had 17 members who entered the show.

Hanging your art in this show is a good way to exhibit more than one piece of your art and at a very reasonable price.

Please consider entering the show and supporting both the LCAL and AFAF!

**Prospectus:** Attached at the end of *Sketches*.

**Show Dates:** July 29 to August 30

**Opening Reception:** Saturday, August 8, 2pm – 5pm

**Art Drop-off Dates:** Sunday 7/26 from 4-6pm; Monday 7/27 from 10am-12pm

**Art Pick-up Dates:** Sunday 8/30 from 4-6pm; Monday 8/31 from 10am-12pm

**Entry Fee:** \$25 for AFAF Members  
\$30 non members of AFAF  
\$5 for each additional piece (LCAL members only)  
A total of 3 pieces are allowed

## Emotional Wellness Through Creative Expression

April 29 to Nov 24

The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Rd,  
Highland Park, IL

Free sessions are also offered at Gorton Center in Lake Forest  
and at the LGBTQ+ Center in Grayslake.

**Questions?** Contact Cassandra Anzelone at  
[cassandra@artimpactproject.org](mailto:cassandra@artimpactproject.org)

**ART IMPACT PROJECT**

**LET'S MAKE ART** AGE 11+

**FREE!** Enroll directly through our pARTner's website!

- No experience necessary!
- Supplies provided!
- Bring a friend or come alone, you're pART of the community!

**LGBTQ+ CENTER LAKE COUNTY**  
Teens - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00 PM  
Adults - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 11:00 AM  
[www.lgbtqlc.com](http://www.lgbtqlc.com)

**The Art Center Highland Park**  
NEW day and time!  
Last Wednesday, 10:30 AM - Noon  
[www.theartcenterhp.org](http://www.theartcenterhp.org)

**GORTON CENTER**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
[www.gortoncenter.org](http://www.gortoncenter.org)

## Creative Coffee: Sip, Swap or Shop

The Antioch Fine Arts League (AFAL) invites LCAL members to join their monthly Creative Coffee every 3rd Wed. of the month, 9:30-11:30 am. Bring what you are working on and wish to "show and tell" (optional). Coffee and treats are provided by AFAL but donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your unused art supplies that you'd like to get rid of; to be swapped or shopped (\$10 or less). Mark your item.

**Location:** Antioch Fine Arts Gallery, 896 Main Street, Antioch, IL.



## Library Lobby Art Display Opportunities

The Lake Villa Library is seeking local artists to show their artwork in the **Featured Artist Exhibit space**. Exhibit your 2D works in the library lobby for 2-month time periods.

Group shows or solo art exhibits are welcome. Interested?, contact us at 847-356-7711.

## We Are Looking for Places to Hang Our Art!

The art league is looking for other areas around Lake County where our members can display their art. If you know of a place that would allow our group to hang art, please email us at [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com).



The Lake Villa Library hosted our Spring Membership Show and as usual the art league had a very good turnout for the event that took place on the evening of May 13th in the library's new facility.

Art was hung in the large entry foyer just off the main entrance and the critique took place in the large meeting room..

The **guest critique artist**, [Cheryl \(Cookie\) Cook](#) did a great job of educating the artists by sharing her professional observations about their art submissions (see images on this page).

**1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place ribbons** were awarded to Marina Rawlings, Randy Sweitzer, and Aruna Sarode, respectively. See their art on the next page.



Refreshments were served and provided by the art league and Linda Regan contributed the delicious bruschetta.

The library was so pleased with the show, **we have been invited back** to hang our Fall Membership show in 2027!

# Recap: LCAL Spring Show, Ribbon Winners



Marina Rawlings  
1st place  
"Lake Leopold"  
15x30, oil



Randy Sweitzer  
2nd place  
"Prairie Fire"  
13x19, mixed media



Aruna Sarode  
3rd place  
"Garden Jewels"  
19x29, watercolor



### What a Fun Night!

Every June, our group has a gathering to celebrate another successful season for the LCAL.

Debbie Kalinowski and Deb Edmunds began planning this event several months ago. In past years, we met outdoors, but weather was frequently an issue. So, this year, the team chose to meet indoors at Bill's Pub, which also had a separate party room to accommodate everyone.

The result was an evening of food, an art challenge and an art trivia game.



### Trivia Game

Mary Neely hosted the art trivia game, and we all had fun answering the questions she had prepared.



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## Art Challenge

Several artists participated in the art challenge, which was to create a work from one of 3 images provided by the art league: a landscape, a still life, and figures of people.

The award of excellence was won by Kirsten Carlson for her oil painting of a still-life of veggies.



Vegetables  
Kirsten Carlson  
Oil



Clematis  
Peggy Gorman  
Acrylic



Jazz musician  
Deb Edmunds  
Acrylic



## An Emotional Moment

A pastel portrait of Ali Albakri was gifted to him from the family of the late Gail Gudgeon, one of our past presidents.

## Volunteers

- Thanks to all who volunteered to plan and help with this event: Sandra Saxon, Debbie Kalinowski, Peggy Gorman, Mary Neely, Deb Edmunds, Fran Isaac, Julie Nykiel, Margie Krutsch and Linda Regan.
- Thanks also to Debbie Kalinowski, Deb Edmunds and Maureen Rifkin Fisher for providing photos of the event.
- Organizing and facilitating shows, exhibits, and programs, require volunteers. Would you like to volunteer? Let us know, we can always use an extra hand or two! Email us at [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com).

## Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for next year's social event, send us an email at [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com).



## Plein Air; We Are Back At It!

The 2026 season has gotten off to a good start with four plein air events and two S-SOS coffee meet-ups already.

We will post all events on the LCAL Plein Air Group on Facebook. If you do not use Facebook, please watch your email for our announcements.

Remember because of the weather conditions, the events will only be posted several days in advance.

If you have any suggestions about plein air locations or times, please contact Deb Edmunds, Plein Air Director at [edmundsdl@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsdl@gmail.com).

## Socializing! Sketching! Or just Sharing! (S-SOS)

This plein air group meets at various indoor locations when the weather is not conducive for exterior plein air. Meetings are also open to artists outside of our LCAL membership.

Each month, depending on availability, organizers and weather, we meet for coffee and participants can bring either something you've been working on to be critiqued, or sketching tools to capture the local scene. Or just bring yourself for fun discussions and socializing! Look for future announcements from LCAL in your email.

## Lakes Regional Watercolor Guild Invitation to Plein Air

### Wednesdays, 9 am to Noon

For meetup directions, contact Susan Clancy Kelly (847-219-0882) or Sam Frank (847-533-1484)

- July 1; [The Deerfield Historic Village](#), 517 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, IL
- July 8; [Lakewood Forest Preserve](#), W. IL Route 176, Wauconda, IL
- July 15; Carol Sackschewsky's garden, Antioch, IL. Private venue: email LCAL for address.
- July 22; Arlene Doran's garden, Mundelein; IL. Private venue: email LCAL for address.
- July 29; Laurie Cross's garden, McCullom Lake Beach, IL. Private venue: email LCAL for address.

LCAL email is [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com)

**Clarese Ornstein:** Vice President

**Elizabeth (Beth) Engle:** Treasurer

**Mary Neely:** Interim Corresponding Secretary

When someone asked these ladies to step up and lend a hand with our board, Clarese, Beth, and Mary did!

**Clarese** started out assisting with hospitality. She then helped with the 90th anniversary by securing the Adler Arts Center for our anniversary show a few years back. Clarese ran for vice president and served for two years. Last year, she stepped up as workshop director and organized two workshops. She helped with our spring and fall shows. Clarese was very helpful with making sure that the meetings ran smoothly, and donating when refreshments were needed. She will be missed, but I'm sure she will love being closer to family with her move to Florida.



One of Clarese's many paintings

**Beth** Engle was our treasurer for over 10 years. She made sure the taxes were filed and the payments went out. She also coordinated with membership any payments of dues. The treasurer is a vital part of any non-profit and Beth truly was right on top of making sure our program artists were paid and members reimbursed for supplies they bought.

**Mary** Neely who has been a long-time member and served on the board, knew how important it was to have a corresponding secretary and so she volunteered to take over when a vacancy happened mid-term, and filled that void until this year's election.

**Thanks so much Beth, Clarese and Mary** for all you have done for the art league!  
Your time and contributions have been very helpful in keeping the art league going.

An additional thank you to **Louise Villegas**, our membership director, who will be stepping down on June 30. Louise, thank you for your service and the time and effort serving as our membership director.

## Sandra Saxton

### Abstract Landscape Class

I am teaching an acrylic painting workshop on abstract landscapes.

Break free from overthinking and start painting with confidence and ease!

Leave with an abstract landscape artwork that you had fun painting!

All supplies included.

**Location:** Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Arts Center,  
896 Main St., Antioch

**Date/Time:** July 10, 6-9 pm

Fee: \$125 per person; includes all supplies.

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



## Ali Albakri

Gallery exhibit, FLOWERS and THEIR FRIENDS, is ongoing to July 25, from 1-3 pm at the Undercroft Gallery, 410 Grand, Waukegan, IL

**Questions?** Contact Ali at [nyika1940@gmail.com](mailto:nyika1940@gmail.com)



**Art Community Volunteer - Tanner the Artist**

Approximately 18 years ago I met the director of the Lake County Art League’s Plein air group; his name – Chris Tanner.

Chris, who worked as an environmental engineer, took on the role of Plein air director years before I met him. He enjoyed creating art outside of his studio and meeting other artists who also loved to paint outdoors.

A tall and slim man, Chris could be seen standing in the distance when the Plein air group met for their sessions, drawing or painting with his homemade portable easel. Painting with watercolors and ink, he liked working on scenes of landscapes, cityscapes and later, included figures and portraits into his art creations.

Oliver Merriam recalls, “When Chris would gather all the attendees for the critique, he did not attempt to paint over all of his paper; he left a lot of white space around the edges of his watercolors.” “I was impressed with his ability to criticize his own work.” Oliver mentioned that when Chris was not satisfied with a watercolor sketch, he, like Jackson Pollock, put a couple of bright red drops on his paper to give it life.

Mary Neely shared this with me, “I especially enjoyed it when Chris drove some of us to the Art Institute. Another fun one was the Garfield Park Conservatory. Afterwards, we then went for hot dogs, and somehow, we all had a huge discussion on the merits of various kinds! I’ll miss seeing his welcoming smile the most.”

When I met Chris, I instantly felt a connection to him. His gentle ways about his comments and his occasional laugh made me feel welcome to the LCAL plein air group. At the time I was not a member of LCAL but it didn’t take me long before I mustered up the \$35 to join the organization. One of the attractions to the league for me was the “On the Wall” program, which Tanner also ran. Chris had reorganized the “On the Wall” program so that the league was able to display art in a number of different venues in Lake County. I was told by Val Brandner that Chris coordinated the Spring and Fall Member Shows at the Jack Benny Center as well as the “On the Wall” events at the JBC. Brandner shared, “Chris always brought the easel and lights to display our work at these events.” Fran Isaac shared, “ I was so touched by his hospitality and comradery after meeting him at a Plein air event at the Volo Auto Museum. I ended up assisting him with the set up for the Fall and Spring Membership Shows, eventually taking over for him.”

Chris managed to coordinate interested members to fill spaces with art in many locations throughout Lake County. This became a huge undertaking but he managed to keep it alive for many years. I remember being able to hang art in Waukegan at the Jack Benny Center, the Antioch State Bank of the Lakes, and the old Lake Villa Library to name a few. As years went on it became difficult to find artists that had framed art to hang at so many locations. Chris soon abandoned the program because of lack of interest.

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**Art Community Volunteer - Tanner the Artist, cont.**

Val reminded me that Chris created the LCAL's first library. He organized materials into tubs and set up a system to help members have access to various materials like videos and books. Chris stepped up again and took on the role of Vice President during Linda Kollacks' presidency in 2006 and 2007. Linda said, "Chris had joined the board very quickly after becoming a member. Chris was full of ideas, and not hesitant about voicing them." She couldn't remember him being strident or argumentative. "He was a great up-front kind of guy", she added. Linda even used Chris as her model in a demonstration on portraiture and told me it was great fun and a successful portrait. Can you imagine juggling all those hats and working a full-time self-employed job? That's the kind of person Chris is!

Throughout the years, I continued to Plein air with Chris and there were always talented artists who would join us. Artists like Lee Radtke, Jerry Hosten, Linda Kollacks, Tom Trausch, Doris Monte, Roger Kaiser, Donna Sands, just to name some of the regulars. Chris continued to attract artists to the group and if it wasn't for Chris, I would never have met so many gifted artists and gotten so many hard critiques that helped make me the artist I am today. I credit Chris for encouraging me to take on the additional scheduled Plein airs that he could not fulfill because of his busy life. Tanner had passed the baton reluctantly, but because of his love of the Lake County Art League and its membership, he knew that that part of our organization would flourish.

Chris also became the Corresponding Secretary for the art league and mastered that role for around 10 years. He composed and coordinated *Sketches*, created *MNews*, and brought on Jody Bennett to help with the production of the newsletter. Mary Neely recalls, "as Corresponding Secretary, Chris wrote some wonderful, detailed articles for the Sketches newsletter. He was especially good at writing about our demonstrating artists."

Chris Tanner, we all want to thank you for your many years of service and wish you health and happiness in this next leg of your journey. May your new life in Michigan be one of joy and success, just like it's been in the past. Remember that wherever you go, your service and time that you have given to the LCAL has touched many artists' lives and we are all grateful for that!

By: Deb Edmunds

## We Are Always Looking for New Members!

Tell your family and friends about LCAL! Invite them to attend one of our member meetings and demos. Refer them to our [website](#) for meeting information, upcoming events, and more!

**Questions?** Contact Deb Edmunds at [edmundsdl@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsdl@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!



### Keep the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!

Our league benefits tremendously from the skills and talents of *all* members. Please seriously consider helping our board in any of the league's positions (listed on page 15). Find the description of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."

- **Workshops and Shows:** The Workshops leader helps with organizing, checking in art, refreshment set-up and clean-up, runners to help bring art to critique artists, and hanging art (sometimes).
- **Hospitality Support:** These volunteers bring refreshments and snacks to our in-person member meetings. Contact hospitality director, Fran Isaacs, to sign up for 2026 meetings ([fmisaac@aol.com](mailto:fmisaac@aol.com)).
- **Other open LCAL board positions:** see the note at the bottom of page 15.

**Questions about open positions:** Contact Clarese Ornstein at [socoro@comcast.net](mailto:socoro@comcast.net)) or a board member.

## Member of the Month!

Would you like to be featured as a LCAL Member of the Month? Just send us a bio, a photo of you (headshot is preferred), and any contact info you'd like to share (website, Facebook page, email, etc.) Send to: [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com)

## What Is Our Mission?

In our 91st year, the LCAL continues to grow, change and strive to advance our mission.

What is our mission you ask? Let's start with the definition of "mission" in Webster's Dictionary:

**"Mission":** A specific task with which a person or a group is charged;

A pre established and often self-imposed objective or purpose.

**LCAL's mission, according to our by-laws and constitution:** "The purpose of this League is to create more interest in art in Lake County in the State of Illinois and to develop a higher appreciation of visual art. It shall do this through art exhibitions, festivals, demonstrations of art techniques, lectures, critiques and sharing of ideas, inspiration and encouragement between members."

**How does the LCAL promote our mission?** Throughout the history of the art league, depending on the circumstances, we have continued to promote these ideas and offer members various ways to promote our mission.

- We offer free shows/exhibitions twice a year at various venues.
- We conduct educational demonstrations through Zoom and in-person sessions.
- We provide opportunities to share ideas, to inspire and to encourage all levels of artists. For example:
  - Our plein air group met 14 times this year and will continue to meet during winter months at various venues so that artists can share, sketch or just socialize.
  - The two membership shows in the spring and the fall offer critiques of artists' work to help guide artists to new levels.

**How does the LCAL accomplish our mission?** We do it through participation from members in our shows, demonstrations, and mostly through volunteering. The LCAL would not be what it is today without the dedicated and devoted work of our members who have volunteered to help out in various board and director positions.

Last summer we participated in the Dandelion Wine Festival and the previous two years, in the Mundelein Market days promoting the art league.

Deb Edmunds  
LCAL President

**Questions?** Contact Deb at [Edmundsdl@gmail.com](mailto:Edmundsdl@gmail.com).

## Are You a Facebook User?



Check out the [LCAL Facebook Group](#)! This group is only for current LCAL members. You are not required to join or use the group, but we encourage you to do so.

**Advantages of Joining Our Group:** It is a hub for communications where you can get the most recent news and information about LCAL, our events, shows, and anything else that pertains to the LCAL.

**To join,** search for “Lake County Art League Members Group” in Facebook, or click on the link above, and request to join.

**Questions?** Contact one of our FB Group administrators:

Deb Edmunds at [edmundsdl@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsdl@gmail.com) or Louise Villegas at [lou999@comcast.net](mailto:lou999@comcast.net)



## Online Suggestion Box

If you have any suggestions, feedback, ideas, etc., that you would like to share with the LCAL board, please use our COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS online form.

We hope you will share with us! The regular suggestion box will still be available at our in-person member meetings.

## Enjoy Our Digital Library

### Digital Library's Current Categories:

- Oil Painting
- Watercolors
- Acrylics

- Documentaries / Art-related
- Galleries and Museums
- Websites to Explore
- Netflix Art Shows
- Hulu Art Shows
- Amazon Prime Art Videos

Our library is accessible on the LCAL website. It covers many different art topics organized under 9 different categories.

Many references link to video presentations accessed from various streaming services. *(NOTE: links are updated as we become aware of any changes.)*

We encourage you to **contribute to our library** by sending us links to your favorite art shows and websites. That way, it will become a true reflection of the LCAL, and it will accomplish our mission to promote art in Lake County.

**Questions?** Contact Denese Manley at [deneseamanley@gmail.com](mailto:deneseamanley@gmail.com)



## YouTube

We have thousands of subscribers from about 30 countries to our [LCAL YouTube](#) channel!



## LCAL Website: Advertise Your Shows!

Anyone who will have an upcoming solo show and would like to advertise on our website, please email [lakecoartleague@gmail.com](mailto:lakecoartleague@gmail.com).

## LCAL Meetings, Board Members and Directors

### The Lake County Art League Year:

Meets Sept. through June, generally 7-9pm;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., as follows:

Jan., Feb., sometimes March	Virtual
Sept., Oct., Jan. through June	Presentations, usually a demonstration
May, Nov.	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec.	Holiday break

**Be on the Lookout!** If you see a new way to bring fine art to Lake County, or to improve the advantages of membership. Please share by contacting a member listed on this page.

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### \* Open Positions

The following positions are currently open to any member who would like to volunteer:

**Workshops, Publicity, Art Festivals, and Tours**

Find descriptions of volunteer positions in our by-laws at [our website](#) under "about."

**“LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE”**  
**INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT AT ANTIOCH ART CENTER**

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**Antioch Art Center is extending an invitation for the Lake County Art League member artists  
to exhibit July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Prospectus is as follows:**

**Location:** Antioch Art Center, 896 Main Street in Antioch, IL 60002

**Application fee:** 1st artwork - \$25 for AFAF members,  
\$30 for guest artists; additional  
artworks - \$5 each

**Exhibition dates:** 07/29/2026 –08/30/2026

**Application entry forms accepted:** 7/01/2026 – 07/27/2026

-Submit by drop off or mail delivery to above address, Attention: Carol. You may also scan the completed form and email it to [antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com) with subject line: LC Art League.

**Drop off artworks:** Sun. 07/26/2026, 4pm – 6pm  
Mon. 07/27/2026, 10am – 12pm

-Please call Carol for an appointment if not able to deliver on specified dates.

**Reception:** Sat. 08/08/2026, 2pm – 5pm

-Please invite your family and friends. You may bring food and beverages for your guests.

**Pick up artworks:** Sun. 08/30/2026, 4pm – 6pm  
Mon. 08/31/2026, 10am – 12pm

**Exhibition Guidelines:**

- Each artist may submit **2D and/or 3D artworks in any medium, up to 3 artworks total**. Your name, the artwork title and the price must be attached on the bottom (for 3D) or the back (2D) of each artwork.
- **All work must be original**. No political or inappropriate subjects. The AFAF Board reserves the right to refuse art that does not meet gallery guidelines.
- All 2D work must be wired for hanging (no saw-toothed hangers), matted and framed to present professionally. It is preferred to have plexiglass on larger works, but not mandatory. We won't be able to hang unframed canvasses unless they are at least 1.5 inch deep (museum depth) with finished edges. Unacceptable works must be picked up by the artist ASAP as there is no storage space at the gallery.
- AFAF will do advertisement consisting of newsletter to our mailing list and postings on the AFAF website, Facebook and Instagram feeds.
- You must sign a waiver of liability for work being displayed in the gallery. We will not be responsible for damage to artwork. We take all reasonable care of your work. You must have your own insurance.
- The gallery charges a 30% Commission on works sold that are over \$100 and 20% on all works that are \$100 or less.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to call Gallery Director, Carol Fink Sackschewsky 847-858-2256 or email at [artscape20@gmail.com](mailto:artscape20@gmail.com).

**Application:** Complete the attached entry form/inventory sheet for your work.

**Antioch Fine Art Center**  
**"LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE" - Invitational Exhibit Entry Form**  
**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

This sheet must be completed, signed and submitted between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>. You may mail it in with your entry fee or drop it off at Antioch Arts Center, 896 Main Street, Antioch IL 60002. You may also scan the completed form and email it to [antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com), with subject line: "LC Art League".

Are you AFAF Member (Entry \$25)  or Guest Artist (Entry fee \$30)   
 (Each additional artwork \$5)

Please **PRINT** or **TYPE**:

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Waiver: I understand that AFAF will not be held responsible for loss or damage to artwork. I also give AFAF right to reproduce images of my art, for publicity purposes only.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Include a 30% commission if price is over \$100, and 20% if \$100 or under)

#:	Fee:	Artwork information:
1)		Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____
2)		Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____
3)		Title: _____ Price: _____ NFS ____ 2D <input type="checkbox"/> or 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Media: _____
TOTAL:		

Browse box artwork:

Each browse box item must be listed on the back of this form for up to 5 items, matted and wrapped for viewing. Your name, the artwork title and the price must be attached to each artwork. Specify if print or original. List your browse box items at the back of this sheet.

Alternate person to pick up your artworks: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like your work to be part of the selection for the advertisement, please submit one image via email to [antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:antiochfineartsfoundation@gmail.com).

Thank you for participating in AFAF invitational art exhibit.  
 Carol Fink Sackschewsky, Gallery Director