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Official Newsletter of Your Lake County Art League

August 2025

Upcoming Events

List of Upcoming Events (details on pages 1-3)			
Event	Dates		
Member Show at AFAF	Jul. 30-Aug. 31: Show		
Collage Glass Workshop	Sept. 1: Registration deadline Sept. 15: Workshop		
Dandelion Wine Festival	Aug. 16: Festival & art drop off		
Mainstreet Gallery Juried Exhibition	Aug. 18 – Sept. 3: Submission		
LCAL Fall Membership Show	Sept. 2: Art drop off Sept. 6-28: Show Sept. 28, 12:30-3 pm: Critique		
LCAL Member Meeting	Oct. 21		
Art Swap	Nov. 20		

Members Show at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF) through Aug. 31

Stop by the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF) in Antioch and support our LCAL members who have art on display!

Exhibit dates: July 30-Aug. 31 Art pick up: Sept. 3, 4-6 pm and

Sept. 4, 10 am-12-pm

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds, edmundsdl@gmail.com.

Dandelion Wine Festival: Aug. 16

Join in on the FUN at Bowen Park for this 25th annual festival!

When: Sat., Aug. 16, 12-6 pm

Where: Bowen Park

1800 N Sheridan Rd, Waukegan

Stop by our members' tent for a meet and greet, or if you want to plein air.

This will also be an opportunity to Plein air paint. Artists who can participate even for a few hours would be appreciated.

Want to Volunteer? Contact Deb Edmunds, edmundsdl@gmail.com.

Announcement: Free Art Supplies! Paper, brushes, paints and more! Call Joe Drapalik through Sept. 10, at 847-662-2617 if you are interested. (Posted by Jim Brooksher: jimbrooksher@gmail.com)



Upcoming Events, cont.

Plein Air Events: Summer into Fall

There will be other opportunities to meet LCAL members at plein air events throughout the summer and early fall. Notices for plein air will be emailed directly to members. Also look for event announcements on our plein air Facebook page.

LCAL Fall Membership Show: Sept. 6-28

We encourage all of our members to show your art in our upcoming Fall Members ONLY show, "Celebrating Nature!"

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS AUG. 20!

There is no charge to participate!

We are asking members to submit up to two pieces, one to be critiqued on Sept. 28th.

This will be a silent auction and all sales will have a 25% fee that will go toward the Friends of the Bog.

- Where: Volo Bog State Natural Area,
 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside, IL 60041.
- Art drop off: Sept. 2, 9 am-1 pm
 Members who need to drop off art from the AFAF show please contact Clarese at socoro@comcast.net.
- Critique: Sept. 28, 12:30-3 pm

We still need volunteers!

- **Sept. 2** for the art drop off
- Sept. 28 on the critique day

Instructions and prospectus was emailed and is attached to this edition of Sketches.

Reverse Collage Glass Workshop, Sept. 15

In this hands-on workshop with Suki Michelle, learn how to create a collage on glass. Cost is \$15.

When: Sept. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: State Bank of the Lakes,

Lindenhurst, lower level



Register by 1 Sept.: There are still open spots!

Contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net for registration and payment details.

Participants must bring their own glass bowl.

Materials for collage will be supplied. Or, you may bring photos or personal art, already printed on regular copy paper.

Next LCAL Member Meeting: Oct. 21, In-Person

Our next member meeting will be Oct. 21, 7-9 pm, at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake.

Tips and Tricks for Framing Artwork

Christine Oleson and Tom Perkowitz from Perkowitz Art Studio in Grayslake will be our presenters. They are expert framing consultants who can show us how to enhance our artwork.

We look forward to this informative demonstration!



Upcoming Events, cont.

Juried Exhibition at Mainstreet Gallery, Oct.

Mainstreet Gallery in Lake Zurich will host a juried exhibition this October, "Nature's Palette: Still life and Gardens."

This exhibition promises to be a feast for the senses, showcasing the vibrant creativity and talent of local artists.

Celebrate the artistry of everyday life and material pleasures, such as food, wine, florals, fruit, vegetables, and all kinds of man-made or natural objects.

Or, capture the essence of nature's beauty, featuring the splendor of a garden or the simple grace of florals.

Submissions: Aug. 18-Sept. 3

Entries must be original and submitted digitally.

Non-Refundable Jury Fee: \$25, \$35, or \$45 for 1, 2, or 3

works, respectively.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and 2 honorable mentions.

All 2-D works must be for sale, wired, and framed.

Find more information <u>here</u>.

Questions? Contact Kari Johnson, Mainstreet Art Center, at kari@mainstreetartcenter.com; 847-550-0016.

Art Swap: Nov. 20

For LCAL members, 7-9 pm at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Details to come!

Interested? Contact Clarese Ornstein, LCAL Workshop Director, at socoro@comcast.net.

Call for Art at Starline Factory

Details for the Second Saturdays Art Event at the Starline Factory will be available soon on the <u>Starline website</u>.

Note that this show has moved from the 4th Fridays to the 2nd Saturdays.



Library Lobby Art Display Opportunities

The Lake Villa Library is seeking local artists to display their artwork in the **Featured Artist Exhibit space**.

Artists can exhibit their 2D works in the library lobby for 2-month time periods.

Group shows or solo art exhibits are welcome.

If you would like to be considered for an exhibit*, please complete the <u>online proposal form</u>.

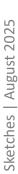
*NOTE: There is currently a **waitlist** to display art. If you are interested in displaying your art, contact the library to get more information.

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.

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 contact "On the Wall" director Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.





Membership Dues for 2025-2026

When Are Membership Dues Due?

LCAL normally requires that dues and membership forms for renewing members are collected at the first in-person member meeting of our art league year, which is Sept. However, because we will be holding our Fall Membership Show in Sept., our next in-person meeting of the 2025-2026 year won't take place until Oct. Therefore, membership dues will be due before Oct. 1st.

Due Dates for Payment of Dues

- 1. For those participating in the Fall Membership Show (see page 2 for show details), dues *MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE OR ON THE SHOW'S ART DROP-OFF DATE* of **Sept. 2, 10 am-1 pm**.
- 2. For those not entering the Fall Membership Show:
 - Pay your dues by Oct. 1, or
 - Pay in person at the show's critique at the Volo Bog on Sept. 28. Someone will be available to take your completed membership form and check or money order at that time.

Payment Options for Dues: Zelle, Check, Money Order

This year, we have added a new electronic payment option (Zelle) to pay your dues. This option is faster and simpler than paying by check or money order. However, you are welcome to still pay by check or money order if you wish.

Please note that we can no longer accept cash.

Paying with Zelle

If you would like to pay with Zelle, but do not have it set up with your bank, please visit the Zelle website, where you can "See if your bank offers Zelle" and then select your bank from the list. You will then "Continue to your bank" to follow the instructions that are specific to your bank. If you still have questions, contact your bank for assistance.

Once you are prepared to pay with Zelle, email Louise Villegas, Membership Director, at lou999@comcast.net and she can provide payment instructions.

Paying by Check or Money Order

Make your check or money order out to Lake County Art League and mail it to Lake County Art League, P.O. Box #5, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Membership forms must accompany payment of dues!

All returning members must submit a completed form with their payment. There are two ways to submit your renewal:

- The <u>ONLINE FORM</u>
- The downloadable member form at the bottom of the LCAL website's <u>Membership and Forms</u> page.

You do not have to pay by Zelle to use the online form.

Questions? Contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com



Members and Membership Opportunities

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 Membership Director, Louise Villegas at lou999@comcast.net

Announcement Regarding Anne Anderson, Artist and Longtime Member of the LCAL

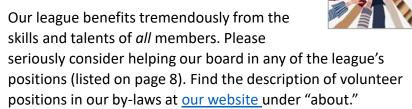
It is with great sadness that we have come to learn of the passing of a long-time member of the Lake County

Art League, Anne Anderson.
She passed away on July 11th.
Anne was a very talented
botanical artist working in
watercolors. She knew
many of our members.
Her son, Tom, informed the
art league that there will
be no service or memorial.



Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

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





 We need volunteers to bring refreshments and snacks to our in-person member meetings. Contact hospitality director, Fran Isaacs, to sign up for the Oct./Nov. 2025 meeting or any future meetings in 2026 (fmisaac@aol.com).

• Support for Workshops and Shows

- We need help with organizing, checking in art, refreshment set-up and clean-up, runners to help bring art to critique artists, and hanging art (sometimes).
- We still need help with the 2025 Fall Membership Show at the Volo Bog in Sept. (see page 2).
- Open LCAL board positions: see the note at the bottom of page 8.

Questions about workshops, shows, and open LCAL board positions: Contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net). You can also contact a board member directly.





Art Notes, by Ernest Schweit "There's No Reason Not to Show Your Work!"



It was a special thrill when I walked in the Robert T. Wright Gallery and saw 30 of my images illuminated by gallery lights and displayed on perfectly white walls. It was a bit overwhelming, but very satisfying.

The exhibit, "Respite," was the largest public showing of my photography ever. But it was not my first; far from it. I've been showing my photography since 2002 in galleries, at juried art fairs, one-man shows, and group exhibits. I've learned that showing your work, no matter the venue, can be important to your development as an artist.

Here are some reasons to show your work:

- Gives you and your work an extra purpose. Although the drive to create is strong in most artists, working towards an exhibition can give us extra motivation. I had to create 7 new prints for "Respite," and to be honest, I'm not sure otherwise they'd ever have gone beyond digital files shown on social media.
- A great way to connect with potential buyers. I've found that
 sales come more quickly from folks you already know rather than
 from casual onlookers. Engage with the onlookers at your show,
 and before you explain your work, listen closely to what they say.
- Receive valuable feedback from other artists or the viewing public. It can give your work a new direction or push you to do more. We artists are passionate about what we do and that makes it hard to be objective about it. Feedback can give us a different take on it.

- Forces you to look at your work dispassionately and objectively, and less like the artist who created it. This skill can come in handy when submitting work to a juried show.
 For example, if you know that the juror leans towards the abstract rather than the literal, it can help you decide which work to submit.
- A good way to network with other artists. And that could lead to info on other shows, useful feedback or new techniques for your work. Always carry business cards and ask for cards from other artists you meet. Those who are hip to the importance of networking will be happy you asked.
- A great way to get organized in your art practice. Most artists
 are supposedly right-brain thinkers: intuitive and creative.
 Left-brain thinkers are more organized and logical. I've met
 precious few artists who are both. A deadline to submit work
 to a show provides the structure a right-brained artist needs
 to get organized and make that submission happens.
- A good way to meet other gallery owners or managers who might be planning their own shows. If they know you and are familiar with your work, that could lead to other exhibit opportunities.

So, if you are struggling with the notion of showing your work; get over it and just go for it! You never know where it can lead!

<u>Ernest J. Schweit</u> is a long-time member of LCAL, and is a writer and award-winning landscape photographer.
<u>Questions or Suggestions?</u> Contact Ernest at ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net



LCAL Digital Resources

Are You a Facebook User?

Check out the LCAL Facebook Group!

Right now, 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. When we receive your request, we will add you to the group.

Questions? Contact one of our FB Group administrators:

Erin Galbraith galbraith@gmail.com

Deb Edmunds edmundsdl@gmail.com

Louise Villegas lou999@comcast.net

Online Suggestion Box

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

We hope you will share with us!

Suggestion Box Form

The regular suggestion box will still be available at our in-person member meetings.

Enjoy Our Digital Library

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.)

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

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 denesemanley@gmail.com

YouTube

We currently have over 1100 subscribers from about 30 countries to our <u>LCAL YouTube</u> channel!

LCAL Website: Advertise Your Shows!

Anyone who will have an upcoming solo show and would like to advertise on our website, please contact Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com.





LCAL Meetings, Board Members and Directors

The Lake County Art League Year:

Meets Sept. through June, generally 7-9 pm; 3rd 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.

Elected Officers	Name	email
President	Deb Edmunds	edmundsdl@gmail.com
Vice President	Clarese Ornstein	socoro@comcast.net
Recording Secretary	Jack Littlefield	thelittlefields@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Erin Galbraith	galbraith@gmail.com
Treasurer	Elizabeth Engle	betharoo30@aol.com

* Open Positions

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

Art Festivals, Tours, and Publicity

Find descriptions of volunteer positions in our by-laws at our website under "about."

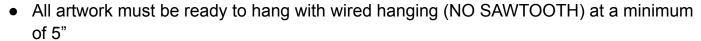
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LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUE FALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW AT VOLO BOG STATE NATURAL AREA "CELEBRATING NATURE"

9/6-9/28

Lake County Art League will be exhibiting their fall membership show, September 6-28 at the Volo Bog State Natural Area at 28478 W Brandenburg Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041.

- Artists can enter one or two pieces in the show.
- All 2D work will be accepted.
- Each year both our spring and fall shows are free to enter.



- The Friends of the Volo Bog will receive 25% of the proceeds of all artwork that is sold through a silent auction style sale. Bids for the artwork will close on September 28 at 2:30pm.
- Artwork must remain until after the critique and then all artwork must be removed. If you cannot attend the critique, arrangements must be made with Volo Bog Nature Center for pick up the following week.
- All entries must have their dues paid in order to enter the show. We will be taking dues
 and membership applications at the drop off on Sept 2 from 10-1. For this show we are
 asking artists to enter one or two pieces, but only one piece will be critiqued.
- Artwork must have been completed in the last three years and have not been entered in any previous spring or fall art show.

Instructions: Fill out the attached forms and return to Denese Manley at denesemanley@gmail.com by August 20th. Make sure you attach a clear jpg of each art piece in the email along with your copy of the completed form.

Drop off your artwork at Volo Bog Nature Center on September 2 from 10am-1pm If you have artwork in the Antioch Invitational show and you'd like it in this show, drop off can be arranged for September 4th, please contact Clarese Ornstein at socoro@comcast.net to arrange a time frame.

Note: Each artist must fill out the artist statement and a short description for each of your art pieces. Questions can be directed to Deb Edmunds at edmundsdl@gmail.com



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM TO ENTER INTO THE ANNUAL FALL SHOW

LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUES FALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW AT VOLO BOG STATE NATURE CENTER "CELEBRATING NATURE" 9/6-9/28

By participating the entrant agrees to grant the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area staff, and Friends of the Volo Bog ("The Sponsors") and the staff and volunteers representing the aforementioned for this show, the right to display the artwork, and to reproduce the entrant's name, likeness, copies of the artwork, or any other image or information for purposes of promotion, publicity, and/or display, either now or in the future. Sponsors are under no obligation to provide compensation or notice for any such use. The Sponsors, their agents, and assigns, shall not be liable for any injury or illness to the artist or any damage or loss of the artists work or other personal property arising out of this exhibit or other activities **FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL**

LAKE COUNTY ART LEAGUES FALL MEMBERSHIP SHOW AT VOLO BOG NATURE AREA "CELEBRATING NATURE" 9/6-9/28

Required:	Tell us a story about your artwork:	#1	
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