



Spring Membership  
Show Critique  
Winners

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1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tad Seidel, "Indiana Dunes"



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ernest Schweit, "Immersion"



3<sup>rd</sup> Place:  
Lois Guthridge  
"Hippo"





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Back Cover; Mary Haas

## Please Join Us: LCAL June Membership Meeting/Picnic Food, Fun, a Demo, Games and Prizes! 17 June at Viking Park



- **Location:** Viking Park, 4374 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee (or State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake, in case of inclement weather).
- **Picnic Hours:** 6 to 8:30 pm (Viking Park closes at sunset: 8:30 pm).
- **Please bring a dish to pass.** The LCAL will provide refreshments. No alcohol is allowed.
- **Demo:** At 6:45 pm, [Sandie Bacon](#) will conduct a hands on demo using a gel medium. All supplies will be provided.  

Sandie is a Chicago based visual artist who works primarily with paint and trained as a specialist in acrylic, oil, watercolor. She also works with mixed media and sculpture.
- **Bingo:** Between 7:45 and 8:30 pm, Debbie Kalinowski will conduct art bingo and will give out 3, \$25 gift prizes!



**NOTES:** Your art will not be evaluated at this meeting, so please don't bring your art to the picnic. This will be our last meeting of the 2023/24 year.

**Questions:** Contact Deb Edmunds at 773-230-8068 or [edmundsdl@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsdl@gmail.com) or visit the LCAL [Facebook page](#).



## LCAL June Show at Starline Factory is Underway!

LCAL's June art show at the Starline Factory in Harvard, IL, continues through Sat, 29 June.

Works from **16 LCAL members are in the show**, including paintings, photographs and ceramic sculptures.

Unfortunately, the email containing paperwork from one our new members was sent to spam (this has since been corrected) and so they were unable to participate in the show.

View a [short video of the show](#), produced by Jeff Harold.

The **Starline Factory** is an old, agricultural equipment manufacturing building renovated into a premier wedding and events venue. It is located at 300 W. Front Street.

Their Helm Room holds the popular "Starline 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays," and our June LCAL show is in located in the Upper Gallery above the Helm Room. To reach the Upper Gallery, take the elevator in the Stanchion Pub to the 2R floor. Exit the elevator and walk past the skylights and studios, through the blue door area, and down the hall about 100 feet.

### Visit the show:

Mondays-Fridays 9 am to 5 pm

Saturdays, 10:30 am to 7 pm

29 June/the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday event until 10 pm

### Art Pickup Following the Show:

- Shortly after the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (awaiting exact date from Starline).
- Location TBD. Anyone not making it to the pickup location will need to pick up their art at Jeff Harold's house, 927 Red Hawk Dr., Antioch (call or email to arrange date and time).



**LCAL 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Show at Adler Arts Center  
6-28 September 2024**

Below is a preview of what to expect for the September LCAL 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary show at Adler Arts Center.

Details will be provided as the event approaches.

**Schedule of Show Events for the Show at Adler Arts Center**

Early Aug	Artists will be asked to <b>submit an exhibit form</b> and a photo of their art.
27 Aug 4-8 pm 29 Aug 9 am – 1 pm	<b>Art drop off at Adler.</b>
6-28 Sep	<b>Show dates.</b> All LCAL members will be invited to display a framed, current (created in previous 3 years) piece of art work
6 Sep 6-8 pm	<b>Opening night.</b> Adler will provide drinks and live music (from the 1930s) and LCAL will cater.
19 Sep	<b>Gallery Night at Adler; Meet the Artist.</b> LCAL members who are in the show will be invited to attend and speak about their art piece, and optionally, to bring an art piece or photo of an art piece from their past to share.
30 Sep, 1 Oct, 2 Oct	<b>Art pick up at Adler</b>



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## LCAL Spring Membership Show Recap

The Lake County Art League (LCAL) Spring Membership Show took place the month of May. The show featured 38 new-art pieces from our LCAL members.

### Winners of the Show as critiqued by veteran artist, Frances Vail from Northbrook, IL

Congratulations to the **winners!**

Tad Seidel (1<sup>st</sup> place), Ernest Schweit (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and Lois Guthridge (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

See their winning art on the **first page of Sketches**.

And Congratulations to the **Honorable Mentions**, shown here.



"Contemplation"  
Marshall Philyaw



"Buckaroo in Bronze"  
Leslie Scott



"Eleanor in Three Shades of Blue"  
Mary Haas



"Morning Fog"  
Sandra Saxton



"Epiphany"  
Maureen Fisher



"Sauganash Alley"  
Deb Edmunds

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An image of LCAL member, Mary Haas' painting, showing excerpts from past 90 years of the LCAL, is provided on the last page of Sketches.

## LCAL Celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024

Six art shows will be part of the LCAL 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration throughout 2024. The public will be invited to these shows as well as to any of our evening meetings that will always include a guest artist's presentation.

Six Scheduled LCAL Art Shows in 2024	
7-28 Jun	Starline Factory Gallery in Harvard
1-29 Aug	New downtown Antioch location of the Antioch Fine Art Foundation gallery (show details pending)
6-28 Sep	Adler Arts Center, Libertyville
4-25 Oct	Starline Factory Gallery in Harvard
Nov (date pending)	Fall Membership Show: Waukegan's newly restored Carnegie Library
Mid Nov (date pending)	Fall Membership Show: Critique

**Questions about the Anniversary?** Contact a committee member; see page 9.



## LCAL Now on Facebook!

Are you a Facebook user? We now have a [Facebook Group](#)!

Right now, this group is only for current LCAL members. While you are not required to join or use the group, 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.
- You can also share a photo(s) of your artwork. (All artwork image files should be uploaded under the 'Media' section only.)

**To join**, search for "Lake County Art League Members Group" in Facebook and request to join. When we receive your request, we will add you to the group.

**Questions?** Please direct any questions to one of the 3 administrators of our Facebook Group:

Erin Galbraith  
Deb Edmunds  
Louise Villegas



## LCAL 2024-25 LCAL Officer Election Results

Congratulations and good luck to our newly-elected officers!  
LCAL members appreciate your commitment, and will strive to assist you in your elected offices.

### Outgoing

<b>President</b>	Jeff Harold
<b>Vice-President (VP)</b>	Debbie Kalinowski
<b>Treasurer</b>	Elizabeth Engle
<b>Corresponding Secretary (CS)</b>	Chris Tanner
<b>Recording Secretary (RS)</b>	Jack Littlefield

### Incoming as of 1 July 2024

<b>President Elect</b>	Deb Edmunds
<b>VP Elect</b>	Clarese Ornstein
<b>Treasurer Elect</b>	Elizabeth Engle
<b>CS Elect</b>	Erin Galbraith
<b>RS Elect</b>	Jack Littlefield



### Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!

Our league benefits tremendously from the skills and talents of *all* members. So, please seriously consider helping our board in any of the league's positions (listed on page 9).

### Do you want to serve?

Contact one of your board members (see page 9).

Show your dedication to keeping the LCAL healthy and the art community growing for another 90 years!

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## LCAL Digital Library Overview

**Please enjoy our Digital Library, recently emailed to you along with Sketches as a separate attachment (pdf file).**

The library covers many different topics organized under 9 different categories (see inset below).

Many are video presentations accessed from various services such as YouTube, Amazon Prime, Hulu, and Netflix. To view, click on the link and it will take you directly to that video. *(NOTE: These services sometimes discontinue a show; we will update the lists 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 web sites. In that way, it will become a true reflection of the LCAL, and it will accomplish our mission to promote art in Lake County.

### 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

**Questions?** Contact Val Brandner;  
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## LCAL Meetings and Staff

### The Lake County Art League Year:

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

Jan, Feb, sometimes Mar	Virtual
Sep, Oct, Jan-Jun	presentations, usually a demonstration
Nov, May	Closing critiques for membership shows
Dec	Holiday break

**Newsletters:** After Nov, newsletters are sent only occasionally to members who have not paid their dues

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

### 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

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Image of a local woman from the era of Cora Davies.



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Waukegan home of Cora and her husband J.W. Fredrick Davies, a local minister.



Mary included this lovely sketch of her 8-yr-old son.



**“Dreams of Art League Shows Gone By”  
Oil; Mary Haas**

Mary’s painting commemorates LCAL’s 90 years. It illustrates a favorite art league legend: In the early 1950s, there was no public space for art shows, so on a special day, members hung their art on fisherman's nets drying at Waukegan Harbor. The harbor, seen in the distance, was then the center of a vast commercial fishery.