



# NEW SLETTER

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## Studio Tour

The 2nd Annual Open Studio Tour will be held the weekend of May 3-4, 2025 with hours 10:00 am-4:00 pm on Saturday and 12 pm-4:00 pm on Sunday.

There are many new artists' on the tour. It's your chance to visit with LOW members working in a variety of media.

At some of the artists' homes you may have a "hands-on" experience - **Joe and Elaine Freeland** will help you "throw" or "pinch" a pot. **BJ Elvgren** will be demonstrating her paper mache technique. See **Elena Pratt's** unique art collection. **Aura Aten** will have her beautiful pottery on display. See the tools **Toni Ruther** uses to put together her stained glass and jewelry creations. **Pete Brown** will be demonstrating his painting technique. **Gary Close** is going to have a work in progress to view and will discuss his artistic and creative technique with visitors. See jewelry being assembled at **Susan Latta's** studio.

At the same studio you will see **Tom Latta's** amazing photography. Enjoy **Peggy Shull's** mesmerizing pours and photography. **Christy Rappoport** will demonstrate her distinctive fabric art technique. **Catherine Hillis** will have her studio open with her stunning watercolor paintings. Visit with five artists - all giving demonstrations - at Maribeth Logan's Creative Gatherings Studio - **Allita Irby** (photography, mixed media); **Nan Lamb** (3-D decoupage); **Bill Mann** (acrylic painting); **Lisa Spencer-Ballard** (watercolor and acrylic paintings, cards, and jewelry); and **Kathy Walters** (silver jewelry). **Maribeth Logan**, the owner of Creative Gatherings, will be sharing information about art classes available at this studio through the year. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to visit these artists demonstrating their techniques in their own studios!

## May Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on  
**Monday, May 5th, 2025 - 10 am Community Center - Room 2**  
(Critique, as always, at 9:30)

**Lisa Spencer-Ballard** will give an art history presentation on Louis Comfort Tiffany's 50-year career in the arts, beginning in 1870 and spanning the era of the 19th century's three most important design reform movements: Aesthetic, Arts and Crafts, and Art Nouveau. We will take a look at the life and times of this brilliant businessman and the artist of "Light and Color."

*We always welcome guests and new members - artists and art lovers, alike!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Fareways Exhibit

May 10, 2025 - September 13, 2025

Entries due May 5, 2025

Installation May 10, 2025

Reception May 18, 2025

There's still time to enter your art in the exhibit.

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Join us on June 11, 2025 for an introduction to Zentangle.



Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies.  
Registration begins May 5.

## May 5, 2025

General Membership Meeting  
9:30 am Critique Session  
10 am - General Meeting

Community Center  
Room 2

Additional information - bottom left.

## May 12, 2025

**SEC Committee Meeting**

Community Center, Room 1  
2 p.m.

*Join us for fun and friendship!*



Click above to see a complete calendar of events and deadline dates.

## Our Busy Members



David Bailey, the English photographer, said “It takes a lot of imagination to be a good photographer. You need less imagination to be a painter because you can invent things. But in photography everything is so ordinary; it takes a lot of looking before you learn to see the extraordinary.”

**Jen Heinz** has certainly shown us the extraordinary with her photo *Blooming Magnolia*. Jen describes how she created this image. “*Blooming Magnolia* attempts to capture the beauty of a magnolia branch that had naturally broken from the tree at the height of its bloom. To create the image, I placed the branch on a large light panel and photographed it from directly above—using a wide-angle lens and a step stool to frame it just right. I like the minimalist composition options that using a light panel provides. In this case, allowing the viewer to focus solely on the curve of the branch and delicate blooms without any distracting background. In post-processing, I deliberately softened the textures and refined tones to create the painterly effect.” Extraordinary indeed, Jen!



McClusky, Ginny, *Rest Stop*

**Ginny McClusky**, who we have previously known as a watercolorist, has recently tried her hand at acrylic painting. Ginny explains what led to the creative change - “there’s not much to tell! I grew up in New England and have a love of the ocean and all that comes with it, including seagulls, even though many consider them to be pesky. Art lets me quiet my mind, but, this winter I was feeling blocked, so I changed my medium to acrylic to give myself a new concentration where I could lose track of time and find quiet again. It is very different from watercolor, but art principles remain the same, and I found joy in the way I could blend colors on the canvas. I think stepping into working with acrylics was meant to be, because it has fueled my desire to get back in to working in oil, as I did as a teenager. I owe that also to my grandfather -- he tolerated me as a pesky child watching him paint, and after he left this earth, I inherited his paint setup!

Even as I pondered recently why bother being an artist if AI makes art so easy for anyone to produce, the answer is ‘because it makes me happy.’”

Your art makes us happy, too, Ginny!

Visit Creative Gatherings Art Studio [website](#) to check out the May/June schedule for a variety of art classes. Drawing, portraits, watercolor, acrylics, and oils classes are open for sign up.

See art works by LOW Artists at the FCCA May 2025 Show, All Shapes and Sizes, a juried exhibition.

Exhibit dates are April 26 through May 30, 2025



Rappoport, *Intersections*



Brown, *All but Forgotten*



Rappoport, *Circles*



O'Donnell, Skagsand Beach Monster



O'Donnell, *Light Rocks*



Rappoport, *Flower Power*

**Christy Rappoport and Jen Heinz** (*Blooming Magnolia*, above) both received Honorable Mentions in Liberty Town's show this month!

"Botanical, A Regional Juried Exhibition" will be on display April 4, 2025 through April 27, 2025.

**BJ Elvgren's** charming *Flight of Fancy* and **Elena Pratt's** *Daisies are the Friendliest Flower* are also included in the exhibition.

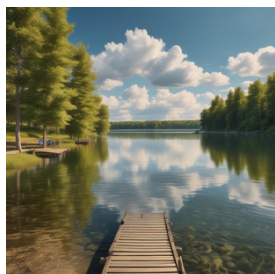
Pratt, *Daisies are the Friendliest Flower*Elvgren, *Flight of Fancy*

## Art Fun

The Art Institute of Chicago has recreated Van Gogh's famous bedroom to be rented on Airbnb!

The bedroom was created to celebrate the exhibition "Van Gogh's Bedrooms," which centers around three paintings of his domestic space he created from 1888 to 1889. The exhibition also serves as the first time the paintings will exist within the same space in North America.

[Click here for more info.](#)



Created by Artbreeder and Jen

Ready to turn your words into works of art with an AI collaborator? **Jen Heinz** suggests we check out [Artbreeder.com](https://artbreeder.com), an AI app that can generate images from text - just type in a description and watch your ideas come to life. Want to remix your own photos into dreamy, surreal, or stunning new images? Yeah, it does that too. It's fun - and, fair warning, it can be addictive.

Give it a try and see what you can dream up.

Check out "Art in Bloom" at the Cherry Blossom Festival. [Click here](#) to view the artistry and creativity.

Have you heard of the new movie "Art for Everybody"? [Click here](#) for a review by RogerEbert.com. "Thomas Kinkade, the subject of the documentary 'Art for Everybody,' was just 53 when he died of what a coroner said was an overdose of alcohol and Valium. He was the most financially successful painter in the world at the time of his demise, and the only one to have his own franchised line of stores selling signed prints and licensed merch: plates, mugs, miniatures, stuffed animals."



*Art is meant to be shared! There is a thriving art community both within Lake of the Woods and outside our gates. These local galleries not only display the work of their artists but sponsor exhibits that are open for you to participate in. Take that step! Share your art! They want to display (and possibly sell) your work! You will find all the details you need about each show on their website. Click on the graphic to connect.*



For more information visit our website, our Facebook and Instagram pages, and watch for articles in the Lake Currents.

