

Building **Appreciation** for the Arts



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Attention: Community Calendar

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February 15, 2017 – Pyrography Demonstration presented by Gail Diedrichson

The February 15th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL. Gail and Art Diedrichson will present lovely wooden boxes created by Art, embellished with pyrography by Gail. Pyrography is essentially woodturning with modern tools, unlike the wood burning of the past. Gail Diedrichson uses hard woods which have a wonderful scent when burned with different types of tips to create fine lines and details. Gail enjoyed a career as an art teacher and also has an M.A. in drawing from Northern Illinois University. She currently also illustrates children's books. Gail will demonstrate and bring samples of her work. Her website is www.gailspyrography.com

Gail Diedrichsen enjoyed a career as an art and reading teacher. Retired, with more time to make her own art, she explored pyrography and found herself hooked. Her husband, Art Diedrichsen, a retired accountant, found his joy with woodworking and in retirement has more time to work in the shop. It seemed only natural that Gail would be drawn to embellishing wood. His boxes are works of art in themselves, but once Gail burns them, they become truly unique. This retired couple enjoys making collaborative works of art. She is active with the Nature Artist Guild of the Morton Arboretum and enjoys the camaraderie she has with fellow artists. Art belongs to the Fox Valley Wood Workers' Club and DuPage Woodworkers' Club.

Gail also illustrates children's books and is working on her third. Pyrography is Gail's passion because she enjoys subject matter inspired by the beauty of the natural world. Art likes working with wood and says, "Its beauty exists in the natural wood itself."

The public is welcome; a donation for the local food pantry is appreciated.

Free parking. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Liz Popp Connelly(815)341-1145 or visit www.lemontartistsguild.org

Lemont Artists Guild Mission Statement: Our mission is to enhance life in Lemont and surrounding communities by providing fine art education, instruction, programming and appreciation through a supportive environment that nurtures creativity and individuality.