

Greetings!

2012 is off to a *fast* start! It's hard to believe it is already February. We should have a fun meeting on Feb. 15th this month with glass artist, Sue Elgar. Hope you can make it out. Thanks to all who were able to bring their "Show and Tell" item to the January meeting. I love that meeting because we all get to see what everyone is up to with their art and or art interests. If you missed it, maybe bring a piece of your artwork to an upcoming LAG Meeting and submit it to our "Back of the Hall" contest we perform each month and vote on. It is always exciting to see a member's work! If you won an award from the Lemont Artists Guild in 2011, Bill Uznanski may be contacting you for your artwork to submit something in the Alliance of Fine Art's "Best of the Best" show. It is taking place this year April 17- May 24, 2012 at the Mayslake Peabody Estate again. You can check out directions to Mayslake on the AFA website at www.AllianceofFineArt.org. The reception date and when awards will be handed out is Thursday, May 24th. The AFA is also looking for a Treasurer for their organization, if you want to get more connected with other artists, being on the AFA board is a great opportunity to do that. LAG itself would also love another delegate volunteer to attend meetings for AFA. So, if that interests you, please let me know. I hope your February is off to a great start and we look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable and non-expired food item for the Lemont Food Pantry!

Sincerely,
Liz Popp
President

Athens Gallery-Be sure to stop in at the Athens Art Gallery (in the Lemont Public Library, 50

East Wend St.). Contact Jim McGloin (708) 710-5243 with any questions.

Battuto Glass Engraving Presented by Sue Elgar

The upcoming Lemont Artists Guild meeting is on Wed., February 15th and will begin at 7 PM at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Sue Elgar, well known glass artist, is excited to do a program on glass engraving for the Lemont Artists Guild. Sue has been creating glass for many years. Her work has been shown in glass publications and Sue has taught glass workshops. She will talk on Battuto glass engraving, a style of engraving that focuses on texture. Sue studied in Italy and with the famous Czech glass portrait engraver, Jiri Hrcuba. His portraits can be used to make prints. Sue will give an overview of techniques and equipment. She will bring her engraving machine. A brief discussion of lampworking will illustrate development into engraving. Sue will also bring examples of her work

Upcoming 2012

Calendar of Events for LAG:

Feb. 15	Sue Elgar, Battuto Glass Engraving and Glass Lampworking
Mar. 21	Lyn Tietz, Water Soluble Oils
Mar. 31	Acrylic Mixed Media Workshop, Annette Leiber
Apr. 17-May 24	Best of Best at Mayslake
Apr. 18	Patty Pullman, Polymer clay
May 16	Linda Berck, Many Faces of Mata Ortiz Pottery of Mexico.

Battuto, an Italian word that means "struck" or "beaten," refers to a cold working technique in which glass is cut or ground into to create depressions or small facets in the surface of the glass. The effect, which is not unlike distressed furniture or hammered iron, is achieved by grinding the glass to produce numerous small, irregularly shaped crevices adjacent and parallel to each other over the surface of the glass. Traditionally, the battuto finish is achieved by use of grinding wheel or glass lathe, but other tools (such as hand grinders) can also be used. The incisions made for battuto are generally larger and flatter (as opposed to narrow and deep). As with many cold working techniques, achieving a good battuto finish can be time consuming (and, some would say, a bit tedious).

DON'T FORGET FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING:

- *Your Artwork for the Back of the Hall Competition
- *Bring donations for the Lemont Food Pantry
- *Your Hand-Made Name-Tag (did you make one yet, if not, check someone's out at the next meeting!)

Notes from the Editor:

Information for the LAG newsletter should be sent to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or Betty@bbkirk.com

* Our Hostess for the February meeting will be Richard Vacco Jr. and Shirley Sobol will bring the beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

* The January **Back of the Hall** winner was Linda Berck "Alie". 2nd place was Audrey Altringer "Eagle Feather" and 3rd Gina Rende "Attractor." Congrats!!

**Upcoming Affiliated Art Guilds'
Meetings/Websites (if available)**

*Information is updated to the best of our ability;
please check each guild's website to confirm
information:*

Addison Art Guild –1/12/12- Tammy L. Deck, Wet
felting <http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/>

Alliance of Fine Art - Board meets 4/17/12, 5/24/12
www.allianceoffineart.org

Artists Assoc. of Elk Grove Village-2/22/12 -
Pamela Lowrie, Professional Critique
<http://www.elkgrovecity.org/artAssoc.asp>

Bloomington Artists Association –2/9/12- Mixed
Media Sculpture Demo
www.bloomingtonartistsassociation.org

Book and Paper Arts Guild-2/9/12 - Expressive
Art Collage - Lisle Public Library www.bpag.org

Clay Space – Date N/A www.clayspace.net

Downers Grove Artist Guild - 2/13/12
www.downersgroveartistsguild.com

DuPage Art League - 2/20/12 – Jacqueline France
-Landscape Painting as an Extreme Sport! Bruce
Peterson, Painting with Projectors and Light Tables
www.dupageartleague.com

Elmhurst Artists Guild –2/16/12 –
Jeff Cutro – Painting and Photography
www.elmhurstartistsguild.com

LaGrange Art League – 2/19/12- Thomas
McDonal. Slide show www.lagrangeartleague.org

Lemont Center for the Arts-Art Classes
Contact Mona Parry at 708-301-7496
For class schedule and event information.

Lombard Arts Coalition –
www.lombardartscoalition.com

Midwest Collage Society – 5/1/12- Woven Fat
Book <http://midwestcollagesociety.blogspot.com>

Naperville Art League –
www.napervilleartleague.com

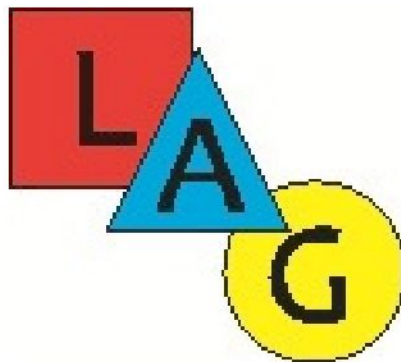
Oak Brook Art League – Date N/A

Plainfield Art League –2/8/12-
www.plainfieldartleague.org

West Suburban Artists Guild 2/19/12 - Cherie
Salerno, sumi brush painting
www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org

Town & Country Art League-2/10/12 - John Tylk,
Pastel <http://www.afineartleague.com>

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*The most important thing about goals is
having one.*

All glory comes from daring to begin

*To accomplish great things we must dream
as well as act.*

*Take adversity... turn it into challenge and
create opportunity.*