



# March, 2013 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of LAG,

I hope that March is off to a great start for all of you. March is always a fun month, filled with the promise of Spring and rejuvenation! So far, the Lemont Artists Guild is staying busy with our upcoming Polymer Clay workshop on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 to 4 pm at the Lemont Public Library. If you are interested in signing up for this, contact our vice-president, Lynn Rozycki. You can download the registration form on the website at [www.lemontartistsguild.org](http://www.lemontartistsguild.org). Our March meeting, just before that, is on Wed. March 20th. Our speaker will give us insight in creating a body of work and generating creative ideas for our artwork. Should be an informative and fun meeting! LAG is excited to offer our members three showing opportunities this year! Jim McGloin is coordinating a member show at the Athens Gallery in the Lemont Public Library for our members with the theme of "children" in honor of Mother's Day. We also have been invited to show at the McCord House in Palos Park in their gallery in June, and we also are scheduled to show work at the Woodridge Public Library in August. Stay tuned for drop off dates and pick up dates of your artwork. We are excited to have these opportunities for you to show your work. The work needs to be ready to hang with a hanging wire on the back and properly framed for presentation. You will be responsible for dropping off and picking up your artwork. We will post the appropriate dates soon.

Have you visited our website lately? We have started a member gallery and would love to have some of your artwork on it. We will have forms for submitting your artwork for the website at the March 20th meeting and will also plan to e-mail the form out to our membership. Also stay tuned for your membership renewal letter. We renew our membership for LAG in May. You will need to be up to date on your membership to participate in the upcoming showings we have planned.

I would like to close on an exciting note, LAG will be awarding two student scholarships for \$500 this year. One to a student from Lemont High School and one to a student from Lockport High School. We are so glad to encourage young people to pursue the arts! We'll announce the winners in May.

Well, my advice to you for March, keep an umbrella handy and dress in layers. You never know when the weather will get chilly, or better, will warm up to a nice sunny day!!

Sincerely,

Liz Popp

President, Lemont Artists Guild

## Work in Transition

Presented by Eric Gorder

The March 20<sup>th</sup> Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Eric Gorder, Joliet Junior College Professor of Pottery, will discuss creating a new body of work and how to generate new ideas. He will talk about his past vessel related forms, and his transition towards a body of work that includes wall relief and standing floor installations.

Eric started exhibiting his art work in 1994. He worked at colleges and universities from 1995 to present in Iowa, New Mexico, Oregon and Illinois. Gorder received his MFA in 2001 from the University of Iowa.

Eric considers himself a clay artist. "For many years, thrown vessels were a primary means of artistic expression. Vessels have always been my stepping stones, generating new ideas and moments of curiosity. I find exquisite beauty and intimacy in functional objects. I am challenged by creating thrown utilitarian wares that have controlled form combined with a soft line.

Exploring the vessel through hand-built methods have naturally led to a more sculptural and conceptual approach. Moving from the utilitarian use of the wheel has developed a freedom within my forming process, yet I still concentrate on creating objects that identify with function or storage—the "idea" of vessel. Hand-forming allows me to stretch the clay's surface from the inside and create textural cracks and fissures. It permits me to work reductively, faceting surface planes. Through the use of molds, I am able to create rectangular forms that are not possible to make on the wheel.

My installations and sculptures explore the cyclic nature of human needs and desires, and how they appear throughout life, often going unmet or unanswered. By addressing conceptual ideas that individual vessel forms cannot fully convey, this work allows an even greater freedom within the clay medium. Vessel-oriented sensibilities are still evident because I invest sculpture and installation space as a volume or vessel needing to be filled. "

His website is: <http://ericgorder.com/home.html>

### Upcoming 2013

Mar. 19-April 26	Best of the Best
Mar. 20	Work in Transition, Eric Gorder
Mar. 23	Polymer Clay Workshop
April 4	Best of Best Reception
April 10	Scratchboard, Annette Leiber
May 15	Photographing Nature, Darcy Berg
June 2013	LAG members art exhibit at McCord House in Palos
August 2013	LAG members show at Woodridge Library

**Athens Gallery**-Be sure to stop in at the Athens Art Gallery (in the Lemont Public Library, 50 East Wend St.). March will be photography by Bill and Nancy Uznanski. Contact Jim McGloin (708) 710-5243 with any questions.

#### **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](mailto:Betty@bbkirk.com)

- \* Our Hostess for the March meeting will be Betty Burian Kirk and Gina Rende will bring the beverages (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

- \* February **Back of the Hall** 1<sup>st</sup> place, Helen McLuckie's "Jellies", 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lynn Rozycki's "Teal Delight" and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gene Mark's "Pebble Abstract".
- \* Mary Kodl Tresdale won the February door prize.

\* **Need a chairperson or co-chairs for Love of Art Show 2014.** There will be no 2013 show.

**Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** - Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) is in need of a secretary. They meet the 1st Tuesday of the month and the secretary takes the minutes. If you are a LAG member, you are welcome to apply to this. Contact Karen, the president of AFA for details/information: [keskala@comcast.net](mailto:keskala@comcast.net)  
[www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org)

*The profit of great ideas comes when you turn them into reality*

*Never confuse motion with action.*

*You must do the thing you think you cannot do.*