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Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

Drawing with Charcoal

Presented by Robert Pennor

Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 2013-7 pm

Lemont Public Library

The September 18th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at **7 PM** at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Robert Pennor will demonstrate drawing with charcoal. Robert is a member of Oil Painters of America and American Impressionist Society. You can check out Robert Pennor's work at www.robertpennorgallery.com Robert teaches at DuPage Art League and is represented by the Brigantine Art Gallery in Downers Grove. He has won numerous awards. Bring a charcoal paper pad, drawing board, kneaded eraser, charcoal pencils in medium, soft and hard. If you don't have these items just bring what you can. We will all benefit from Robert's knowledge.

After graduating from the Art Institute of Boston with a degree in illustration, he worked as a graphic designer for an aerospace company and also an advertising agency in Connecticut. His desire to draw and paint gave him the drive to become an advertising illustrator. During that period of time, he also did illustrations of buildings for architectural firms. He has been a full time landscape painter for ten years and a member of OPA (Oil Painter of America) and AIS (American Impressionist Society).

A variety of paintbrushes and palette knives are used in his creative pieces, working mostly in Oil and acrylic paints. Pennor paints with a sense of adventure by making creative adjustments in his landscapes and is also known for his cityscapes that represent Chicago and surrounding cities.

DON'T FORGET FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING:

*Your Artwork for the Back of the Hall Competition

*Bring donations for the Lemont Food Pantry

2013 Upcoming Events for LAG

Sept. 18- Robert Pennor, drawing with Charcoal
Oct. 16- John Walker, Painting a Portrait in Acrylics
Nov. 20- Karen Snow, Silk Painting
Dec 12- Holiday Party
Jan. 15- Members Sow and Tell
Feb. 19- Richard Ainsworth of Ainsworth Gallery in Joliet, Photojournalism-Street Photography
Apr. 16- Liz Wall, Pastel
May 21 TBO

Letter from the President

Dear LAG Members and Friends of LAG,

Greetings! It has been a fun summer that really flew by fast! I hope you enjoyed your summer! LAG will start meeting again on Wed. Sept. 18th at 7 pm. Our program leader, Robert Pennor will show us his charcoal expertise. Don't forget to bring your sketch pad and charcoal crayons or pencils if you want to experiment yourself. Otherwise, just come out and enjoy and artful night!

LAG was sad to say goodbye to longtime LAG member, Art Garibay, who passed away recently on August 21st. Art was a great man. He was former Will County deputy sheriff and Lemont Liquor Commissioner and past president of Lemont Law Enforcement Assoc. (LEEA). He was a member of Portrait Painters of America, as well as the NRA and the Lemont Historical Society. He was also former secretary of the Lemont Artists Guild and even an amateur radio operator. Art was a great oil painter and always a pleasure to talk to. We will miss him very much.

LAG had two member art shows this summer. One was at the McCord Gallery and Cultural Center and the other one was at the Woodridge Public Library. Thank-you to those that helped hang and take down the shows and thank-you to the members that participated in the shows. Both were complimented, we should be proud of how well our group looked! One of our very own LAG members, Gene Mark currently has her work on display at Athens Gallery in the Lemont Public Library thru Oct. 16th. Be sure to take some time to see her photography.

Have you heard of the Lemont Center for the Arts? They are raising funds for art supplies to paint an outdoor mural depicting the quarry workers strike of 1885 in Lemont. Bonus Electric has donated an exterior wall of their building on which the mural will be painted. However, the project is being funded solely through donations by individuals and organizations and businesses. If you are interested in donating to this public art project, donations will be accepted in any amount. Contact Mona Parry at 708-301-7496 or bobmonaparry@hotmail.com for more information.

LAG is looking for some volunteers to bring a snack or a drink to our Oct. or Nov. meeting. Let Shirley

Sobol know if you want to bring a snack or drink. We are also looking for someone to be our secretary. The main duties of secretary are to take notes at our board meetings and send cards out as requested, i.e. Thank-you cards, Get Well Cards, etc. We meet once a month, usually in the morning, for about an hour long meeting. It's a fun board position, and a great cause to donate your time. Finally, we also are seeking out a chair or co-chairs for the Love of Art Show. There is no show scheduled this year and we can not schedule one for 2014 until we have a chair or co-chair persons. It is a great show for the guild and community. It is pretty organized, but we just need someone(s) to be willing to run it. Contact me if you are interested in helping out as secretary or the Love of Art.

Well, as I close out this month's letter, I will note that the temperature today was 95 degrees. Hard to believe its September. Perhaps by our Sept. 18th meeting, it will have cooled down some, and we'll be enjoying the first signs of fall. I hope you had a terrific summer! As always, we hope you will remember some non-perishable food donations for the Lemont Food Pantry at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Liz Popp
Lemont Artists Guild President

Athens Gallery

The Athens Gallery, located in the Lemont Public Library at 50 E. Wend Street, Lemont will have Gene Marc's photography on exhibit from September 6 through October 16.

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 September meeting will be Helen McLuckie and Cathy Mustari will bring the beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

*May **Back of the Hall** 1st place, Gene Marc, 2nd place Betty Burian Kirk and 3rd Bill Uznanski

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) - The next board meeting is Tuesday, October 1 from 7 pm until 8 pm, at Denny's 17 W 660 22nd Street in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. All LAG members are welcome to attend.

www.allianceoffineart.org

The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

Chinese Proverb

You don't have to be great to get started but you have to get started to be great.

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