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Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

Acrylic Painting

Presented by John Walker

Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 2013-7 pm

Lemont Public Library

The October 16th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at **7 PM** at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. John Walker works almost exclusively in acrylic. John is a member of the National Society of Casein and Acrylic Painters. He was awarded best of show in the 2012 and the 2013 Alliance of Fine Art's Best of the Best shows and was named a finalist in Artist Magazine's 2012 art competition in the portrait and figure category. John will bring samples of his work and discuss his acrylic painting techniques.

John Walker studied art and design at the College of DuPage in Wheaton IL, and illustration the American Academy of Art in Chicago IL. Upon graduation, he worked at Chicago art studio, Feldkamp/Malloy, before becoming a staff illustrator at Higgins Hegner Genovese and later a freelance artist with Frank Lux and Associates. After a time he began working from his own studio, and created artwork for a diverse group of advertising and publishing clients including National Geographic, The Bradford Exchange, McDonalds, Warner Brothers and Random House.

After years of creating art to satisfy the demands of clients, John began to spend more time painting personal pieces. Although a diverse artist, his focus recently has been portrait and figurative work, primarily using acrylics on hardboard

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

- Oct. 16-** John Walker, Painting a Portrait in Acrylics
- Nov. 20-** Karen Snow, Silk Painting
- Dec 11-** LAG Holiday Party-Details to be announced.
- Jan. 15-** Members Show 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,

I hope your fall is going well so far. The weather has been great, and now the leaves are starting to change so there should be some great crisp, fall days to enjoy in October. I want to thank our vice-president, Lynn Rozycki for getting all of our program speakers lined up for 2013-2014. That takes a lot of her time contacting speakers and scheduling them, and she works very hard at it in the spring to make sure we are set up for the next year. If you see her, tell her thanks! Our treasurer, Jim McGloin schedules the artists in Athens gallery throughout the year, that also is a big job, so thanks for keeping that going Jim!! If you have suggestions for future program speakers, or artist(s) in the Athens gallery, let us know!

Did you know that the Illinois Arts Council Agency and the Illinois Humanities Council are proud to present the 6th annual Illinois Arts & Humanities Month? Throughout October, they encourage all Illinoisans to establish, deepen, and expand their relationships with the arts and humanities. Together, we celebrate the vital role of the arts and humanities in our individual and shared community life. AH! Month, an expansion of Illinois Arts Week, begun in 1978, has lead to hundreds of communities and countless individuals across the Land of Lincoln to become more aware of our state's vast cultural resources and to appreciate their animating force, economic impact, and power to unite. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/illinoisartscouncilagency> or <http://www.arts.illinois.gov/> to find out more information!!!

More information is to follow about the upcoming LAG Holiday party in December, (note it is the 2nd Wed. in December.) If you want to help in planning it, please let a board member know, we always welcome games and ideas for the holiday party! We are still looking for a LAG secretary, it is really easy and a way to get to know LAG better! We also need volunteers to be the Greeter at our meetings. Hope to see you at our October 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 **LAG Member Gene Mark's photography** on exhibit from September 6 through October 16.

Lemont Center for the Arts:

LAG Member Kelly Kopacz has art on display at the Lemont Center for the Arts in October. Visit their website to see the write-up about her:
<http://lemontcenterforthearts.wordpress.com/2013/09/30/kelly-a-kopacz-local-artist-feature/>

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 bbkirk@sbcglobal.net

* Our Hostess for the October meeting will be Linda Berck and Gene Mark will bring the beverages.

(Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

*September **Back of the Hall** 1st place Linda Berck "Multi Media 3 Cacti", 2nd place Liz Popp "Extra Stuff" and 3rd Betty Burian Kirk "Poppy's".

* Jim Kirk won the door prize, 3 note cards donated by Denese Casserly.

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) - The next board meeting will be the first Tuesday in November, location may change, so visit their website for up to date information at www.allianceoffineart.org. They are also looking for a venue to hold the Best of the Best show in 2014. If you have suggestions, let AFA president know, Karen Encher Skala, her email is keskala@comcast.net.

Don't let small minds convince you that your dreams are too big.

If you can not do great things, do small things in a great way.

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

Les Brown

Art is the only way to runaway without leaving home.

Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age and dreams are forever.

Walt Disney