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**April 2014**  
**Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter**

**NEXT LAG MEETING:**

**Pastel Demonstration**

**Presented by Liz Wall**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014 - 7 pm**

**Lemont Public Library**

**The April 16th Lemont Artists Guild meeting**, will begin at **7 PM** at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Liz Wall will demonstrate pastels. Liz is an instructor at McCord Gallery and Cultural Center, signature member of The Chicago Pastel Painters, and Artist Member of Palette & Chisel. In 2013, her work was selected for the upcoming book "Art of the Sleeping Bear Dunes" published in August. Participants should bring a sketchbook or paper, an eraser and a 6B or any soft dark pencil to join in a fun exercise!

Liz states, "Both intellect and emotion are part of my painting process along with a sense of the moment in which the subject was both observed and painted. I love the gesture of the figure, the drama of light and the sense of place that atmosphere gives the viewer. My studio work is often done from my sketchbooks even if I am working from photo reference. The plein air and work from the model or still life are more direct but still use a thumbnail sketch to nail the design. Currently, my main studio is in Chicago as well as a studio in Traverse City, Michigan and love the energy of both places. My paintings also reflect the many places I've travelled to and the interesting people I've seen. The best part of being an artist is observing people and places and being open to the journey of lifelong learning."

You can see Liz Wall's work at <http://lizwall.com>.

**2014 Upcoming Events for LAG**

**Apr. 16- Liz Wall**, Pastel Demonstration

**May 21 Tarry Erickson**, How to Make Mats and put together Metal Frames for your Artwork

**June/July-LAG Member Showing "3 Best"** in Athens Gallery-Dates May 16 to June 27

**Fall-Veterans Show** at Athens Gallery Dates Sept. 5 to Oct. 17

**Letter from the President**

Greetings!

We have a lot to be excited about in the month of April. If you attend our membership meeting on April 16, and you are a current LAG member, you will receive your renewal letter for LAG for the 2014-2015 year. If not, we will be mailing out the letters to those who could not attend. Lynn Rozycki, our Vice-President, has been hard at work scheduling our program speakers for next year. It already looks to be a great lineup and we will be excited to announce it when Lynn is finished. We are still planning a LAG members gallery show this summer. Jim McGloin, our Treasurer, is still working out the dates with the Lemont library, so stay posted for details. LAG Member, Bill Brisick, is hard at work for a fall show at the Lemont Library that will incorporate artwork by United States Veterans. Thanks for doing this Bill! Bill is a veteran himself and came up with this idea to honor veterans. If you are, or know someone who is a veteran and creates artwork, please let him know so you or the person you know can be a part of the show. You don't have to be a LAG member for the veterans show.

In closing, we always love people to help out...if you would like to be a greeter at our April meeting, please let me know...it is so nice for someone from LAG to be at the door greeting our members and guests when they come into the meeting. Thank you Margaret Park, for helping out at our March meeting!

With kind regards and happy thoughts of spring (woohoo) I wish you well.

Sincerely,  
Liz Popp, President  
LAG

**Athens Gallery**

The Athens Gallery is located in the Lemont Public Library at 50 E. Wend Street and curated by Jim McGloin, LAG Treasurer. He is always looking for someone to help him with Athens Gallery, so if you would like to, let him know. There is no exhibit at present because the library has other things going on but plans for a display by Lemont Artists Guild members titled "3 Best" will be May 16-June 27 and a show with artwork created by United States Veterans is going to be displayed Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17. Details to follow!

**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](mailto:bbkirk@sbcglobal.net)

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

\***March** Back of the Hall 1st place Cathy Mustari's "Other Worlds", 2nd place William Brisick's "The Jump: Gangnam Style" and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Maggie Capettini's "Kona No. 2."

\*Art Fox will have his artwork at Lemont Center for the Arts in April. Art has various works that incorporate painting on glass that he calls "Light Sculptures." He will have a reception of his work on Sunday, April 27, 2-5 pm at the Lemont Center for the Arts, 1243 State Street, Ste. 101, Lemont, IL.

**Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on May 6, 2014 from 7 pm until 8 pm, in the upstairs conference room of the McDonald's at 22nd Street and Spring Road in Oak Brook [www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org).

The newsletter is located:

<http://www.allianceoffineart.org/Newsletters.php>

**AFA BEST OF THE BEST COMPETITION**-This year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Best of the Best Competition will take place May 16<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. This year's location is new, it will be at Burning Bush Gallery in Wheaton-216 North Main Street, Wheaton, IL 60187. More details to follow!!

*The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away*

Pablo Picasso

*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.*

Cicero

**DON'T FORGET FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING:**

- \*Your Artwork for the Back of the Hall Competition
- \*Bring donations for the Lemont Food Pantry
- \*Create your own Nametag!! We will keep it for you to use at each meeting.