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## Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

### How to make Mats & Put Together

### Metal Frames for your Artwork

Presented by Tarry Erickson

Wednesday, May 21 2014 - 7 pm

Lemont Public Library

The May 21st Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Come out for a fun evening learning from Tarry how to make mats and put together metal frames for your own artwork. This should be an informative meeting and give you some good ideas for displaying your own artwork this coming summer and fall.

Tarry Erickson is a retired construction industry executive. Upon retirement, he renewed an interest in art and painting that he developed when he studied architecture at the University of Illinois. Mr. Erickson began with watercolor painting and subsequently moved into pastel and oil painting. Matting and framing his art work was a natural next step in his painting career. He is a member of the LaGrange Art League and the Illinois Watercolor Society and enjoys golf and skiing when not in his art studio.

#### Athens Gallery

The Athens Gallery is located in the Lemont Public Library at 50 E. Wend Street and curated by Jim McGloin, LAG Treasurer. **LAG members exhibit, "Three of My Best" runs May 16 to June 27.**

**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.

### 2014 Upcoming Events for LAG

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

**May 16-June 27-LAG Member Showing "3 Best"** in Athens Gallery

**August-Woodridge LAG Member Showing**-Details to be announced.

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

### Letter from the President

Dear all,

**Welcome May!** Hopefully you have been enjoying some of these warmer temperatures! I am excited to shed the jacket this week! We have some fun things going on in May with LAG. Jim McGloin, our Treasurer sent out an email for our upcoming Athen's Gallery Show called "Your Three Best"...we hope as an LAG member you can contribute to this show. Drop off for the artwork in the library Thursday evening May 15, or Friday morning, May 16. SEE JIM's e-mail for specific times and information though and contact him if you want to be part of this! Good news is, the show will be up for our May 21st meeting, Tarry Erickson will be presenting how to make mattes and putting together metal frames. This should be some good information as we have some downtime (hopefully?) this summer and can work on our artwork and presenting it. Speaking of presenting,,,last month at the Lemont Center for the Arts, LAG member Art Fox was featured with his Glass Light Sculptures. If you ever are presenting/showing/demonstrating feel free to give the information to our publicist Betty Burian Kirk (or myself) and we can send an email out about your happenings. We are a small group, but networking goes a loooooong way. So, if you compose the information, we will send it out to our email recipients. Coming up at our May meeting, we will vote on our upcoming LAG board for 2014/2015. So far, our slate is as follows: Board Member at Large-Gene Mark, Secretary (Acting) Nancy Uznanski, Treasurer Jim McGloin, Vice President Lynn Rozycki, and President Liz Popp. If you have an interest in being our secretary, Nancy has been filling in, but is open if someone else would like this position. You would just attend our board meetings and take minutes, which we schedule generally just once a month or every two months.. We usually meet in Lemont, lately in a room at the Park District. Let me know if you are interested in this. Shirley Sobol is also looking for someone to help her coordinate our drinks/food at each meeting, and Jim McGloin would love for someone to help him with the shows in Athens Gallery. Last but not least, I would like to close this letter by reminding you that we also have a Veteran's Show (open to the public) in Athens Gallery, coming up in September. LAG member Bill Brisick is coordinating it, so if you know a veteran who creates art, let them know they can participate in this show. If you need Jim or Bill's e-mail, feel free to contact me (my email is [lizzypopp@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzypopp@hotmail.com)). Everyone have a great May, and hope to see you at the May 21st meeting!

Sincerely, Liz Popp

**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 May meeting will be Liz Popp and Gina Rende will bring the beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

\***April** Back of the Hall 1st place William Brisick's "Vibrant Daisies", 2nd place Margaret Park's "Jeannie's Gift" and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Linda Berk's "Peony."

\*Maggie Capettini donated some of her post cards as the door prize which was won by Nancy Uznanski.

**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>

**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.

*The best teachers tell you where to look but don't tell you what to see*  
Alexandra K Trenfor

*Why fit in when you were born to stand out.*  
Dr. Seuss

*Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book.  
Write a good one.*  
Brad Paisley