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Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

Ceramic Techniques

Presented by Karen S. Musgrave

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014 - 7 pm

Lemont Public Library

The November 19th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Karen S. Musgrave, marketing director for ClaySpace Ceramic Arts Center will talk about ceramic techniques and give a little history lesson as well. Karen will be bringing some clay to allow the audience to try some of the clay techniques. She is an artist, author, teacher, speaker and curator.

ClaySpace is a non-profit clay arts studio providing a home for a growing clay arts community. They offer ceramics classes and host workshops by nationally and internationally recognized visiting artists, has resident artist memberships and internships.

ClaySpace NFP was conceived by a small group of people who formed a bond while taking continuing education ceramics classes. They envisioned a studio where one could study and work free of the constraints of the traditional college model. Their divergent backgrounds and educational disciplines came together in a shared desire to cultivate their learning in the ceramic arts. Pooling their talents and resources they created a studio that addressed their wishes, founding ClaySpace NFP in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Illinois corporation designed to provide a rich learning and working environment to its members, as well as offer ceramic classes to the public at large.

ClaySpace Gallery is located at 740 Front Street, Lisle, IL - Open Thursday 4:00 - 8:00P, Friday & Saturday 10:00A - 2:00P

ClaySpace mission is to develop, sustain and promote a nonprofit art-centered community that provides outstanding educational, artistic and collaborative programs in the ceramic arts to its Resident Artists and to the general public. Their vision states: there is great joy in creating a new work in glass or clay, starting with raw material headed towards a desired outcome. The process of building the new work teaches patience, eases anxiety, and can show us a new way of being. Each creation in glass or clay sets in motion

the maker's energy which is then made permanent through fire. The end result is a physical memory that can last for generations or break into pieces if dropped. Even broken, there is much to be learned. Children and adults build on life skills by working in the arts. Communication, problem solving, fine motor, social, and emotional skills are all honed as the person enters the world of creation, learning at each step of the process lessons not taught in their daily routine. This is a process as opposed to a product, it is not necessary to create a masterpiece to have a meaningful experience. ClaySpace endeavors to provide this experience on multiple levels for all those involved in the mission.

2014 - 2015 Upcoming Events for LAG

Nov. 19, Ceramic Techniques, Karen S. Musgrave

Dec. 7, SUNDAY -LAG Glorious Holiday

Social for Members and Families, 1:00 pm to 5:00 PM

Lemont Park District, Kensington Room at The Core

Building - 16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Come celebrate the season and socialize with your fellow LAG members and their families! More details and cost TBA!!

Jan. 21, Member Show & Tell

Feb. 18, Route 66 Photography, Jon Sall

March 18, Pastels, Ellen Rottsoik

April 15, Painting with Oil Pastels, Carol Zack

May 20, The Power of Relaxation and Your Art, Carole Wilson

Letter from the President

Greetings!

I am typing this President's letter after 6 pm and see the darkness outside, with the changing of the clocks last Sunday. It seems like summer goes by so fast, yet, those last two months of Daylight savings time do seem to end just as quickly. As we head into November, the big change of the season seems to hit, with most of the leaves off the trees, the temperatures cooler, the heat probably on in our homes,,,and the darker nights. I do like the way it gets light now a little earlier though in the morning! I needed that extra hour last weekend!! But, what does any of this have to do with LAG? To be honest, life is happening all around us, whether it is the seasons changing, new happenings in our family or professional lives, and as part of LAG, I know it is just one small part of your life with everything else you have going on. Myself included, I have been a part of LAG since 2002 (I think?) and so many things have gone on in the last 12 years (wow!), yet, I am still hanging with my LAG family too!! We appreciate all our members, and those that can't officially be a member, but come to a meeting or two, check out what's going on with us. The main thing is that as a body of people, we are putting the mission out there for the appreciation and education of the Arts!! And, with so many distractions and changes we go through, that is an amazing

commitment by those that are involved with LAG, even amongst all the other "things" you are doing. So, a big THANK-YOU to you!!!

Speaking of "hanging"....**what are you doing on Sunday, Dec. 7th?** We have decided to have our annual Holiday Party then. We are going to have it at the Lemont Park District and have it catered and guests can bring a dish to share!! We are still finalizing the details, but stay posted for them. It will be an afternoon event, **1 pm to 5 pm**. The cost is still to be determined but, our plan is for it to be affordable and you can bring your spouse/children too if you like. Good food, some games and Socializing!! I always feel like I don't have enough time to talk to others at the LAG meetings, by the time I know it, we are wrapping up to go home. **So, won't you SAVE THE DATE-Sunday, Dec. 7th-LAG's Glorious Holiday Social for Members and Families, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm?** We will put out an invite with more details soon!!!!

Our November meeting should prove to be fun, and a 3-D topic on ceramics, I hope you can make it out. Please keep LAG members Tim Rozycki and Jim Milkowski in your thoughts and prayers. They both have been hospitalized this fall and have had major surgeries. I plan to pass out the rest of the LAG directories at the November meeting, so if you don't make it to that one, we will get them in the mail. We are trying to save some on postage, so if you haven't received yours yet, don't worry, they are to come soon!!

Well, I guess I better stop writing so as to save room for Betty to put her information for the guild in this newsletter! Thank-you, happy November and Thanksgiving too!!

Sincerely,
Liz Popp-LAG President

Athens Gallery

The Athens Gallery is located in the Lemont Public Library at 50 E. Wend Street and curated by Jim McGloin, LAG Treasurer. There is no exhibit at present due to it being a polling location this fall. Future exhibits TBA.

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 November meeting will be Gene Mark and Richard Vacco will bring the beverages.. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

***October** Back of the Hall 1st place Gene Mark's "Golden Sunset", 2nd place was a three way tie Bill Uznanski's "Blue Door", Richard Vacco's "Lagoon-o-Scopic", John R. Gildroy's "Felicia" and 3rd place was Jim McGloin's "Canal Crawlers."

* Emily J. B. Christian won the October door prize, a canvas board.

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) - The next AFA Board meeting will take place in February, 2015 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. 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.

Dream big, work hard, stay focused and surround yourself with good people.

If you want to achieve greatness, stop asking for permission.

Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself.

Chinese Proverb