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Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

Pastels

Presented by Ellen Rottsoik

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 7 pm

The March 18th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at **7 PM** at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Ellen Rottsoik will give a presentation on Pastels. Ellen received her formal art training at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois earning both a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education and a Master of Arts Degree. She taught in area high schools for 12 years, teaching painting, drawing, ceramics and jewelry. Ellen also established a gifted arts program in the high school and within the art department of a junior college. Since leaving the education system, she has done private tutoring and concentrated on the development of her own style working primarily in pastels. Ellen has taught numerous classes at DuPage Art League including beginning and advanced drawing, pastels, portraits and perspective. A winner of numerous awards, she has exhibited in shows throughout the area.

2015 Upcoming Events for LAG

March 7-April 25, Best of Best, Mayslake Peabody Estate

March 18, Pastels, Ellen Rottsoik

March 30, Best of Best Reception-(see info. next page)

April 15, Painting with Oil Pastels, Carol Zack

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

Letter from the President

Hi All,

Well, we made it to March!!! Freezing temps, snow...cold gray days....wait, I think it was like that this week and its March! What? I am sure most of you, like me, are just wishing it to be spring. Well, hang on a little longer. I always hope these late springs lead to the two best seasons upon us, spring and summer, followed up with a beautiful fall, right? We'll get there, day by day. At least the days are getting longer, daylight savings time will be starting, or has

started by the time you read this!

For my message for March, I really just want to thank everyone for being in LAG. I really appreciate those that can spare some time to help out as well those who jump in when we need it. We don't want to burden anyone, but any help you can give is always appreciated!! The Lemont Center for the Arts

(<https://lemontcenterforthearts.wordpress.com/>) is also, always glad for helpers, they run their gallery on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you have one of those days you could watch the gallery, they would love that. It also is a volunteer organization and a mighty fine gallery space I might add, so if you want to help out, please speak up! Let me know and I will be glad to direct you in the right direction.

As far as LAG, we would love if someone could help out as a partner in getting LAG members to get their work up on our website (visit our website www.lemontartistsguild.org, click on members gallery) or help with uploading pictures from meetings (which I can get you) to our web designer, Paul, or other things that should be updated on it, or help with our Holiday Party in December, help Shirley Sobol with the Hostess needs for our meetings (calling the person who is bringing the snacks or drinks that month, and helping set-up before meetings.) ...Lynn Rozycki, our Vice-President is currently scheduling speakers for next year's LAG programs, she would love feedback if you have someone you think would be a good speaker or a topic of interest you think would be good. Speaking of next year, we are grateful to the Homer Library in Homer Glen, for taking us under their wing. We will be having our meetings there next year, as the Lemont Library will be undergoing renovations!! In conclusion, we aren't asking for the world, but would be grateful for anyway you could help out. We are going to be presenting our slate of officers for LAG in April, if you are interested in becoming a board member, or Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, or President, let us know and we will add you to the slate. All LAG members are welcome to attend our board meetings, so please let me know if I can cc. you on when they are.

We had two students' artwork from Lockport High School for the AFA Scholarship competition that showed at the Naperville Art League and Gallery March 5-March 8th, the reception was March 8th. Although the students did not win the scholarship, it was great they could show their work. LAG gave them an honorarium of \$25 for being voted to be part of the judging. Thanks to all who voted at the February meeting. Speaking of shows, I do hope you can attend the Alliance of Fine Art Best of the Best Reception at Mayslake Peabody Estate on Monday, March 30th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be several members of LAG who will have their work being displayed in it. This is always a fun reception, lots of talented artists showing from all over the 'burbs outside of Chicago. So, make it a date!

Well, I am sure I am forgetting something to mention for March, but hopefully I'll be "lucky" enough that no one notices!! Happy St. Patrick's!! Create something green. Or, red, for St. Joseph's the day after St. Paddy's!

Sincerely,
Liz Popp-LAG President

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 March meeting will be Betty Kirk and Gina Rende will bring beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

* **February's Back of the Hall** winner was Gene Mark's "Female Cardinal", 2nd place was a tie: William Brisick's "400 South LaSalle Street" and Bill Uznanski's "Fall Reflection" and 3rd place was Jim McGloin's "Bug Ranch".

* Gail August won the February door prize, Gene Mark's note cards

* **Maggie Capettini's** plein air painting series of Hadley Valley Preserve in Joliet will be on exhibit at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Visitor's centers between April and October 2015. There will be an Artist's Reception and Open House from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Saturday, April 18th at the Sugar Creek Administration Center. She will be giving a talk and demonstration at 3:00 pm that afternoon.

Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on Tues, April 7, 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>.

Best of the Best

Best of the Best this year is March 7 through April 25 at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. **Reception is March 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. LAG Members showing are** William Brisick, Betty Burian Kirk, Gene Mark, Gina Rende, Lee Ristow, Nancy Uznanski
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St, Oak Brook
Call 630-206-9569 for gallery hours

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

"An artist is an explorer."
-Henri Matisse

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."
-Suzy Kassem

"There is no elevator for success, you have to take the stairs."
Zig Zigler