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Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

NEXT LAG MEETING:

Painting with Oil Pastels

Presented by Carol Zack

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 - 7 pm

The April 15th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street. Carol L. Zack an award winning artist specializing in the use of oil pastel will lecture in the use of oil pastels and give a demonstration.. She currently teaches pastel classes and workshops. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Illinois in Champaign. She and her husband Edward, who is also an artist, reside in Elgin, Illinois and also provide custom framing services and consultations.

Carol stated "Painting with pastels has brought great joy and satisfaction to my artistic journey and creating a variety of imagery in both oil and soft pastel has helped to clarify my visual impressions and observation of places, people and things. My approach is impressionistic, using colorful interpretations and incorporating shape, value, edges, color and texture to create a unique sense of unity."

"Historically, pastel was considered a drawing medium since it was often used for preliminary sketches or field drawings for final paintings completed in oil. Although there are notable exceptions (such as in portraiture), not many artists created finished paintings in pastel, mostly due to the difficulty of preserving the artwork. Today, advances in the materials available have eliminated most of those concerns. And while there continues to be an ongoing discussion about whether pastels are for painting or drawing, for me, working with pastel is primarily a painting medium. In recent times, I have become aware of how pastel paintings now rival other mediums in their overall competence, beauty, presence and permanence."

2015 Upcoming Events for LAG

April 15, Painting with Oil Pastels, Carol Zack

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

Letter from the President

Greetings LAG Members and Friends,

Well, how wonderful. It is April. Spring flowers are blooming, the temperature is warmer. It is time to be excited for spring and all the fun things coming up. We had a great time at the AFA Best of the Best reception at Mayslake Peabody Estate. The show is up until April 24th if you want to go see it. There is lots of great artwork in it. One of the winners actually, will be speaking at our May meeting, Carole Wilson. The president of AFA is Kelly Kopacz who is a member of LAG. Kelly did a great job announcing the winners. Some things coming up for LAG are our annual member renewal forms which I will distribute at our April meeting. If you aren't at the meeting, your form will be mailed to you. We have been invited to show in the Fall at McCord Gallery and Cultural Center so we hope you will renew your membership so you can be a part of this exhibit! See you hopefully at the April meeting!!

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 April meeting will be Lynn Rozycki and Betty Kirk will bring beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

***March's Back of the Hall** winner was Betty Burian Kirk's "Spring Scarf", 2nd place was Nancy Uznanski's "Embers" and 3rd place was William Brisick's "Shadow Orchid".

*Lynn Rozycki won the March door prize, Richard Vacco's painting

***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.

***Betty Burian Kirk** will have a booth at Yarn Con on April 18 & 19 at Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union Hall in Chicago and at Arts & Crafts Supply Resale on April 26 at Flossmoor Community Church Community House, Flossmoor.

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>.

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

Art is how we decorate space, music is how we decorate time.

Don't be afraid of being different, be afraid of being like everyone else.

Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.