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## Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

**NEXT LAG MEETING:**

**OUR MEETINGS WILL BE AT A  
NEW LOCATION!!!!**

**Homer Township Public Library  
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL 60491**

**Phone: (708) 301-7908, please visit  
[www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org) for directions**

### **Sumi-e Ink Painting**

*Presented by Patricia Larkin Green*

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 7 pm**

The October 21st Lemont Artists Guild meeting will begin at 7 PM at the **Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**. Patricia Larkin Green will demonstrate Sumi-e Ink painting. She is well known as a painter along with her skills in sumi-e ink painting. A turning point for her was learning to paint Sumi-e, (East Asian ink wash painting), where her goal is to capture the soul of the subject. When she paints a flower she is freed from reproduction and inspired to convey its movement and fragrance. Less is more. Her website is: [patricialarkingreen.com](http://patricialarkingreen.com).

Patricia teaches, gives workshops and engages in speaking formats. Her method for teaching is philosophical. She starts with a meditation to help the transition from the outer world into the inner world. She also believes there is much beauty to be discovered in the use of materials themselves and prefers grinding her own ink to prepare for painting. Her focus is on the process, not the result. Patricia states, "As in life, if you make a mistake, you must go on, you cannot cover it up. Sumi-e (literally ink painting), for me, involves a meditative process. It is impossible to correct the line once on the paper. My hand betrays my inner state, requiring a balance of self-control and spontaneity. Every brush-touch must be fully-charged with meaning, with useless detail eliminated. My intent is to let each mark of my brush meet the paper as an extension of my state of mind. I am working inward as I paint outward. In Sumi-e painting, when you observe what you paint, you

become it. You no longer see "the Japanese Crane" as separate from yourself. Sprouting feathers, you throw your head back as you dance with your brush and touch the paper with your breath...."

Larkin Green has won many awards for her work including the prestigious "Award of Excellence" from the Jade Buddha Temple, LaioNing Province in AnShan City, China several years in a row. She has also exhibited in Australia, China, Japan and throughout the United States. She has been featured in numerous publications, including The Chicago Tribune, and has been a panelist for Chicago Creative Expo. Many of her paintings have been selected to promote events that she participated in: Chicago Artists' Month, The Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago Art Open, and Ravenswood Artwalk to name a few. She is an active member of the Sumi-e Society Midwest and the Sumi-e Society of America, Inc., and serves as the North America Branch-East Coast Exhibition Coordinator for the International Chinese Calligraphy Art and Ink Painting society. In 2011 she founded Open Wall, An exhibition space in the 47th Ward of Chicago.

As Director of OpenWall Chicago, Patricia has organized important exhibitions in collaboration with international organizations, like the American Indian Center, ArtReach at Lillstreet, Chicago Printmakers Collaborative and the Chicago Mosaic School.

### **2015-2016 Upcoming Events for LAG**

**Wed. Oct.21 -Sumi-e Ink Painting, Patricia Larkin Green**

**Wed. Nov. 18 -Composition & Night Photography, Jerry Ptacek**

**Dec.--- Holiday Party-DATE IS TBD**

**Wed. Jan. 20 -Members Show & Tell**

**Wed. Feb. 17 -Marbling, Betty Burian Kirk**

**Wed. March 16 -Watercolor, Cyn O'Brien**

**Wed. April 20-Iconography-Illuminated Icons, Arlene Tilghman**

**Wed. May 18 -Photography Lighting Effects, Bill & Nancy Uznanski**

### **Letter from the President**

Dear LAG Members and Friends:

It is hard to believe I am typing the October LAG president's letter. The leaves are just starting to change outside on the trees, the light is low in the morning now, that beautiful glistening light that we catch this time of year. A softness really, to compliment the briskness of the season, I think. But behold, we also have the fun of Fall, with so many fun events, Halloween, bonfires, pumpkin carving, decorating our homes with corn husks and orange lights and scary monsters and crazy strobe lights for those houses that really get into the season!! Fall is really so much fun, yet it goes so fast before the holidays hit, we don't have much time to enjoy it amidst our daily lives. As I usually say, I hope

you can scoop up a moment of the day that gives you peace. Enjoy the times with your loved ones if you are going apple picking or trick or treating, or to a fall art show. Speaking of shows, **LAG recently finished its show at the McCord Gallery and Cultural Center in Palos Park.** *Thank you to our members who participated!!* It was a beautiful showing and we had many compliments on it. We are very excited for our upcoming Oct. 21st meeting with a presentation from Patricia Larkin Green, who will be showing us Sumi-E ink painting. I will tell you the power of looking online for things. When our vice-president, Lynn Rozycki, was looking for suggestions for programs and presenters for this year, she passed around a sheet at our meetings, and someone suggested Japanese ink painting, calling it 'Sumi-e'...I didn't know what that was so I searched online. I found a lady that had a website on it and emailed her. She lives in Utah though, so she referred us to someone here in IL, and that is how we found Patricia. Patricia responded to our request, and lo and behold, we will have her here. There are also some write ups on her visit, including our press release for the Chicago Tribune, which you can see at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/joliet-romeoville/community/chi-ugc-article-sumi-e-ink-painting-2015-09-23-story.html> and also a wonderful article by Renee Tomell who is a Features Writer with Suburban Life Media/Lifestyle/Shaw Media. The article was on the 2nd page!! I am waiting for the internet link to the article and we can send that out once we receive it. I don't get that paper, since I live in Chicago, but if you saw the printed article, I hope you enjoyed it!

*It is really great, being part of this wonderful group, Lemont Artists Guild and supporting the arts!!!* We recently awarded our Lemont High School scholarship winner, Rebecca Shepro, \$500, that will help her with her music studies at DePaul University. We are excited also to support the Lemont Center for the Arts and the Art and Culture Commission of Lemont. If you haven't stopped in there, it is on State street in Lemont, in the plaza with the Aldi foods (Located in Lemont Village Square, 1243 State Street, Unit 101.) **They have a BIG EVENT coming up on Sat. October 17.** It is called "Gifted" and will take place at the **Lithuanian World Center in Lemont.** They invite you to an evening of art, music, food, drink and merriment. This event celebrates the 5th Anniversary of the Lemont Center for the Arts. Chamber music will set the mood in the museum all evening, while guests explore the art exhibit mounted by the Lemont Center for the Arts. Donations to the event are \$50, which is a great deal for a night of art and entertainment!!! If you are interested you can contact [lemontcenterarts@gmail.com](mailto:lemontcenterarts@gmail.com) or call (630) 243-7375. LAG Members Mona Parry and Emily Christian are also selling tickets, if you want to contact them, let me know and I can give you their information. Emily had a wonderful article written up on her about this gala, see it at: <http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/2015/09/23/benefit-gala-a-first-for-lemont-center-for-the-arts/atudrao/>

Finally, I want to mention our hostess coordinator with LAG, **Shirley Sobol.** **She had knee surgery on Sept. 29.** She is doing okay, but needs time to recover. Keep her in

your thoughts, and if you think of it, send her a get well email or card in the mail. Shirley is so good at making sure we always have someone to bring snacks and drinks to our meetings, its time to give back to her.

Whew!! Well, I better get on to my "fall" and keep the art and peace going.

Thank you all for your support and time in reading this newsletter!

Sincerely,

Liz Popp-Connelly, President, LAG

### 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 October meeting will be Nancy Uznanski and Terri Kwiatkowski will bring beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

**There was no September Back of the Hall winner due to lack of participation**

**Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on Tues. of and Oct. 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 moment you feel like you have to prove your worth to someone is the moment to absolutely and utterly walk away.*

Alynia Harris

*Practice any art, music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction essays, reportage, no matter how well or badly, not to get money and fame, but to experience becoming, to find out what's inside you, to make your soul grow.*

Kurt Vonnegut

*It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy and creative expression and knowledge*

Albert Einstein

*Be where you are; otherwise you will miss your life.*

Buddha