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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 for directions

Composition and Night Photography

Presented by Jerry Ptacek

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - 7 pm

The November 18th Lemont Artists Guild meeting will begin at 7 PM at the **Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**. Jerry Ptacek will give a lecture and show samples of how to do good composition in photography as well as how to do night photography. Jerry has been a part-time professional photographer for more than 20 years. His website is PTACEKPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

In April 2010 Ptacek opened JS Photo LLC capitalizing on his 30 years experience within the transportation industry as regional photographer documenting newsworthy projects while holding various managerial positions. He also covered weddings on weekends for seven years during his working career. In Europe he exposed the beauty of some of the famous landmarks in France, Spain, Ireland, Scotland, and Italy during vacation travels.

Jerry prints his images on Canon PRO -10 up to 13"x 19." Larger sizes are sent to Bay Photo. His commercial pictures have been published in many trade journals and he displays in local galleries. He custom mats and frames all his prints.

Jerry utilizes his technical knowledge with all types of photography equipment while teaching classes at local park districts and libraries over the past two years. He enjoys passing on his knowledge of exposure to students of all ages to create that perfect image.

Artist statement: The elegance of photography lies in the fact that we are able to revisit the quintessence of those moments well after they have come and gone. Our trip photographs these past few years from Italy,

France, Ireland, Norway, and Alaska clearly reflect that style. I believe the art of photography lies in the ability of the photographer to isolate a moment, place, or a thing giving us a chance to contemplate its fundamental beauty for years to come.

2015-2016 Upcoming Events for LAG

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

Wed. Dec. 9- Holiday Party, Cog Hill, Lemont, 6:30 pm, \$28/per person

Wed. Jan. 20 -Members and Guests Show & Tell

Wed. Feb. 17 -Marbling, Betty Burian Kirk

Wed. March 23 -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

Hi All,

Welcome November! I hope your fall has been good. We have had two good programs already in September and October at our new meeting location at the Homer Township Public Library. They are very nice there and we appreciate meeting there. Hopefully you can see our November speaker, Jerry, as he discusses certain aspects of photography. We are planning a holiday gathering on Wed. Dec. 9 at Cog Hill in Lemont at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$28 per person. I wanted to remind you too, that if you are a LAG member you can put some pictures of your artwork on our website. We only have a third or so of our membership up there. We would love to see more of our members' artwork up there. I can give you the information if you are interested. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,

Liz Popp-Connelly

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 October meeting will be Gina Rende and Lynn Rozycki will bring beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

* **Back of Hall:** first place was a tie, Lynn Rozycki's "Black/white Necklace lamp work beads" and Gina Rende's "Sitting Monarch", second place Betty Burian Kirk's "Flower Scarf" and third place Liz Popp-Connelly's "Extra Stuff".

* **Nancy Uznanski** was Artist of the Month for September and October at the Lemont Center for the Arts.

***Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on the first Tuesday of

February, 2016 from 7 pm until 8 pm, location TBA.
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.

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination.
Albert Einstein

*I see my path but I don't know where it leads.
Not knowing where I'm going is what inspires me to
travel it.*

Rosalia de Castro

*Your dream doesn't have an expiration date.
Take a deep breath and try again.*

KT Witten

*To succeed in life you need three things, a backbone, a
wishbone and a funny bone.*

Reba McEntire