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## Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

**NEXT LAG MEETING:**

**OUR MEETINGS Currently being HELD**

**at:**

**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**

**Marbling on Paper**

**Presented by Betty  
Burian Kirk**



**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 - 7 pm**

The February 17th Lemont Artists Guild meeting will begin at 7 PM at the **Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**. Betty Burian Kirk will demonstrate how to marble on paper. This is an old art that is done by floating inks or paints on a "heavy water". The paints can be manipulated and then a prepared piece of paper is laid on the floating pattern. The paper is then, carefully lifted off of the paints and rinsed to complete this intriguing technique. Betty will give a lecture covering history, supplies, different techniques and then some hands on marbling by participants will be done. \*Please note that the inks and paints used for this process will not wash out of clothes so bring an apron/smock or wear something you won't mind getting ink/paint on.

Betty loved art as a child. Besides drawing, she learned how to embroider from her mother, her sister taught her how to crochet and then in college she studied multiple disciplines in art as an art education major. Her favorite medium was fiber and she studied weaving for her MA Ed at Northern Illinois University, doing a one woman show. Her talents also include weaving, spinning (often dog hair yarn for clients), kumihimo (Japanese braiding), Japanese book binding, tassels, flower making and felting – sculptural hats and flat scarves.

Kirk taught elementary school art for 13 years and taught Weaving at Joliet Junior College for 3 semesters. She has been a speaker and workshop leader at local

guilds as well as at regional and national fiber conferences. She taught at Handweavers Guild of America's national conference, Convergence, in Providence RI last year. She has won awards for and sells her fiber art at art fairs in the Chicago area.

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

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

**Wed. March 23 -Watercolor, Cyn O'Brien**

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

**Month of May-AFA Best of the Best Show at DuPage Art League and Gallery-reception Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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

#### **Letter from the President**

Greetings LAG Newsletter Readers:

How are you? Hope your Feb. is off to a good start! I am excited for our Feb. membership meeting, Betty Burian Kirk will be demonstrating Marbling on Paper, make sure you wear clothes you won't mind getting paint on, or bring a smock/apron. Betty is knowledgeable in so many different kinds of art, and always does a great program. Betty is also the Lemont Artists Guild newsletter editor/publicist and has served so for many years. We are lucky for her hard work as our LAG Publicist, she also does the press releases for our meetings and works very hard letting everyone know about LAG events. I hope you will be able to see her in action on Feb. 17!! This one will be fun to check out! We also will be voting on some high school student artwork that will be entered into the Alliance of Fine Art's student scholarship competition. The high school students are so talented, it is so great to see what they do each year. We had fun at our January Show and Tell meeting, thanks to those who attended, it was great to see what you have been up to! If you still don't have your artwork up on our website in our LAG Member Gallery, now is a good time to put some up there, let me know and we can get you on our website, or if you want to change your current artwork on there, this a good time of year to do it.

Good News! According to the Ground Hog Day tradition, supposedly this year, we will have an early spring!! Let's hope so, I think it has been a mild winter, but I am always so glad when the buds start on the trees and we see some spring blooms. Until then, hope you are getting a little time each day to do what you love, even if just to alleviate that "same ol' same ol'" feeling that sometimes happens in the winter months!!! See you Feb. 17th!!

Sincerely,

**-Liz**

Liz Popp Connelly

President Lemont Artists Guild

### 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 February meeting will be Jerry Ptacek and Natalie Helberg will bring beverages. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

\* **January Back of Hall:** first place Grace Helberg's "The Wolf", second place was a tie Jack Gildroy's "Lurissa" and Nancy Uznanski's "Fire & Light" and third place Lynn Rozycki's "Teal Blue".

\***Alliance of Fine Art** (AFA) - The next AFA Board meeting will take place on Tues, March 1st, 2016 at 7 pm at the Naperville Art League, 508 N Center St, Naperville, IL 60563. They will be voting on student artwork for their scholarship competition. 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.

*When Life shuts a door....*

*Open it again, it's a door, that's how it works*

*It doesn't matter how slow you go  
as long as you don't stop.*

Confucius

*Art is not a thing; it is a way*

Elbert Hubbard