



**Illinois Art League**  
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# ARTNEWS

Over 50 Years of Encouraging Original Fine Art!

Art Shows - Art Workshops - Art News - Keeping You Informed

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## President's Corner

Dear Fellow Artesian,

April is a time of new beginnings and preparations. Opening the windows and letting the fresh air in, shaking out the rugs, and prepping those garden spots for the new growth are but a few joyful tasks to usher in the new season. This is also the month to select your pieces for the Spring Membership Show; registrations are due by **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. (There are a few of you that have not renewed your membership for this 2013 year so that needs to be sent in as well.) But, if you're like me you have one more project on the drawing board; two down and one to go. To those of you, who are new to artistic expression or stretching out in a new-for-you medium, don't be hesitant to exhibit. We appreciate and edify one another's work. Anything accomplished is a step forward. You would be amazed what a mat and frame does for even the simplest of pieces. Now you have had your prep/pep talk, so let's get moving!

The Peoria area is rich in galleries, exhibits, and working studios. April begins the CiAo, Central Illinois Artists Organization, First Friday open studio tours. This event features thirteen locations, housing many more studios. If you missed April 5<sup>th</sup>, there are five more First Friday's, May through September. Exhibit A Gallery is always proud to feature a range of local artists and their work can be found in the shop. Picture This Gallery in Peoria Heights is another excellent choice. In Dunlap, the Pearce Gallery show cases local artists and offers instruction, check out the "Classes" section of this issue. This is but a small offering of opportunities to stimulate your own creativity and appreciate the gifts of others. I know I had one such event when I visited The Mid-Illini High School Art Show held at the Prairie Center of the Arts. It was amazing to see the vast array of mediums exhibited by these young artists, skillfully and artfully done. I was in awe at what the art teachers had been able to draw forth from these young talents. Well done and hats off to the art programs of these high schools! I left the exhibit feeling good and uplifted. I once heard that art is not created in a vacuum, so go and examine what's in your back yard.

Bev Pullen

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**"What is an artist? He's a man who has antennae, who knows how to hook up to the currents which are in atmosphere, in the cosmos."**

- Henry Miller

## **PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Linda Davis and Susan Gorman

## **CLASSES and EXHIBITS:**

**PEARCE ART GALLERY** 202 N 2nd Street, Dunlap, IL 61525 309-265-6094

Gallery hours are: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-1:00

**Adult art classes this Summer at Pearce Gallery** starting on June 11th, 2013. The classes run for 6 weeks.

### **Painting Portraiture**

A beginner and intermediate painting class. All materials included. Instructor: Local artist, Sarah Nesbitt. Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 PM. Cost: \$85

### **Abstraction**

Learn to paint abstract compositions. All materials included. Instructor: Local artist, Sarah Nesbitt. Tuesday, 8 - 9 PM. Cost: \$65

### **Drawing From Life**

A beginner and intermediate class that covers a variety of media and subject matter. All art materials included. Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Cost: \$65

### **Still Life In Chalk Pastel**

Work with chalk pastel to draw a variety of still life. All art materials included. Thursday, 1 - 2 PM. Cost: \$65

### **Photography Class**

Work with a professional photographer to learn to shoot great compositions and examine the local landscape. Must bring your own digital camera. Saturday, 1 - 2:30 PM. Cost: \$85

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:**

**From Michael Aldag:** I have revamped my new website <http://michaelaldagcarddesigns.carbonmade.com/>

You can now get cards with these original designs created by me on them for only around \$2.00 each! See attachments for some examples.

Check out the new designs and see what sparks your interests- <http://www.facebook.com/MichaelAldagFineArtist>

## **EXHIBITS AND SHOWS**

George Olson & Jeffery Goard

2-man show - Botanical Watercolors and Pottery

April 6 - May 5

VagnHall Galleri, 203 Bishop Hill Street  
Bishop Hill, Illinois

## **Plein Aire Group -**

Glen Oak Botanical Gardens/Conservatory

10 AM - whenever you want to quit. Bring a sack lunch. No reservations necessary. Just come prepared to paint/draw!

Admission to Gardens/Conservatory \$2.50 (a \$20 membership gives you unlimited access for one year)

Weather permitting, we will go outdoors.

## **The Wednesday Colored Pencil Group-**

**Place and Time:** Peoria Public Library North,  
(behind Menards)

April 10th and 17th

2:30-4:30 Wednesdays

**Contact:** Karen Buenneke for additional info.

At 309-681-0168 [starflight2@hotmail.com](mailto:starflight2@hotmail.com)

## **Oil and Acrylic Workgroup -**

Meets at Hobby Lobby in Peoria

Every Friday 9:30-12:30

Contact: Shirley Feather (309) 243-1660

[feathr@frontier.com](mailto:feathr@frontier.com)

## **Colored Pencil Expressions-**

May 2nd Location: To be announced

Hostess: Rose Sullivan (309) 692-7766

Theme: Flower

## **Prairieland Watermedia Society-**

**Attention!** Don't forget dues if you have not paid. \$10 cash please.

All meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Meetings are held at the Peoria Heights

Library 1:00-3:00

Bring art to share

### **April 18**

Hostess: Linda Sprouse and Loretta vanHoorebeke

**May 16, 10 AM-3PM**

Meeting will be held at the home of Sharon Somers, 5107 N Sunnyview Court, Peoria. **Weather permitting,** we will gather in the garden at 10 AM to paint/sketch/take photos. Bring supplies and a sack lunch. Drink furnished. Meeting will be held on the patio at 1 PM.

Lesson: Watercolor Portraits

As always, bring your art to share.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

April 29 - Board Meeting

May 9 - 12 Membership Show at Peoria Heights  
Village Hall

# Illinois Art League Spring Membership Show

May 9, 10 and 11, 2013

Peoria Heights Village Hall

## April 30

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

Friday, May 10

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

## Deadline for Preregistration

Enter Artwork 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Judging 9:00 a.m.

Exhibit Open 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Critique & Reception 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit Open 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This year's show will again be held in conjunction with the Peoria Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Art Fair to be held on the Tower Park Plaza. We anticipate a great viewing audience for this year's event.

## Eligibility

2013 Dues must be paid. Paid members 18 years or older are eligible to enter. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREPAID AND PREREGISTERED. NO UNREGISTERED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON RECEIVING DAY, MAY 9. Divisions**

The following are guidelines. Entrants will place themselves in the division which best describes them.

**Professional:** A person who holds a degree in art or teaches and/or receives a major part of income from his/her art, or has achieved the highest standards of excellence in his/her artwork, or has previously shown in the Professional Division.

**Semi-Professional:** One who is interested in showing and selling his/her artwork. Has a high standard of professionalism.

If an entrant in the Semi-professional Division wins 3 cash awards in IAL exhibits that person must move up to the Professional Division.

**Amateur:** A person who is a beginner or does artwork as a hobby or for personal satisfaction. Amateurs may enter any of their work, whether created in a class under instruction, from photos or original work. If possible designate the source of the idea, image or design on the entry form. You may write "Original to the Artist" if the work is totally original.

If an entrant in the Amateur Division wins 3 cash awards in IAL exhibits that person must move up to the Semi-Professional Division.

## Categories

These are the categories artists may enter: **Under Glass, Not Under Glass, Three Dimensional Art, Portraits, Photography.** **There must be at least 6 participants in a category for cash awards to be given.**

## General Rules

Dimensions to the outside edge of the frame may not exceed 37 inches. Triptychs entered as a single work must meet the same requirements. Wet paintings will not be accepted. All hanging entries must be mounted with picture wire and screw eyes used for hanging. Other hanging devices may be rejected.

Illinois Art League retains the right to reject or remove from the show any work found improper in subject matter or in violation of any rule. Any prizes and ribbons will be revoked.

**NOTE: Works entered in the membership show must have been produced within the last two (2) years and not previously exhibited in an IAL membership show.**

No responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged entries will be accepted by the Illinois Art League or the Village of Peoria Heights.

## Gratuities

Artists will be charged a 20% commission on artwork sold during the show so prices should be adjusted accordingly. An area will be provided for members participating in the show to sell small paintings (8" x 10" maximum), three dimensional art, prints and cards. A 20% commission will be charged on all sales.

## Entry Fee

Non-refundable entry fees are \$20.00 for 1 entry, \$30.00 for 2 entries and \$40.00 for three entries. Each artist may submit three entries. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREREGISTERED. NO UNREGISTERED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON May 9. Deadline for Preregistration will be April 30.**

## Receiving and Pick Up

Artwork may be presented on Thursday, May 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No work will be accepted after that time unless special arrangements are made ahead of the date that the art is due for hanging.

Work must be picked up on Saturday, May 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Artwork cannot be removed before that time. Illinois Art League or City of Peoria Heights are not responsible for artwork left after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

## Awards and Ribbons

BEST OF SHOW	\$100
FIRST PLACE IN EACH CATEGORY	\$50
SECOND PLACE EACH CATEGORY	\$30
THIRD PLACE EACH CATEGORY	Ribbons
HONORABLE MENTION	Ribbons

**Best of show and 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will be showcased at the Peoria Heights Library in the month of June.**

**Thank you for your entries.**

**We look forward to another great show!**

Any questions concerning these rules should be directed to:  
Bev Pullen 309-385-2501 bkpullen@hotmail.com

## Sales Opportunity for Members

In connection with the Spring Membership Show there will be an area provided for members participating in the show to sell small paintings (8" x 10"), three dimensional art, prints and cards. A 20% commission fee will be charged on all sales.

# Spring Membership Show Preregistration Forms

**THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE TIME OF SETUP. EVERYONE MUST PREREGISTER.**

**The deadline for Preregistration is April 30.**

Entry Fees: \$20.00 – 1 entry, \$30.00 – 2 entries, \$40.00 – 3 entries.

Make your check payable to **Illinois Art League** and send with the entry form(s) to:

Bev Pullen 12633 W. Akron Rd. Princeville, IL 61559-9405 309-385-2501

Fill out the forms below and attach Form A to the back of your artwork. Send Form B with your check.

A

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #1

B

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #2

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #3

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Category \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Division (circle one)  
Professional Amateur Seni-professional  
Price \_\_\_\_\_ NFS - Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_



## GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBER

### Deborah Schmitt - Board Secretary

Debra began doing art in grade school. The purchase of a bird sticker book and colored pencils by her late father got her rolling. Animals, especially birds, are some of her favorite subjects. She enjoys painting in acrylics and watercolors. She also likes to do pen and ink, and charcoal.

Debra really enjoys working with children and has done volunteer work for the Washington Fine Arts Society Festival, Peoria Art Guild, and Intermediate Central Grade School's Art Day in Washington. She would one day like to put together an after school art program for kids.

Debra has taken college level art classes and has studied with JoAnn Bell, Marty Odle, and Marcella Peterson. She has been an active member of the College Vagabond Art Club, and is on the board of the Washington Fine Arts Society and a charter member. She believes that art is a great way to reduce stress. Debra enjoys all types of art, honing her skills from many books. She plans to keep continuing to do her art with the hopes of one day getting a teaching degree. Debra appreciates the encouragement that she received from her late parents.

## ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2013

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_ WEB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status:** \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ Artist \_\_\_ Friend/Patron

Amateur \_\_\_ Semi Professional \_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_

Age: 18-30 \_\_\_ 31-50 \_\_\_ 51 & over \_\_\_

Medium Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interest:**

**Volunteer:**

\_\_\_ Enter my art in shows \_\_\_ Help set up take down shows \_\_\_ Workshops/Seminars

\_\_\_ Greeter for Shows \_\_\_ Classes \_\_\_ Serve on Board \_\_\_ Small Groups

\_\_\_ Serve on Committee (s) for: \_\_\_ Shows \_\_\_ Exhibits \_\_\_ workshops \_\_\_ Classes

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Individual Membership \$30.00 (After February 28, 2013, \$35.00)**

\_\_\_ **Family Membership \$35.00 (After Feb 28, 2013 \$40.00)**

\_\_\_ **Friend/Patron Membership \$50.00**

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