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Dear Fellow Artists,

We'd like to congratulate all of you on a fantastic Membership Show at the downtown public library! We had 96 pieces, submitted by 36 artists, showcasing a variety of techniques and subject matter. Thank you to everyone who participated in the show, as well as those who helped with setting up, the reception, and art take-down. We couldn't have done it without you! Congratulations also to our new members who gathered their courage and submitted their work.

Please join us for our next IAL event.....Ignite Peoria! on Saturday, August 8th at the Peoria Civic Center. IgnitePeoria! is a celebration of creativity in all of its' many forms. Stop by our booth between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. With over 6,500 visitors to Ignite last year, we feel this is a great opportunity to let Central Illinois learn more about our wonderful league and all it has to offer!

Don't miss out on Ed Burton's Watercolor Workshop on Saturday, Sept 12th at the Peoria Heights Library. With only 20 spots available, this will fill up quickly. For more information, please see the form inside this newsletter.

During the months of December, 2015 and January, 2016 our league will have both an exhibit and sale at 'Time' Gallery, Clock Tower Place in East Peoria. We have scheduled a 2 month show and sale with the help of fellow league member, Dawn Maloney, Artists' Coordinator for 'Time' Gallery. **This is a unique opportunity for all league members to exhibit and sell their work, with NO commission taken.** More information will be included in future newsletters, but we wanted to "get the word out" now so that you can start creating your own extraordinary pieces.

Jackie and Leslie
Presidents

Upcoming Events:

August 8 - Ignite Peoria! Artists' demonstrations, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

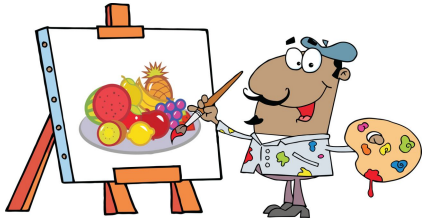
September 12 – Ed Burton Watercolor Workshop, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 1 – January 31 - I.A.L. Exhibit and Sale at Time Gallery, Clock Tower Place, Levee District – East Peoria.

November or December – Annual Dinner – date to be decided

Monthly Rotating Member Exhibit – Peoria Heights Library





WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

With **ED BURTON**
Saturday Sept 12th 10:00-4:00

LOCATION: PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY 816 E. GLEN

IAL MEMBERS: \$65 (Includes Lunch) NON MEMBERS \$75

Be sure and check out the artist page on the IAL website for samples of his work.

Send Check and form by Tuesday Sept 1st.

Make checks payable to IAL. Send check and form to either Leslie Walsh 2404 Chandler Ct.

Peoria, Il. 61615 (309) 240-8363 Or Jackie Colgan 12822 N. Georgetown Rd. Dunlap, Il. 61525 (309) 243-7191

Supply list will be sent upon receipt of registration.

NAME: _____ () Member () Non Member () New Member

Fee amount enclosed \$ _____ address _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



Georgeanne Cassulo, along with Rose Sullivan, Members of the Illinois Art League (IAL), will be showing their art work during the month of August and September at the Time Gallery 201 Clock Tower Drive in the East Peoria Levee District. Come meet the artists at a free reception on August 5th 4:30-6:00pm. Refreshments will be served.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

J. Blair Trueblood, 123 Lincoln Parkway East Peoria IL 61611

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ARTIST'S RELEASE STATEMENT

I, _____, grant the Illinois Art League the right to use photographs of my artwork for an indefinite period of time for the purpose of promoting the I.A.L.

Artist, please note: Signing this release isn't mandatory, unless you would like the opportunity to have your artwork included in our ads, fliers, or brochures. Unfortunately, due to size limitations of our brochures, etc. we will not be able to give credit to the artist for their artwork.

Please sign this form and either mail or hand-deliver it to Jackie Colgan or Leslie Walsh. Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS

MARY HILDEBRAND AND TODD SNYDER

WERE ACCEPTED INTO

THE FINE ART EXHIBIT AT THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

THURSDAY AUG 13- SUNDAY 23, 2015

THE FIRST FRIDAY EVENT AT THE CIVIC CENTER FOR LOCAL ARTISTS

"NEW"

Friday August 7th

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JLS DESIGNS	Fine arts show / jewelry display
Dragonfly Fine Art Studio Jean Gronewald	Exhibiting and selling her paintings in acrylics, watercolors and inks
Joe The Art Guy	Joe The Art Guy (will be used for advertising)
The Walnut Woodlathe	Wood products; bowls, cutting boards, post cards, pends, art pieces, display pieces, plates, and more.
Ear in the Envelope Inc. Hosting Jeremy Berkley	Jeremy Berkley is a Printmaker, a local business that hosts Arts in their gallery

Attention Artists!

We have an opportunity to show our work. The Peoria Heights Chamber of Commerce has paired up with IAL and the Peoria Symphony to showcase art and music. **Night Out in the Heights** will showcase an artist along with a member of the Peoria Symphony at each of the locations below on August 27, September 17 and September 24, 5-7 PM. The shops will stay open late on these special nights. Each business listed would like an artist with one piece on an easel to show their work and or demonstrate. Space is limited.

The following Chamber member boutiques and unique shops will be open: A Perfect Pear Boutique, Exhibit A Gallery, Global Village, Harp and Thistle Imports, Ltd., I Know You Like a Book, Lost and Found Again, Olio & Vino, Pettet Jewelry Designs, Smith Drug Store and Wishing Star Boutique by Tabatha.

We need to know if you are interested in showing your work any or all evenings and we need to know soon to get your names listed in advertising.

Please contact me, Sharon Somers as soon as possible.

309-692-1869 or www.somersnewlife.com

Things to do and places to go

- **Monday Aug 3rd Illinois Art League Board Meeting 5:30-7:00**
- **Wednesday Aug 5th TIME GALLERY RECEPTION Levee District East Peoria for Rose Sullivan and Georgeanne Cassulo 4:30-6:00**
- **Thursday Aug 6th COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS luncheon at TGIF 11:30 Hostess Lois McCoy RSVP-309-362-2447 Theme "Beaches" a time to hit the beach.**
- **Friday Aug 7th FIRST FRIDAY studios open plus Civic Center**
- **Saturday Aug 8th IGNITE PEORIA Civic Center 9:00-5:00**
- **Thursday Aug 20th THE PRAIRIELAND WATER MEDIA SOCIETY Peoria Heights Library 1:00-3:00 Hostess Cindy Wamack and Ginger Sales**
- **Monday Aug 31st- ALL ARTISTS GROUP 1:00-3:00 Humana Building Hale St. Pioneer Park.**

COLORED PENCIL WORKGROUP RESUMES WED SEPT 3RD at North Branch

Peoria Library from 2:00-4:00 open to all bring something to work on.

Contact: Karen Buenneke 309-681-0168 [www.karenbuenneke@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbuenneke@yahoo.com)

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IAL MEMBER EXHIBITS

IAL PEORIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ON GOING MEMBER EXHIBIT

Those exhibiting in July were: Helen Thomson and Jane Youngquist.

Currently exhibiting for the month of August is Richard Kirchgessner and Dale Kuntz

Richard Kirchgessner

I was born, raised and educated in central Illinois and attended Illinois Central College in East Peoria majoring in the Graphic Arts. I have always loved the arts and it was after serving two years with the Navy that my fondness for creating art began to emerge and my career in the graphic arts began. My fine art creations began with oil painting, followed by acrylic painting, woodblock printing, sculpture in plaster and fabricated steel and, most recently I have been exploring digital art photography. Taking sculpture classes with Preston Jackson has been a spark plug for advancing my creativity. I have also been known to write poetry and incorporating that into my art. I work with found objects both in plaster and fabricated steel and enjoy creating art from my many life experiences and travels.

Many thanks to the IAL for giving me the opportunity to display my art work at the library. I will have 4 digital prints and 2 acrylic canvases to display.

Dale O. Kuntz

Three years ago the doctor said, "You could be completely blind in six months." Well, chemicals and lasers have remedied that for the most part. Back when I was sixty I thought that when I get to old to vigorous things I will paint pictures. I am over eighty now and still have some vigor. I don't know how long the eyes will last so I paint like I'm in a hurry.

I am a fan of J.M.W. Turner, Degas, Dufy, and Hiroshige. Local history and local scenes go into my works many times. I study local history. One day I gave a speech on the Civil War. A little six year old girl came up to me after the speech and asked, "Were you in the Civil War?" My reply was "No, I just look that old." I enjoy living period. I recently painted ten portraits of ladies on ordinary cardboard. Before that I painted ten landscapes. I average about eight paintings a month. My next project will be to paint ten atmospheric scenes.

In April I joined the Illinois Art League. With great joy I participate in IAL meetings and activities.

GALESBURG CIVIC ART CENTER **BLICK GALLERY**

ON EXHIBIT MARY ELLEN CARVER AUG 1ST—AUG 22ND

GALESBURG CIVIC ART CENTER

In the JOANNE R. GOUDIE GALLERY

Annual exhibition of works by Art Center members

Members & Friends Exhibit Aug 1st—Aug 22nd

Mary Hildebrand and Linda Sprouse are exhibiting