

December Newsletter Information

Dear Fellow Members,

We are encouraging Bev to take some recuperation time so this is a brief letter with our monthly information included.

On the heels of Thanksgiving, we are preparing for our Time Gallery show, which opens this week. We're excited to see what everyone has been producing since our last league show in July! It's a busy time of year and we greatly appreciate your participation! **We hope to see all of you at our opening reception on Thursday, December 3, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Time Gallery is located at 201 Clock Tower Drive, in East Peoria. The show/sale will be staffed with members to help all day Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5 until noon. These are the bank hours. Please call or email us with any questions. We are excited to be offering a silent auction at this time. Ken Clubb, our judge from last year and our workshop instructor, has donated his beautiful painting, "Oxbow Bend Tetons". You will find a photo of it on our website with photos of his workshop. Come and bid, it's a unique opportunity to own a beautiful piece of art.

We have had more I.A.L. canvas art bags printed up and the price is \$25. If you haven't already purchased one, this is the perfect time to treat yourself or buy one as a gift! We also have about 4 aprons available for \$20 apiece. These league products will be available for purchase at our Opening Reception, as well as during the sale on Friday and Saturday.

Please remember to attend our first All Member Meeting on Wednesday, December 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Peoria Heights library. This is your opportunity to learn what league activities we have planned for 2016 and to give us your feedback about events from this past year. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions or voice concerns that haven't been addressed during the course of the year. For those of you who are unable to attend, due to work schedules, we will attempt to schedule another meeting this coming Spring, during the evening hours.

As we look back on 2015, we are grateful for all of you and for a productive year with many enjoyable, artistic events. Thank you to everyone who has participated and/or volunteered in this year's events and activities. We look forward to 2016 and another year of artistic endeavors and camaraderie. With your enthusiasm and support, we will continue to promote and grow the Illinois Art League!

We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season,

Leslie and Jackie

Please make note there will NOT be a Pen & Ink meeting in December, thank you.

Also, we will post again next month, the AllArtists meeting in January will be **changed** from January 25th to January 18th because of a conflict with the room.

We wanted everyone to know we have 3 news member!

Briefly, they are:

Melanie Hernandez – Peoria
Cindy Peterson – East Peoria
Barb Shreffler – Dunlap

We welcome them and Bev will have more information on them in the next newsletter.

Most of you have already heard the very sad news about the death of Randy Somers, Sharon Somers husband. Sharon has been such an important part of our league for so many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon and her entire family. Words just aren't enough at a time like this.

We'll all be glad when Bev is back next month with an official newsletter.

Leslie and Jackie