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Dear Fellow Artists,

We are another month closer to Spring and to leaving the snow and cold behind. In the meantime, though, February is a great time for composing your entries for our annual Membership Show, allowing plenty of time to perfect them over the next few months.

February is also the second meeting of the new Pen & Ink Group with the help and guidance of Ed Levene. We had a great meeting and attendance was high, considering the blustery day. This group meets the second Thursday of each month and Ed will take us through another meeting this month and then we are on our own. Ed, will be there, working on his own project, but always willing to help a fellow artist. Also in February, is the first session of the new All Artists Group at the Humana building off of Pioneer Parkway. The purpose of this group is to bring all artists together to support and encourage each other. We'd like to have all mediums represented at these monthly group meetings. So, bring your project and come prepared to work. We hope to see a mingling of artists and a sharing of ideas.

We do want to take the time to thank all of our members who have returned their surveys from the January newsletter. It's so important to have feedback from the membership. This is your opportunity to speak up and let us know what you'd like to see this year. Thank you to all who have done this, so far.

The calendar for 2015 is included in this newsletter, so please take note of important dates coming up, such as the Meet and Greet on April 13th and the annual Membership Show in early June. We are still in need of a chair for the Meet and Greet. This is not a difficult job, but we do need someone to head it up, so please consider lending a hand. More information regarding this position is posted in this month's newsletter.

We currently have 11 new members and 53 renewals. If you haven't already sent in your renewal or new member application, please do so before February 28th. This will insure your inclusion in the 2015 Membership Directory and allow you to avoid paying a late fee. Many thanks to those of you who have already done so.

As we look ahead to our Spring Membership Show, let us take inspiration from Vincent van Gogh, "As practice makes perfect, I cannot but make progress; each drawing one makes, each study one paints, is a step forward."

Happy Valentine's Day!
Leslie and Jackie

We hope to see lots of different artists at the IAL All Artists Group

February 23, 2015

This group will be meeting the last Monday of each month from 1:00 until 3:00
at the Humana building, 7915 N. Hale, (corner of Pioneer Parkway and Hale)

Whatever your medium is and whatever you're working on, bring it.

This group is designed to bring all artists together to inspire and encourage each other.

We hope to see you there!

2015 IAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting	1st Monday 5:30	PHPL-Peoria Heights Library
Colored Pencil Expressions (CP)	1st Thursday	Luncheons at various locations
Colored Pencil Workgroup	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , Wednesdays 2-4	PPL - North Branch
Pen & Ink Drawing Group	2nd Thursday 1-3	PPL - North Branch
Praireland Watermedia Society	3rd Thursday 1-3	PHPL
IAL All Artists Group	Last Monday 1-3	Humana, Hale St., Pioneer Park

FEBRUARY

- 4th, 11th, 18th Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 5th-CP Expressions Luncheon Sazanis Galena Rd
- 9th-Board Meeting (Deborah Christman)
- 12th- Pen and Ink Drawing Group
- 19th- Praireland Water Media Society
- 23rd-IAL All Artists Group

MARCH

- 2nd- Board Meeting
- 4th, 11th, 18th- Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 5th-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 12th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 19th-Praireland Watermedia Society
- 30th-IAL All Artists Group

APRIL

- 1, 8, 15, 22nd-Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 2nd-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 6th-Board Meeting
- 9th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 13th-IAL MEET AND GREET 4:30-6:30 PHPL
- 16th- Praireland Watermedia Society
- 27th-IAL All Artists Group
- 30th Sazani's Pre-Workshop Dinner (Blackburn)

MAY

- 1st & 2nd Stephen Blackburn Watercolor Workshop
- 4th-Board Meeting
- 7th-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 6, 13, 20th Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 14-17th Elizabeth Robbins Oil Workshop
- 14th Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 21st- Praireland Watermedia Society
- 25th-IAL All Artists Group

JUNE

- 1st-Board Meeting
- 4th-CP Expressions Luncheon
- (NO COLORED PENCIL WRKGROUP UNTIL SEPT)
- 4TH-6TH Annual Membership Show (Tower Park)
- 11th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 18th-Praireland Watermedia Society
- 29th-IAL All Artists Group

JULY

- IAL MEMBERSHIP EXHIBIT PPL Main Branch
- 2nd- CP Expressions Luncheon
- 9th- Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 16th-Praireland Watermedia Society
- 27th-IAL All Artists Group

AUGUST

- 3rd- Board Meeting
- 6th- CP Expressions Luncheon
- 13th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 20th-Praireland Watermedia Society
- 31st-IAL All Artists Group

SEPTEMBER

- 2, 9, 16th Colored Pencil Work Group Resumes
- 3rd-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 10th Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 14th Board Meeting
- 17th Praireland Watermedia Society
- 28th-IAL All Artists Group

OCTOBER

- 1st-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 5th-Board Meeting
- 7, 14, 21st- Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 8th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 15th-Praireland Watermedia Society
- 26th-IAL All Artists Group

NOVEMBER

- 2nd IAL Annual Dinner
- 4, 11, 18th Colored Pencil Workgroup
- 5th-CP Expressions Luncheon
- 12th-Pen & Ink Drawing Group
- 19th-Praireland Watermedia Society
(Christmas Party Exchange)

- 30th- IAL All Artists Group

DECEMBER

- 3rd- CP Expressions Luncheon

NO OTHER ACTIVITIES UNTIL JAN 2016

Thursday Feb 19th Praireland Watermedia Society Meeting Peoria Heights Library 1-3 pm
(BRING YOU FAVORITE SNACK TO SHARE)
Bring Painting Supplies and Van Gogh reference photos
Theme: Painting your favorite Vincent Van Gogh

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBER

CINDY WAMACK

IAL RECORDING SECRETARY

I have been interested in water color for many years although, I took a break for several years after my son was born. I've never taken any formal classes; however, I became interested in water color again when I started facilitating a bi-monthly water color class at Humana about three years ago. We have a great group of artists and I have learned and benefited from all of them. In the last year fellow artists Mary Jo Gebhardt and Ginger Sayles volunteered to instruct oil/acrylic workshops and I have found them interesting as well, although my first love is water color. Illinois Art League member and fellow Humana artist Sylvia Straw encouraged me to join I.A.L. I came as her guest a few times and finally joined in October 2013. The first program I attended was an intermediate level Saturday workshop for water color and mixed media. The workshop was advanced and a little intimidating but I learned several techniques from the instructor and everyone was very encouraging. Since then I have been attending the monthly Water media Society meetings regularly and am overwhelmed by how welcoming and supportive everyone is to "newbies" like me.

I'm excited to meet more fellow artists at the newly formed IAL All Art Group.

IAL PEORIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ONGOING MEMBER EXHIBIT

Exhibiting Now thru March 2nd

Currently on Exhibit works by: John Bumgarner, Yvonne Ham, Loretta van Hoorebeke

My name is **John Bumgarner** and I live in Morton with my wife, Karin. I have sketched sporadically since childhood but had never attempted to paint until my retirement when my wife and two children encouraged me to start. Their continuing support sustains me even when I doubt myself. I have had no formal training but have read, listened, observed, and been influenced by almost every artist I have seen. The only message in my work is to 'Enjoy'. John Bumgarner

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**Yvonne Ham** has been an artist for over 25 years. Recently she has begun focusing on figurative work and outdoor Plein Air painting. Currently her medium of choice is either oil or watercolor. She works from live models and multiple photographs. Drawing is the foundation of her art. She uses drawing either with pencil or paintbrush as the foundation of a good design. Ham paints Alla Prima, quickly laying in lights and darks on linen canvas or board. Thick impasto strokes are finishing touches on most oil paintings. Yvonne's studio 4E at Studios on Sheridan in the old Sunbeam bread building on Main and Sheridan. She also shows her work in Bloomington at Inside Out Accessible Art on Main St., website- [www.yvonneham.com](http://www.yvonneham.com), email- [yvonnehamstudio@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnehamstudio@gmail.com)

Yvonne Ham

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Loretta van Hoorebeke has been a member of the National Society of Decorative Artists for over 20yrs. During that time she has used various mediums and studied under several teachers. Mainly during that period she used acrylics but have always loved water color. She has belonged to the Illinois Art League for over 10 yrs. She enjoys working with the watercolor, pen and ink, and colored pencil groups. She studied under Jeannie Ledbetter and Jo Ann Bell learning more about watercolor. At present she is a member of three quilting groups and is working on quilts during the winter. She lives at home with her two Rag Doll cats.

Loretta van Hoorebeke

51st Annual Rennick Juried Art Show

May 2-28, 2015

The Peoria Historical Society invites all artists to exhibit in our beautiful downtown Peoria Public Library Gallery.

Artists may submit: oil, watercolor, pastel, pen & ink, color pencil, charcoal, mixed media, photography, pottery, porcelain, sculpture, glass, fiber art, printmaking digital photography—depicting a central Illinois theme within a 100 mile radius of our tri-county area. Your artwork may be a landmark, water or landscape, form of nature, events people or animals.



The Peoria Historical Society will give a \$300.00 prize for Best of Show, \$50.00 each to First, Second, Third place winners as well as ribbons to Honorable Mention winners.

You may contact: Marjorie Schwebel at 309-672-2363 for more information.

PRAIRELAND WATER MEDIA SOCIETY CALENDAR 2015

MEETS 3RD THURSDAY AT PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY 1- 3 PM

FEB 19th Check page 2 bottom for details

JULY 16th Jean Fehl/Leslie Walsh

MAR 19th Bev Pullen/Mary Hildebrand (Gel plate demo)

AUG 20th Cindy Wamack/Ginger Sayles

APR 16th Donna Boers/Inge Brown (No theme)

SEPT 17th Ed Levene/Kathy Sherman

MAY 21st Sharon Bruell/Phyl Pryde (Pastel over watercolors)

OCT 15th Barb Unes/Sylvia Straw

JUNE 18th Linda Sprouse/Carlene Venovich

NOV 19th Jackie Colgan/Carol Romanowski

CONGRATS TO OUR ARTISTS

Terri Shockency received Best of Show Fulton County Arts Council Jan 2015 Canton, IL. She is also the main exhibitor at the Graham Hospital Gallery in Canton, IL. Jan-March 10th.

Kathy Sherman is featured at Naturally Yours Health Food Store in Metro Center. Now thru 1st of March.

Barb Unes has a painting accepted into the Bonita Springs Art League Member Show in February in **warm**Florida.

Stop by and take a look!!

Renew before Feb 28th or pay an extra \$5 late fee!

ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015

Business Name: _____

Names (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email : _____ WEB: _____

→ **NEWSLETTER will be sent by email unless you let Wayne know for other arrangements: Wayne Pullen (Membership)309-385-2501 or if you do not have an email address.**

Status: ___New Member ___Renewal ___Artist ___Friend/Patron

Amateur___ Semi Professional ___ Professional ___ Age: 18-30___ 31-50___ 51 & over___

What kind of art do you do? _____

Interest:

___Enter my art in shows

___Workshops/Seminars

___Classes

___Small Groups

Volunteer:

___Help set up take down shows

___Greeter for Shows

___Serve on Board

___Serve on Committee (s) for:

___Shows ___Exhibits ___workshops ___Classes

MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JAN 1ST - DECEMBER 31ST.

___ Individual Membership \$30.00 ___ Family Membership \$35.00 ___ Friend/Patron Membership \$50.00

Please complete : check payable to IAL **ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE, PO Box 3532 Peoria, IL 61612-3532**