



**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

### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

As long as I can remember creativity has been my primary aptitude. As a little girl I always drew fashion models wearing long flowing gowns, what fun! My dad had shown me little drawing tricks, such as using the numerals “1”, “2”, and “3” to draw a facial profile. Although art was not his avocation, he was a dreamer of ideas. It was he who bought my first oil painting set when I was in fifth grade. Oil was it for me!

I attended ten different schools growing up, so naturally there was a vast array of art teachers. The teacher who most impacted my thinking about presentation and composition was Mr. Crown, Galesburg Senior High School. His artistic statement, used many times in the classroom was, “Design is simplicity, and Simplicity is Design.” After returning to Peoria, I needed my usual art elective but wanted something more. So I was one of the few girls who signed up for mechanical drawing (it was the 60’s). I was privileged to study drafting with Mr. Collier my senior year at Woodruff High School. And it was good! This eventually led to a position with the Illinois Department of Transportation where through a company social I met my husband, Wayne. Early in our marriage we decided that when we started a family I would stay at home. Well we did and so did I. I swapped paint brushes for diapers and never looked back. After four children in seven years all that creativity was well used in family, cooking, sewing, gardening, canning and so forth. When our oldest child became seventeen and ready for college, I re-entered the work force. But this time I was assisting in a special needs classroom. There were bulletin boards to decorate, themes to illustrate, and shaving cream pictures to be drawn, hand over hand. This time spent was rewarding and satisfying in its own way.

While anticipating retirement and wanting to reconnect with the art community I was introduced to the art of colored pencil. It was the fun and varied techniques taught by Kay Bishop that opened up innumerable hours of satisfaction and enjoyment for myself and her loyal students. As an Illinois Art League member, I also have benefited from many member-taught and professional workshops. But, it’s the small group settings that have rendered the close and personal relationships with fellow artist.

#### Artist Statement

I believe that by the grace of God we are able to bring forth expressions of His created grandeur. I am thankful for a risen Savior, my family and friends.



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**“The artist’s first responsibility is to educate him or herself.**

**Then try to pass along some information or direction to their audience.”**

- Little Steven

## Get to know your IAL Board -



Brent Harter Photography

### **Artist Statement**

Photography allows me the freedom to truly express myself. When my eye is pressed up against my camera, I feel simultaneously calm and excited. I am a self taught photographer that has been taking photographs for a long time. I never took it seriously until 2007 after some strong encouragement from friends. My goal in my work is to allow the viewer the opportunity to dig into their imagination and experience something unique. It is my dream to someday work full time as a professional fine art photographer and have my work displayed around the globe.

With my photography, I strive to explore and push different perspectives in order to learn something new about our vastly complex world. I consider myself a generalist which allows me the flexibility and freedom to explore new subjects and techniques everyday.

My favorite technique is called "light painting". It consists of a long exposure where I introduce my custom made lights to a scene in total darkness. Anything from flashlights, Christmas tree lights, or neon tubes are moved around and captured by the camera, effectively "painting" with the lights. None of my light painting photography has been manipulated in Photoshop and is strictly 'straight out of the camera'. With my photography I am always challenging myself to push my own

### **INSTRUCTORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Pearce Gallery is looking for art instructors to teach kids in February and March. They are also looking for a gallery volunteer to do gallery hours a few times a week.

**PEARCE GALLERY:** 309-265-6094 or by email: info@pearcegallery.com.

**Remember it is time to renew  
your membership!**

## The Wednesday Colored Pencil Group-

**Place & Time:** Peoria Public Library, (behind Menard's off Allen Rd) from 2:30-4:30.

Bring your unfinished or new project with you.  
Meets every Wednesday except last Wednesday of each month.

**Contact:** Karen Buenneke at 309-681-0168. star-flight2@hotmail.com

Wednesday's January dates : 16 & 23

### **NEW GROUP!**

#### 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

#### Colored Pencil Expressions-

**Date:** Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

**Hostess:** Deborah Christman 309-387-6636  
queendfr@comcast.net

**Location:** Maria's Tea Room 11:30Am

**Theme:** Winter

#### Prairieland Watermedia Society-

Meetings held at Peoria Heights Library  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1-3 PM

Bring your unfinished or new project with you to share.

January 17 Deborah Christman  
Demo: Jean Fehl

February 21 Bev Pullen and Bev Cox

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### Classes Available:

#### **Porcelain Art Painting Classes**

Friday mornings in February

Anyone interested in joining this class call Jean Fehl at 633-0737.

#### **Family Art Class**

Peoria Riverfront Museum  
Saturday, March 16th 1-4pm.

**Teacher:** Barb Unes

For additional information their website is:

info@peoriariverfrontmuseum.org

#### **Art For Fun & Joy**

ICC North Campus

**Teacher:** Barb Unes

Thurs, March 28th 10-12

**MEMBERS IN THE NEWS** - Jean Fehl's porcelain and watercolor paintings were on display at the Bertha Franks Fine Art Center in Morton from January 7 to February 8. Congrats Jean!

**Mark your Calendars for IAL  
Upcoming Events and Activities**

- February 4            Board Meeting\*
- March 4             Board Meeting\*
- March 11            Meet and Greet at Peoria Heights Library
- \*All Board Meetings are held at Peoria Heights Library 5:30
- April 1              Board Meeting\*

**FEBRUARY EXHIBIT AT  
PEARCE GALLERY**

"Moments of Being" features artwork by Elizabeth Pearce, Sarah Nesbit and Rebecca Draland-Doyle. The art opening is on Friday, February 15th from 6 - 8pm and the gallery talk will be on Friday, February 22nd from 12 - 1pm. Regular gallery viewing hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10 - 1pm. We are located at 202 N 2nd Street, Dunlap, IL 61525.

Pearce Gallery  
309-265-6094  
pearcegallery.com

**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

Media 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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