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Dear Fellow Artists

It's hard to believe, that this month marks the beginning of our 55th year! It's hard to imagine that the small group of artists who met to form this league back in 1960, would not be astonished to see that 55 years later their league is not only still in existence, but thriving, as well. Here's to another 55 years! As we begin 2015, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newly elected officers and board members, Mickey Beam (Treasurer), Donna Boer (Peoria Heights Library Exhibit Chair) , Florence Gaffney (Publicity Chair), and Cindy Wamack (Recording Secretary). We're looking forward to working with all of you and listening to your suggestions and ideas for improvements to our league.

We'd like to thank our past president, Bev Pullen, and outgoing board members Linda Freeburg, and Rose Sullivan, for all of their hard work this past year. We 'd also like to also thank our returning board members, Bev and Wayne Pullen, Elijah Sansom, Deborah Schmitt, Sharon Somers, Barb Unes and Brandon Wickwire. The dedication of all these board members is evident in the very successful year our league had in 2014.

One of our goals for 2015 is to increase revenue and decrease expenses. If each member would recruit one new member this year, we could substantially increase our revenue. Applications for membership are included in this issue. Please renew now, if you haven't already done so, and encourage your creative friends to join us. Don't wait! On February 28<sup>th</sup> membership dues will increase from \$30 to \$35.

Also, included in this newsletter is the calendar for the upcoming year, with many important dates. Please make a note of these dates so that you can participate in the various workshops, small group gatherings, exhibits and competitions. Our "Meet and Greet" will be held later this year on April 13th, when the weather is a little more welcoming, and the snowbirds have returned from down South! If you are interested in either chairing or working on this event, please let us know.

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In May, we are offering two workshops: Stephen Blackburn's watercolor workshop will be held Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications are still being accepted, so don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow as an artist! If you have any questions, please contact Barb Unes or Kathy Sherman. In May is an oil painting workshop presented by Elizabeth Robbins, May 14-17th (waiting list only), contact Florence Gaffney.

Our annual Membership Show will be held at Tower Park on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Now that the holiday rush is over, take some time and begin work on those beautiful masterpieces, so that you are ready to enter them in our show. In July, we will have our annual month long exhibit at the downtown Peoria Library. Although there are no prizes for this exhibit, it is an excellent opportunity to display your artwork for public viewing. While we are still in the early planning stages, we are hoping to offer member-taught workshops sometime this fall. Last, but not least, our annual holiday dinner will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the venue still to be determined.

We all have many ideas, plans, and expectations for the coming year. January is a perfect time to organize and regroup after a hectic holiday season. Most of us have several unfinished "masterpieces", but now is the time and the year ahead is full of promise! We just have to get past the snow. So enjoy the first month of this new year and get busy on what we all love doing, our art!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Jackie and Leslie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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JANUARY

COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS

**Thursday the 8th 11:30** Theme: Flowers

**Donnelly's Irish Pub 4501 N. Rockwood Dr.**

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PEN AND INK DRAWING GROUP

**Peoria Public Library Northbranch**

**Thurs Jan 8th 1:00-3:00**

The Wednesday Colored Pencil Work-  
Group

**Wed Jan 7th, 14th, and 21st 2:00-4:00**

Peoria Public Library North Branch

PRAIRELAND WATERMEDIA SOCIETY

**Thurs Jan 15th 1:00- 3:00**

**Peoria Heights Library**

**Hostess: Deborah Christman**

## A SURVEY FOR MEMBERSHIP

In the interest of providing programs and events that appeal to the members of our league, we are asking everyone to respond to this survey.

1) Why did you join the IAL and what did you expect to gain from the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Have you ever entered or do you plan to enter the membership show in Peoria Heights in June? If not, would a lower entry fee encourage you? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Do you participate in the member-taught workshops and would you like to see more? Are there specific members you would like to see teach? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Are you planning to exhibit in the member show at the main library in July? If not, Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Are you interested in participating in the newly-formed art group designed to bring all artists together no matter which medium? It starts in February, the last Monday of each month at the Humana? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your thoughts? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Do you attend the annual dinner in November? If not, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

7) Do you have any ideas on how to increase membership by either marketing or publicity? \_\_\_\_\_

8) Would you consider chairing, co-chairing, or serving on a committee this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please email, mail by envelope or call with your responses or ideas.

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## COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS 2015

Jan 8th Loretta vanhoorbeke (Flowers)      July 2nd Mickey Beam  
Feb 5th Deborah Christman      (Finding objects in clouds)  
    (Something brainy)      Aug 6th Lois McCoy (Peach related)  
Mar 5th Phyl Pryde (Sail boat)      Sept 3rd Kathy Johnson (Finish  
Apr 2nd Karen Bruce (Pencil on fabric)      something you've been working on)  
May 7th Rose Sullivan      Oct 1st Open  
    (Red-blue-yellow)      Nov 5th Bev Pullen  
June 4th Linda Sprouse (Zen Tangles)      (I'm truly thankful for...)  
    Dec 3rd Open

Luncheon locations vary by hostess

### ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?**     YES     NO (I prefer to have a mailed copy)

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

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

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

**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 1<sup>ST</sup> - DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

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

Please complete and return with your check payable to IAL

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