



ART NEWS

MARCH 2012

Message from the President!

Thank You everyone for making the Meet & Greet such a success! It's so nice to be able to put a face with a name and great artwork! Congratulations! Great Job IAL! Welcome new members! What a fun night! Yes, we're definitely doing this again.

Now we continue to turn our focus to the Membership Show and the Peoria Heights Art Fair. Prepare new artwork or submit your favorite piece or pieces to the Membership Show. Prizes are awarded.

New IAL Members we want to make sure you submit artwork for the Membership Show. The more the merrier. Applications are in the newsletter.

Several workshops are being held over the next few months. We have great teachers to help expand your skills.

I hope that all of you are checking out the First Fridays at many of the local studios in and enjoying all the wonderful artwork. Two of our members have work hanging in the new Studios on Sheridan. Don Rosser and Tom Gross are featured artists. Congratulations! I will join them in April with some of my photography! I'm excited to be part of such a wonderful gallery! Thank You Steve for the invitation.

IAL will participate in Art on The Boardwalk. I have one member who has committed to the booth for July. I need other artists to participate. Please let me know if you are interested so I can schedule the booth.

The application is included for the Manito Wine, Art & Balloon Festival on May 26, 2012. It sounds like a fun week-end to enjoy with family and friends.

We received a Thank you letter from the Department of the Air Force for the wonderful postcards that were sent to the troops.

Spring is around the corner, the robins have been gathering in the area!

Have a fun and safe St Patrick's Day!

Nancy D Davis,

IAL Members in the News:

Michael Aldag, has a print and a painting for sale at the Mt Vernon Convention & Visitor's Bureau. He has also been accepted into the Shrode Fine Art & Craft Competition & Exhibition in Mt Vernon, IL.

Todd Snyder has had a piece of artwork accepted into the 3th Harper College National Art Exhibition Featuring Small Works. Harper College is located in Palatine, IL.

Cheryl Dean, Picture This Gallery- A documentary on the Far East will be on exhibit the month of March. The opening reception will be held at the conclusion of the exhibit.

Barb Milaccio, Exhibit A Gallery- Applications are being accepted for 2012 Art on the Boardwalk at Junction City. It is held the last Friday of May, June, July & August. The cost is \$10 for each month. Please contact Barb for an application. **693-6180**.

Salem Lutheran Church Gallery Space.

I visited with Pastor Stephen Barnes at Salem Lutheran Church regarding gallery space. Space is available in three separate areas for artwork to be hung. The artwork would rotate every so many months at no charge. Please let me know if you're interested in participating in the project.

Deadline for the Peoria Heights Fine Art Fair is April 1st. Cheryl Dean is Chairman of the event and I'm the co-chair. It's a one day event held at Tower Park, Peoria Heights.

Check out the applications for the workshops included in this newsletter- Kathy Sherman – April 28th, and Sharon Chamberlain- April 21st. Openings are still available for both.

Membership Show Application for 2012! Sign –up. Help make this a spectacular show! We need your artwork! Help us grow!

Allan Ace Adams has offered to teach a "Scratch Art" class for the IAL. Thank you Allan! We always have a Members Workshop in the Fall, and wouldn't this be great for the League to have this class? Please let me know if you would be interested in attending.

Nothing can disturb the calm peace of my soul.

Darrell Amerman, Commander, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter #175, and myself (Nancy) are the co-chairs of the Veterans Art Exhibit "Expressions of Those Who Served." The formal announcement will be made within the next few weeks.

The applications will be available April 1st. The exhibit will hang the month of November in the new gallery at the Peoria Public Library Downtown. The exhibit will be juried. The jury fees will go to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Homeless Veterans Funds.

The opening reception will be held on Saturday, November 3.

If any IAL members are Veterans, please contact me regarding the exhibit. We are very excited about the opportunity to honor those who have served our country.

The Peoria Historical Society has announced their annual art show and applications are available. Marjorie Schwebel, IAL Member, is a co-chairman.

We received a thank you letter from Peoria Heights Library for our art basket donation. The library raised \$2,320.00 with their auction. Congrats!

Nancy Davis – **Equipment For Sale** - A Bogen, copy stand with lights. \$275. Call 688-8793.

If you have any news for the newsletter please call Nancy Davis @ 688-8793 or email – Photochick1@gmail.com.

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but so often we look at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.”

Helen Keller



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH BABIES!

WELCOME TO THE ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
KATHY SHERMAN

This workshop is for beginners and will consist of beginning steps in developing a painting. Below is a supply list for your use. The League will have a few extra supplies available in case someone forgets something but these supplies will “not” include paint or paper.

In the workshop you will learn techniques at a beginners level such as:

Wet into wet

Dry brush, and

Water reflection

A simple landscape composition with birch trees at the center of interest will be demonstrated and completed. I look forward to painting with you on **Saturday, April 28th**.

General Supplies:

Water container

Palette or tray

Artists tape

2b lead pencil

Windsor newton mask

Roll of paper towels

Paper:

Arches 140lb, 12 X 16 block

Graphite paper

Paint:

Raw & Burnt Amber

Raw & Burnt Sienna

Antwerp or peacock blue

Alizeran Crimson

Brushes: 1” & 2” flat

Several small flats

Rigger

6 X 8” round

Old round for use with mask