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Dear Fellow Artists,

Although spring has yet to arrive, it will be here in the not-too-distant future. We hope you've all been working on your entries for our annual Membership Show. Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote yourself and grow as an artist.

June 4th is not as far off as you might think, and time will fly, especially with the April Meet and Greet and the May workshops.

Our Pen & Ink Group continues to flourish under the guidance of Ed Levene. This group meets the second Thursday of each month, so if you've never tried this form of artwork, now's your chance.

February, 23rd was the first session of the new All Artists Group. Despite the cold weather, we had 13 participants, including some new members. What a great way to get to know your fellow artists, share your artwork, and maybe even learn something new in the process! This group meets on the last Monday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Humana building, off of Pioneer Parkway. All mediums are welcome. We all benefit from support and encouragement, no matter our skill level, so bring your project and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow artists.

We have the results from the 25 surveys that we received and would like to thank all of our members who participated. We appreciate all of your feedback and suggestions and will give them all consideration as we make our plans for the year. You'll find results posted in this March edition of our newsletter.

The calendar for 2015 was included in your February newsletter, which you can access on our website, if you didn't print a hard copy. Please take note of important dates coming up, such as the Meet and Greet on April 13th and the annual Membership Show, June 4 – 6th. Carol Romanowski has kindly agreed to co-chair our Meet and Greet in April, but would like to have another member help her to orchestrate this event. This would be an easy way to get involved and show your support for the league, so please call Carol and lend her a hand.

We currently have 13 new members and 71 renewals. Those of you who met the February 28th deadline and turned in your renewal or new membership application will be included in the 2015 Membership Directory. If you have not already paid your dues, they are now \$35 for the year. We greatly appreciate those of you who have already taken care of this and are up to date.

Author Christina Rossetti states, "Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes, work never begun." This is worth consideration as we look ahead to our Spring Membership Show.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Jackie and Leslie

~~~~~ **REMINDER** ~~~~~

For those who have registered for the  
STEPHEN BLACKBURN WORKSHOP

May 1st & 2nd

**Your final payment of \$90 is due by March 30, 2015**

Checks should be made out to: Illinois Art League

**Mail to: Kathy Sherman at 10327 W. Civil Defense Rd, Brimfield, IL 61517**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all of you who returned your surveys!

Ideas and Comments from IAL Survey (25 surveys returned)

Question 1). The members all agreed the camaraderie, entering shows, taking workshops, and sharing art with like-minded people were their reasons for joining. One member said to serve and teach others to grow as artists.

Question 2). The majority of the surveys said they do enter or have entered the IAL Membership show. The majority thought the fees were affordable, one thought a sliding scale from amateur to professional might help. One suggestion was that the number of artists can't support all the categories and maybe we should drop the "under glass" and "not under glass" and just have amateur, semi-professional, and professional.

Question 3). Almost all members surveyed said they look forward to the workshops, a few don't attend because of distance. Rose Sullivan, Ed Levene, and Mary Hildebrand were mentioned as teachers they' like to see. One comment said the pay scale is too low for the professional artists in the league, would like it to be higher. Several said they'd like to see more workshops.

Question 4). Most of the surveys were from people who do enter the library exhibit in July. One member thought there wasn't enough exposure and another usually has their art in another venue.

Question 5). The All-Artists group had a positive response to the members. There were a couple who can't attend because of other commitments but they were enthusiastic. Most said they plan to start attending this monthly group.

Question 6). The majority of the members we heard from attend or have attended the annual dinner. There are a few who don't participate because of distance and evening hours.

Question 7). Ideas on increasing membership brought up a few ideas. One suggested we have evening group meetings to attract working people, another idea was to advertise more, also have more workshops with a lesser fee for members and higher fees for non-members or they can join for a better deal. One suggested we should do more to promote the IAL on ICC and Bradley campuses. One artist thought more members should all have a supply of brochures to hand out, and a suggestion of an evening of art and wine would be a good gathering.

Question 8). Of the 25 surveys we received, we have 5 new names of people interested in serving on a committee or helping others at our functions this year. Again, thank you to all who responded to the survey, if you haven't done so, it's not too late.

We will continually update the research.

## .....WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

**Gwen and Jim Bateman** (Photography)  
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309-6489414 [sltbh428@gmail.com](mailto:sltbh428@gmail.com)

**Terry Davis** (acrylic & oil)  
2103 W. Laura Ave. Peoria, IL 61604  
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## C o n d o l e n c e s

Patrick Fehl, son of Jean Fehl, passed away Friday Feb 27th.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jean and her family.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## IAL MEMBER EXHIBITORS

### Michael Aldag

His painting "Mother and Child" (2011) has been awarded Third Place (Painting Division) in the Little Egypt Arts Association Painting & Drawing Competition. This show is currently on display at the Little Egypt Arts Centre: 601 Tower Square, Marion, IL 62959 Exhibition dates: Feb 28th-March 28th.

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My most recent painting, "Former Temple", was juried into this year's Shrode Fine Art & Craft Competition Exhibition at the Shrode Art Center at Cedarhurst in Mt. Vernon, IL. Community College. Exhibition dates: March 1 - May 10, 2015 Cedarhurst Center for the Arts 2600 Richview Road Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

### Mary Hildebrand

Mary's paintings are featured at the Illinois State Museum Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center in Whittington, IL. Exhibition dates are Feb 6th-March 27th, 2015. Exhibition Highlight: Oil painter Mary Hildebrand from Metamora, IL captures the play of light and color in floral paintings. The paintings lure in the viewer with compelling compositions and isolated backgrounds which suspend the object in our view. "Producing art is an emotional experience. Learning to paint with your emotions and thoughts, along with your knowledge, is very fulfilling. I endeavor to create paintings that are a reflection of what excites me." - at Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center, Rend Lake. Mary is a member of the Illinois Artisans Program.

### Sharon Bruell

Sharon will be on display at The Coffee Hub in Lacon, IL. She will be the featured artist for the month of April. The Coffee Hub is located at 318 5th Street, downtown Lacon.

### Georgeanne Cassulo

Georgeanne has one of her pictures on display at her clubhouse in sunny Florida. Congrats!

### Barb Unes

I brought two paintings to Florida to attempt to jury into the Center For The Arts of Bonita Springs Annual Membership Show. One of them, a watercolor was chosen and won a Merit Award. I was quite surprised and excited when the show opened Feb. 6th. The show runs until Feb. 26th. It is quite a large show and very credible. The other large acrylic wave painting is on exhibit at the Arts Council of SW Florida Co-op Gallery at Coconut Point until the end of Feb.

### BK Pullen

I am exhibiting at the Blick Gallery in the Galesburg Civic Art Center starting March 14th - 26th. The Reception will be Saturday March 14th from 6-8 pm coinciding with The Galex Exhibition at the Center. 114 East Main, Galesburg, IL. Art center hours are: Tuesday - Friday 10:30-4:30 and Saturday 10:30 - 3:00.

## MEMBER EXHIBIT PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Month of March

Open During Library Hours

### Todd Snyder and Ginger Sayles

This month's Featured Artists

### The Peoria Historical Society

#### 51st Annual Rennick Art Show

May 2-28, 2015

\* Deliver art work Thursday April 30th between 10-5:30 pm

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.

Contact: Marjorie Schwebel at 309-672-2363 for application, forms, and further details

# THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO IN MARCH

- March 4,11,18 North Branch Library Wednesday 2-4  
Work Time for Colored Pencil Artists
- March 5th Colored Pencil Expressions Luncheon  
 TGIF Thursday 11:30
- March 12th North Branch Library Thursday 1-3  
Pen and Ink Group
- March 19th Peoria Heights Library  
Praireland Watermedia Society Thursday 1-3  
 Gelli Plate Demonstration  
 hosted by Mary Hildebrand & Bev Pullen
- March 30th Humana Building Hale St. Pioneer Park  
ALL-ARTISTS Group Monday 1-3



Pastel Workshop with **Connie Andrews** at the Art Garage. Saturday March 21st from 10-12. Cost \$15  
 Contact: [jkbali@gmail.com](mailto:jkbali@gmail.com) 309-231-2511  
 Art Garage located at: 712 W. Main St., Peoria, IL 61606

**Ken Tiessen** Landscape and Portrait Workshops- March 21, April 11, 2015...

**March 21st- Landscape Workshop**  
 9am-4pm at The Studio-#312 100 Walnut Street, Peoria  
 Open Media \$85

**April 18th- Portrait Workshop from Life**  
 9am-4pm at The Studio-#312 100 Walnut Street, Peoria  
 Open Media \$85+ Model Fee Pastel Demo

Ken Tiessen [KenTiessenArt.com](http://KenTiessenArt.com) 309.369.2979 • [kentiessen@comcast.net](mailto:kentiessen@comcast.net)

Please contact Ken for registration and supply list

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## Announcing.....

Senior Studios Mixed Media & Book Art Workshops

Thursday March 12th 4:30-6:00 pm

Free for seniors 62+ at the Galesburg Civic Art Center

114 East Main St. Galesburg, IL 309-342-7415

Workshops are free and open to area seniors 62+. Materials are provided. Space is limited.

Please contact the Art Center to Reserve your spot

Led by Mixed Media Artist Suzanne Stewart

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## INSIDE OUT: ACCESSIBLE ART (IOAA)

Bloomington IL

Saturday May 23rd-24th

Inside Out Paint Out 2015

Sponsored by Inside Out: Accessible Art (IOAA) with Bloomington Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts.

Plein air painting event and competition with all mediums welcome. Registration fee is \$26 for IOAA members, \$31 for all others.  
 (Artists participating in the May 23 Plein Air Workshop are exempt from this fee.)

HOW TO REGISTER - Advance registration is through Bloomington Parks and Recreation <http://4.17.232.139/parks/>, at Inside Out: Accessible Art gallery, 318 Main, Bloomington, IL., or through this site. To participate in the competition and wet paint sale that will take place Sunday evening, artists must be registered and have blank canvasses stamped before painting begins. Stamping times will be Friday evening through Sunday morning. Judge is artist Ken Tiessen [www.kentiessenart.com](http://www.kentiessenart.com).

More information on awards and commission free wet sale at later date. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday June 20th 10:00-4:00

Inside Out Arts Fair at Suga Grove Nature Center in Funks Grove Shirley, IL

2nd Annual with even more art and entertainment! More info coming!

## MEET AND GREET- SAVE THE DATE

HELD AT PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY MONDAY APRIL 13TH 4:30-6:30

Bring a friend to share your passion!!

