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## Dear Fellow Artists,

Our IAL booth at IgnitePeoria on August 8<sup>th</sup> was very well attended, by both children and adults, trying their hand at watercolor and colored pencils. We had 4 new memberships (3 returning and 1, brand new) added to our league, during Ignite, so quite a successful event! Many thanks to all of our demo artists, Mickey Beam, Georgeanne Cassulo, Jean Gronewald, Sharon Somers, Rose Sullivan, Barb Unes and Cindy Wamack. Thanks, too, to the following members who helped with set-up, take-down, or manned the booth on the day of Ignite: Donna Boers, Jackie Colgan, Kathy Johnson, Barbie Perry, Judy Ritchie, Elijah Sansom, Bobbi Schwandner and Leslie Walsh. What a great opportunity to let Central Illinois learn more about our wonderful league and all that it has to offer!

Don't miss out on Ed Burton's Watercolor Workshop on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Peoria Heights Library. If you're interested, but haven't sent in your registration, please contact Jackie Colgan (309-243-7191) or Leslie Walsh (309-240-8363).

Sherri Burritt and Bobbi Schwandner have graciously offered to organize our annual league dinner. Once the date and venue are finalized, we'll share that information with our members.

For the first time, ever, our league will have both an exhibit and sale at 'Time' Gallery, Clock Tower Place in East Peoria. We have scheduled a 2 month show/sale, from December 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 with the help of fellow league member, Dawn Maloney, Artists' Coordinator for 'Time' Gallery. **This is a unique opportunity for all league members to exhibit and sell their work, with *NO* commission taken.** An application form for this show/sale will be included in your October newsletter, so keep an eye out for it. In the meantime, put the last touches on your artwork so that you can be a part of this new event!

Leslie and Jackie  
Presidents

## Upcoming Events:

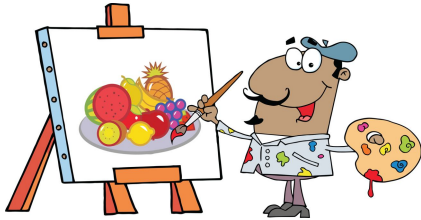
September 12 – Ed Burton Watercolor Workshop, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

November/ December – Annual Dinner – date to be decided

December 1 – January 31 - I.A.L. Exhibit and Sale at Time Gallery, Clock Tower Place, Levee District – East Peoria.

Monthly Rotating Member Exhibit – Peoria Heights Library

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# WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

With **ED BURTON**  
Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00

LOCATION: PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY 816 E. GLEN

IAL MEMBERS: \$65 (Includes Lunch) NON MEMBERS \$75

Be sure and check out the artist page on the IAL website for samples of his work.

[Send Check and form by Tuesday Sept 8th.](#)

Make checks payable to IAL. Send check and form to either Leslie Walsh 2404 Chandler Ct.

Peoria, Il. 61615 (309) 240-8363 Or Jackie Colgan 12822 N. Georgetown Rd. Dunlap, Il. 61525 (309) 243-7191

Supply list will be sent upon receipt of registration.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Member ( ) Non Member ( ) New Member

Fee amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## EXHIBITS

**TIME GALLERY** 201 Clock Tower Dr Levee District East Peoria  
Georgeanne Cassulo and Rose Sullivan continues through the end of September

**FOSTER GALLERY** for Christianity and Fine Arts at First United Methodist Church  
in Peoria. **Sherri Burritt and Florence Gaffney's** exhibit "Reflective Hues"  
will be on display from August 23-October 4, 2015. Gallery hours 9-5pm Monday –Friday.  
A reception will be held on September 4th and October 2nd during the hours of 5-9pm.  
These dates correspond with **1st FRIDAY** activities.



### WELCOME NEW/RENEWED MEMBERS

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## IAL MEMBER EXHIBITS

IAL PEORIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY ON GOING MEMBER EXHIBIT  
Those exhibiting in September are Stan and Eva White and Elijah T. Sansom.

### **Eva and Stan White**

Eva loves to paint and has liked to draw and sketch items and has been interested in art for a long time. Through grade, junior high and high school Eva has taken art classes. She uses oils occasionally and acrylics most all the time.

Stan has wanted to be a farmer all his life and loves to work with wood. So he started to make farm buildings from wood from his mother's old farmhouse. He has made barns, corn cribs, sheds, school houses and bridges. Eva asked him to start making wooden items for her, so he did.

They sold items under "The Mustard Seed" for years but no longer do that. They both enjoy making crafts and have had a long life of doing just what they like.

### **Elijah T. Sansom**

"I believe in beauty. I believe in stones and water, air and soil, people and their future and their fate." - Ansel Adams.

As an artist, I don't look for inspiration, inspiration finds me.

I've had an artist perspective of life for as long as I can remember. I've been an art patron since seeing 'Taming of the Shrew' as a high school student. I eventually wanted to express my own artistic vision and I gravitated naturally to nature because it has mechanical and technical elements which I appreciated as an engineer.

I want my art to help people see and experience the world with a more critical vision and with more appreciation of the beauty in the world.

I enjoy photographing a subject and bring out the essential elements so that even a child can appreciate the results.

I would advise aspiring artist understand your self, identify your unique vision and what manner of expression brings out your passions.

My first piece of art was 'Blue like you' - a study of glass, form and texture in a sunny old double hung kitchen window. It won first place at the illinois art league member show in 2009.

My proudest and most memorable achievement was being asked to prepare 60 photographs for "Community Connections" with pottery artist Sandra McKenzie Schmitt at the Peoria Art Guild in 2009. It received the largest opening exhibit attendance for any exhibit up to that time.

My most humbling moment was receiving best of show at the Illinois Art League member show in 2012.

I believe every person has a unique artistic view and if they pursue it, the world will be a better place.

## **2015 MORTON ART SHOW**

Morton Public Library  
315 W. Pershing St. Morton, IL

Entry day: Sunday Sept 13th 1:00-4:00pm up to 3 pieces Fee: \$4 each piece Critique: Sunday that night 7:00pm  
Forms available on line or at library. 309-263-2200 Pick up date Saturday Sept 19th from 4:00-5:00

Exhibit sponsored by MORTON ART GUILD  
[Http://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/art-show](http://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/art-show)

### **THE PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM**

Exhibition "Making Their Mark, Illinois Women Artists 1940-1960 Oct 17-Jan 17th.

Jean Gronewold, wearing clothing from a 1965 cocktail party, will be playing the part of artist Ellen Lanyon (1923-2013), at the reception on November 7th from 6-8pm. at the museum. This date was chosen because this was the year Lakeview Center for the Arts and Sciences opened.

*This will be their 50th anniversary celebration*

### *Things to do and places to go*

- Wednesday Sept 2nd, 9,16, and 23rd **COLORED PENCIL WORKGROUP** North Branch Library 2-4 All welcome bring something to work on. For more info Karen Bueneke 681-0168
- Thursday Sept 3rd **COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS** luncheon at TGIF 11:30 Hostess: Kathy Johnson. Theme-Finish a project
- Thursday Sept 10th **PEN & INK GROUP** North Branch Library 1:3
- Saturday Sept 12th **WORKSHOP WITH ED BURTON** Peoria Heights Library
- Monday Sept 14th **IAL Board Meeting** at Peoria Heights Library 5:30-7:00pm
- Thursday Sept 17th **THE PRAIRIELAND WATER MEDIA SOCIETY** Peoria Heights Library 1:00-3:00 Hostess: Ed Levene and Kathy Sherman
- Thursday Sept 17th and 24th **NIGHT OUT IN THE HEIGHTS 5-7PM**
- Monday Sept 28th- **ALL ARTISTS GROUP** 1:00-3:00 Humana Building Hale St. Pioneer Park.

### **CONGRATS TO OUR WINNERS AT ILLINOIS STATE FAIR EXHIBIT**

**MARY HILDEBRAND'S** painting "A Tree With Abundant Fruit"  
won the Governor's Choice Award

**TODD SNYDER** received Third Place in the professional Painting Division  
for a piece entitled "Canopy", depicting the Cedar St. Bridge in Peoria