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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I have come to a point in my life that I feel it is time for me to step back from the position of IAL President. I will always cherish my time and memories and I am honored to have been your leader in times of hardship and triumph over the past 3 years. I am confident that the IAL is in a good position and I am pleased to announce that my replacement will be Crystal Potthoff. She was with me as Vice President every step of the way. I know she will do a great job and I look forward to the future under her leadership.

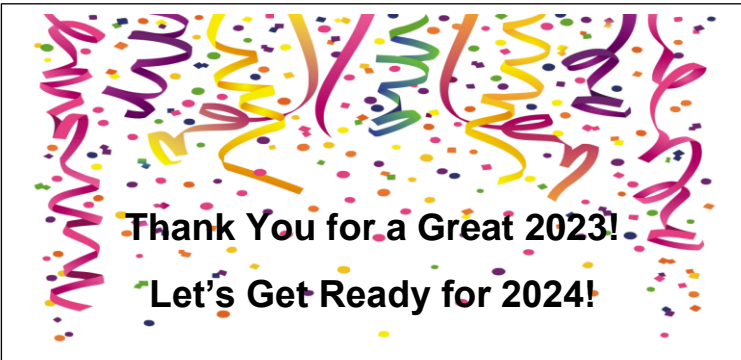
Thank You all for your complete support during my time as president and I couldn't have done it without all of you.

Kandi Curtis
IAL President

PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Card Exhibit at the Peoria Heights Library. Please be sure to stop by and see the different mediums and holidays represented in the exhibit. The cards will be on display for the month of December.

If you are interested in a solo or group exhibit at the Peoria Heights Library, please contact Oksana Greer at oksanagreer@aol.com



HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Looking for a special gift?
How about a piece of art from a local artist?
Here's some suggestions where you can find a truly unique gift!

Winter Wonderland – Art Korner
Nov 27th through Dec 31st
www.art-korner.com/shows

Small Wonders
Contemporary Art Center
Oct 27th through Dec 16th
www.peoriacac.org/events/a-small-wonder-gift-shop-23

Art in Gift
Exhibit A
Though January 27, 2024
www.exhibitagallery.net

ART CLASSES

Ruth Inman Art

Workshop: So you want to make an Abstract?

Location: North Art Studios
Tuesdays, Nov 28 - Dec 12
(3 sessions)

3:00 - 5:30 pm

To Register:

www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list

Snowball Toss - Paint n Take

Location: Art Korner – Germantown Hills
Wednesday, Dec 6th:

2:00 pm - 4:00pm

To Register:

www.art-korner.com/workshops

Frosty - Paint n Take

Location: Art Korner – Germantown Hills
Sunday, Dec 10th:

2:00 pm - 4:00pm

To Register:

www.art-korner.com/workshops

ART FOR ALL AGES

Looking for something to keep your little ones busy during the holidays? The Art Korner is sponsoring a special exhibit for young people age 5 to 12 years old.

There are three ways to enter.

Come to a Class OR

Purchase a "Kit" OR

Create Your Own

This is a wall art only exhibit. All art must be 8x10. It will be framed by the Art Korner and on exhibit from January 15 to February 13, 2024.

You must register!

SPACE IS LIMITED

More information and registration at

www.art-korner.com/kids-art

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

Congratulations to Michael Aldag! His mixed media piece "With Age Comes Darkness" received Special Merit (Painting & Other Media Category) in The Light Space & Time 13th Annual "Open" Online Art Exhibition. The exhibition is for the month of November 2023.



"With Age Comes Darkness"

Michael also was awarded third place in the Black & White Division for "Stones Cry Out" and "Fading Away" received Honorable Mention in the Scenic Division in this year's Light & Lens Photography Competition.



"Stones Cry Out"

ART GROUPS

Colored Pencil Expressions

Thursday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m.
Community Room at Liberty Village
6926 N Stalworth Drive
(Deborah Christman – Apt 100 has reserved the room)

Host: Diane Shouse / Deborah Christman
RSVP dshouse648@gmail.com
Phone 309-747-2376
Theme: Candy Land

Our Christmas Luncheon will be pot luck so bring a luncheon item to share. Microwave will be available so bring any supplies for a hot drink. A cold drink will be provided. We will have a gift exchange so bring a drawing or other small colored pencil related gift for the exchange.

If you have any questions or would like to be put on the mailing list for this group, please contact Diane Shouse dshouse648@gmail.com 309-747-2376 (home) or 606-407-5859 (cell)

Mixed Arts

Bring your supplies and your project. We will work together but on our own projects.
Wednesday, December 20th at 9AM
Ruth Inman's studio at North Art Studios – #1

Contact Ruth Inman at artworksbyruth@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

To be included on the mailing for future meeting times, please contact Melanie Picl at Melpicl153@gmail.com

Colored Pencil Workgroup

The group is taking a break for December.
Contact: Bev Pullen – bkpullen@hotmail.com
309-385-2501

PrairieLand Watermedia Society

NOTE: No meeting in December!

Save the Date: Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024**, at the Peoria Heights Library, and the topic will be **Second Chances**.

January Program: Unearth one of your “failed” or forgotten watercolors and breathe new life into it. Use whatever creative approach strikes your fancy—for example, embellishing it with another medium; washing the paper* and using the ghost image in another painting; or cutting, collaging, or manipulating it any way you’d like. Then at our January meeting share the details about your “second chance” art—both the successful and the not-so-successful attempts!

*To wash off a watercolor painting, rewet it under running water or by submerging it in a tub. Then while the surface is still wet, use either a large, soft brush or a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser to gently wipe the surface to remove color from the painting. Don't press too hard or you could damage the paper fibers. Usually, you won't be able to get back to the bright white of the original surface because some colors will be more permanent and staining than others, which will leave a ghost image.

PWS coordinator is Miriam Olson, 370-0067.

Plein Air

For the month of December, we will be meeting at Luthy Botanical Gardens, 2520 North Prospect Road, Peoria from 1pm to 3pm.

To be included on the mailing list for the locations, please contact Cris Potthoff at cris.potthoff@gmail.com or 309-472-7032.

EVENTS PAGE ON IAL WEBSITE

In the Events section of the IAL Website you can find lots of information about upcoming events as well as a Photo Gallery of past events! This is a great way to share all the wonderful activities hosted by the IAL. You can find it at www.illinoisartleague.com/photo-gallery

If you have pictures or events to include, email them to contact@illinoisartleague.com Be sure to put Events Page in the Subject.

IAL on Social Media

There is loads of information on the IAL website
www.illinoisartleague.com

Public accounts

Instagram www.instagram.com/illinoisartleague

Facebook www.facebook.com/illinoisartleague/

PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP -

IAL Member Group

www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569

Newsletter: If you have any art-related events, awards, classes or items you feel might enrich our membership, email Cris Potthoff at cris.potthoff@gmail.com

Deadline: The 23rd of each month prior to the next month edition. Late items will be included as time and space allow.

Special Benefit for IAL Members Only!

Did you know the IAL Website features artwork of our Members?

To have your art included we need:

- A picture of you
- Artist Statement
- Photos of your art (max 6)

Please send this information to Ruth Inman at
contact@illinoisartleague.com

Want to see more information on events and calls for artists?

Check out the IAL Website

www.illinoisartleague.com/upcoming-events/#other-events

If you have information about upcoming events, there is also a link for you to send it to us.

Artists helping artists –
one of the best benefits of IAL membership.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

TIME GALLERY – EAST PEORIA

Openings are available for 2024!

Artists... Share your art in a beautiful gallery.

For more information, contact
ArtworkbyDawn2@gmail.com
Or message on Time Gallery Facebook Page