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A Message from Our President



## **Marching Forward!**

**Inspiration is popping up everywhere!**

**What a great month for art outside!**

## Renew Your Membership

Illinois Art League Membership is on a calendar basis. However, if you are a new member and signed up beginning in September 2023 – you are good for the entire year of 2024! Otherwise, you need to renew using the same form as last time.

**There are many benefits of IAL Membership including:**

- Opportunity to display art of the Peoria Heights Library
- Participation in IAL Member Show
- Facebook group for IAL Members only to share ideas and pictures
- Discounts on Workshops and other Events

- And lots of networking with other artists!

To renew online you can do it [Right Here!](#)

**It's very important to fill out the Membership Form** – even if your information hasn't changed from last year.

**Why?** This form is used to create our directory!

**If you choose a family Membership**, be sure to have each member fill out a form.

Once you fill out the form, you will be directed to payment options.

Individual Membership .....\$40

Family Membership .....\$50

Don't miss out on any IAL fun events! Renew Today!

### Artist Information Meeting

We had a great time at the **February 19th AIM!** Thank you, Kagan Masters for a very interesting hands on presentation on Painting with Coffee. Mark your calendars for April 15th for the next AIM. More information will be coming!





**The next AIM** (Artist Information Meeting) will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - be sure to add it to your calendar!

Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3601 North Street, Peoria  
– in the Hedberg Room.

The meeting is open to IAL Members and Guests!

Art Classes & Workshops

## **Laurie Moore**

### ***Palette Knife Painting***

Location: Peoria Art Guild – Shoppes at Grand Prairie

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to Noon

To Register: <http://tinyurl.com/4z39uvuw>

## **Ruth Inman**

### ***Mixed Media Twister Workshop!***

Location: North Art Studios - Peoria, IL

3-day workshop,

Tuesdays, March 15, 22, & 29 (3pm to 5pm)

**Registration deadline:** March 8

More Info:

<https://www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list>

### ***Mixed Media "In the City" Workshop!***

Location: North Art Studios - Peoria, IL

3-day workshop,

**Registration deadline:** March 31.

Fridays, April 8, 15, & 22 (3pm to 5pm)

More Info:

<https://www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list>

### ***Scrappy Paper Art - Greeting Card***

Location: Art Korner gallery - Germantown Hills, IL

Thursday – March 7th - 3pm to 5pm

To Register online:

<https://www.art-korner.com/workshops>

## **Junk Drawer Art Friday, March 8 3:00p - 5:00pm**

Tired of all those unidentified items clogging up your junk drawer? Let's DO something with them!

Location: Art Korner gallery - Germantown Hills, IL

Thursday – March 7th - 3pm to 5pm

To Register online:

<https://www.art-korner.com/workshops>

If you are offering a class that some of our members would be interested in, please send info and we'll add it to the newsletter.

Send to [Contact@illinoisartleague.com](mailto:Contact@illinoisartleague.com) by the 22nd of the month before.

## INSPIRATION

Need some inspiration? or something to do during your 'down time'? Here is a free downloadable you can color, paint, re-draw, etc..



Make  
March  
a  
GREAT  
Month



Current Exhibit at Peoria Heights Library

The March exhibit at the Peoria Heights Library features a variety of postcard sized art from our IAL Members. Be sure to stop by and see the wide variety of media by

our talented artists! Be sure to stop by the library during normal hours to see this fantastic exhibit.



### Upcoming Exhibits at Peoria Heights Library

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IAL MEMBERS! The April Exhibit will celebrate Earth Day. IAL Members can bring any 2D nature inspired art – with wire hangers already attached – for this exhibit. More information on drop off will be coming soon.

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

### Art Groups

#### **Colored Pencil Workgroup**

Wednesday, **March 6th, 13th, 20th**

2PM to 4PM

Peoria North Branch Library – Seminar Room Wednesday



**Host:** Barb Pullen

[bkpullen@hotmail.com](mailto:bkpullen@hotmail.com)

[309-385-2501](tel:309-385-2501) (leave message)

**Theme:** *Birds of Feather Flock Together*

Bring your projects and supplies and join us. 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](mailto:dshouse648@gmail.com)

[309-747-2376](tel:309-747-2376) (home) or [606-407-5859](tel:606-407-5859) (cell)

### **Colored Pencil Workgroup**

*Bring your projects and supplies and join us at Peoria North Branch Library – Seminar Room*

**Dates:**

Wednesday – **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** 2PM to 4PM.

Contact: Bev Pullen – [bkpullen@hotmail.com](mailto:bkpullen@hotmail.com)

[309-385-2501](tel:309-385-2501)

### **Plein Air**

**Mondays, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at the Riverfront Museum. Entry is free to the lobby and then if the weather cooperates, we can sit outside.

**Mondays, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at Luthy Botanical Gardens 2520 N Prospect Rd / Peoria.

**We meet from 1pm to 3pm**

To be included on the mailing list for the locations, please contact Cris Potthoff at [cris.potthoff@gmail.com](mailto:cris.potthoff@gmail.com) or [309-472-7032](tel:309-472-7032).

### **Prairieland Watermedia Society**

Thursday, **March 21, 2024**

1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Peoria Heights Public Library

**Host:** Miriam Olson ([309-370-0067](tel:309-370-0067))

**Topic:** *Water-Soluble Pens*

We will begin with announcements and Show Tell. Based on techniques from the PBS-TV show “Pocket Sketching with Kath Macaulay,” Miriam will demonstrate the basics of sketching with a water-soluble pen, as well as combining these sketches with watercolors. Next, we’ll watch Kath Macaulay demonstrate how to paint a fun floral picture in less than 25 minutes, and then we’ll practice doing our own version.

**Supplies:** Bring two rectangles of watercolor paper (80 pound or heavier), each measuring about 4x6 inches. Water-soluble pens will be provided. Also bring your usual painting supplies.

For more info about PWS, contact Miriam Olson at 370-0067.

## **Mixed Arts**

Wednesday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9AM

Ruth Inman's studio at North Art Studios – #1

*Bring your supplies and your project. We will work together but on our own projects.*

**Please RSVP** to Ruth Inman at [artworksbyruth@gmail.com](mailto:artworksbyruth@gmail.com)

if you are (or are not) planning to attend.

To be included on the mailing for future meeting times, please contact Melanie Picl at [Melpicl153@gmail.com](mailto:Melpicl153@gmail.com)

**Art Groups are a great way to connect with other artists,  
learn a new skill, and have a great time!!**

**It's also the perfect way to introduce people  
to the Illinois Art League.**

Pause for Applause

*Shattered* by Michael Aldag was accepted into the **Black & White Exhibition** at Elle Elizabeth Hise Museum of Art. The exhibit runs from **March 26 through May 16** with a reception on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** from 2pm to 3pm. More information on the exhibit can be found at <https://sic.edu/community-alumni/ella-elizabeth-hise-museum-of-regional-art/>



Call for Artists

Part of the mission of the IAL is to assist our members in finding ways to display and exhibit their art. Here are some great opportunities for you to check out!

### **Swinging Bridges Art Festival**

Festival Dates – May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Application Deadline – April 16<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by Livingston County

The application can be emailing [pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com)

### **Time Gallery – East Peoria**

Openings are available for 2024 Artists

Share your art in a beautiful gallery

For more information contact:

[ArtworkbyDawn@gmail.com](mailto:ArtworkbyDawn@gmail.com)

Or message on Time Gallery's Facebook Page

### **Art Korner – Germantown Hills**

Openings are available for 2024 with special attention to glass, tile, sculpture & fibre artists.

[www.art-korner.com/artist-call](http://www.art-korner.com/artist-call)

### **Art Korner – Germantown Hills**

Announces the Call for Artists for their April "**Earth Day**" exhibit. Show dates are April 5 - 30. To view specifications and also submit, see the website:

<https://www.art-korner.com/shows>

### **Peoria Heights Library**

Exclusive Benefit for IAL Members!

Display your 2D Art at the library

You can do a solo show or put together a show with another artist!

Contact Oksana Greer at [oksanagreer@aol.com](mailto:oksanagreer@aol.com)

## **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.

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

### **Special Benefit for IAL Members Only!**

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

To have your Own Page with your art included we need:

- A picture of you
- Artist Statement (not a bio)
- Up to Photos of your art

Please send your information to Curt Ribando at: [contact@illinoisartleague.com](mailto:contact@illinoisartleague.com)

### **IAL on Social Media**

There is a load of information on the IAL website, check it out!

[www.illinoisartleague.com](http://www.illinoisartleague.com)

### **Public accounts**

Instagram [www.instagram.com/illinoisartleague](http://www.instagram.com/illinoisartleague)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/illinoisartleague/](http://www.facebook.com/illinoisartleague/)

### **PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP**

IAL Member Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569)

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

**Check out the IAL Website**

[www.illinoisartleague.com/upcoming-events/#other-events](http://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.**

**Newsletter:** If you have any art-related events, awards, classes or items you feel might enrich our membership, email them to : [Info@IllinoisArtLeague.com](mailto:Info@IllinoisArtLeague.com) with a Subject Line of "Newsletter".

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

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