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Hello, fellow IAL Artists!

I am Linda Cherry, your IAL Membership Chair. First of all... I hope this finds you, your family and loved ones safe and healthy. I'm writing to update you on the status of our membership book and cards. We have our Membership Books printed by EPIC each year. While our book has been ready to go to print... EPIC has been closed for safety reasons and this has delayed the printing of our books. As soon as they re-open I will be having them printed and I'll be ready to send them out along with your membership card right away.

Meanwhile, an Excel spreadsheet with our current membership contact info will be sent to you in a separate email. Maybe you'll want to reach out to friends while we can't gather or possibly reach out to make a new friend.

In the meantime, many of us have a whole lot of time at home, this is a great opportunity for us to work on our art...whatever our medium may be! Maybe even try a new medium! Art helps us express ourselves, keep our sanity and soothes our souls so I hope you're busy making your art!

The IAL Board and I want to invite you to create a small piece of art inspired by these times we're living in together, maybe 5 x 5 inches. You can photograph it and then post it on our IAL Facebook Group. This is a way for us to keep in touch, meet new friends and encourage each other in these difficult times. Do several if you'd like! Of course, it can be any size at all but 5 x 5 may be less intimidating for those of us who are shy. lol It can also be a good opportunity to try a new medium. (Not that any of us have any extra art supplies!) See info below if you don't know how to post onto Facebook. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of our Board Members. Many of our planned events are in a state of suspension pending the state of our country. Your patience is appreciated. We'll be notifying you about any changes including rescheduling of our events. Please stay safe and make art!

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Art is the only way to run away without leaving home – Twyla Tharp

The IAL Board is planning a special THANK YOU event for all those who volunteered in various capacities during 2019. Please stay tuned for more information.

The IAL depends on our members to make our events successful. If you are interested in volunteering at any events – All Member Meetings, Member Show, Art Fair, etc – please contact Kandi Curtis at kandiappleart@gmail.com Ph: 309-402-6404

The IAL Member Show is accepting applications. You must be a paid member to participate in the show. Deadline for entry is May 23rd. Art drop off is Monday, June 1st. No registrations will be accepted at the time of setup. The registration, guidelines and payment information can be found on the Illinois Art League website under Events -

<https://illinoisartleague.com/calendar/>

The Peoria Heights Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Once the library is open again, the display will be updated and pictures posted on Facebook.

Our Facebook Group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569/>

Instructions to Post your photo on Facebook:

Go to the link and it will take you to our home page.

Click where it says **Create A Post**.

You can enter any info you'd like about your piece.

Then click on **Photos/Videos**, right below your post and a box will open and you can find where you saved your photo and click on it. Click **Open**and it'll be posted to share! Voila!!!

We can all enjoy checking back often for more posts. Have fun!

ART SHOWS

Pysanky and Painting

Crystal Potthoff

Facebook Live Event –

<https://www.facebook.com/PysankyByCris/>

Artist Talk & Pysanky Demonstration

Saturday, April 4th – 10:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.



CONDOLENCES

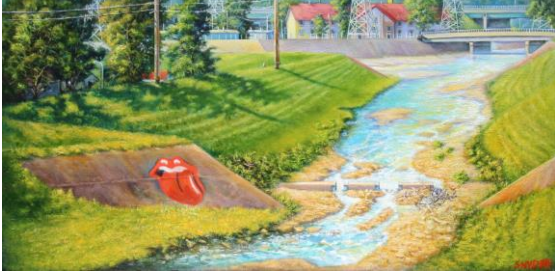
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Ed Levene who passed away in February. Ed was known for his pen and ink drawings of people's homes and also his watercolor paintings. He was always ready to help at various art events, filled with enthusiasm and an inspiration to so many. He taught classes at ICC and served on the IAL Board. Ed will be deeply missed. May you rest in peace, Ed.

POLICY CHANGE

To improve our bookkeeping records, the IAL will no longer be able to accept cash as payment for dues, classes, shows, etc. Should this be a problem for anyone, please contact an IAL Board Member and they can assist you. Checks are still accepted as well as payment through PayPal. Thank you for your understanding.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

Todd Snyder's "Mouth of the Levee II" is included in the CIAO Exhibit at the Contemporary Art Center. The show runs from March 13th through April 24th.



Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life – Pablo Picasso

Illinois Art League Website If you would like your artwork on our League's website, contact Brandon Wickwire at dynamitedesignhouse@gmail.com

Gazing at beautiful things acts on my soul
– Michelangelo

AREA CLASSES

Due to COVID-19 many classes are being cancelled or rescheduled. To get the latest information on classes, please refer to specific websites listed below.

Yvonne Ham

Classes at North Art Studios
www.yvonneham.com

Mandy Roeing

Pastel Open Studios
<https://www.roeingarts.com/events.aspx>

Ruth Inman

Classes at North Art Studios
(St. Paul's Episcopal Church)
Registration online at:
www.BrushwithManyColors.com

Ken Tiessen

The Mill
www.KenTiessenArt.com

The desire to create is one of the deepest yearnings of the human soul – Dieter V Uchtdorf

ART GROUPS

All IAL Art Groups are currently on hold until further notice. Keep your social distance, but also keep on creating and we will see everyone soon !

IAL WORKSHOP

Two workshops in one day! On Saturday, May 16, you can participate in one or both of the following workshops:

Oil Painting Using Only a Palette Knife

Taught by Sherri Burritt – 9:00a.m. to Noon

AND/OR

Watercolor Portrait Using Only One Color – Sepia

Taught by Kathy Sherman- 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

The workshops are designed to give participants a 'taste' of a new idea or medium, as opposed to an in-depth study. Minimal supplies will be required. Visit the IAL website – Upcoming Events for more information and to register.



OPPORTUNITIES

SKY ART PEORIA

More info at: <https://www.artpartners.net/skyartpeoria>

GREENVIEW COMPANIES

Looking for artists to teach botanical drawings
Contact Suzanne Johnston at plantpeoplepeoria@gmail.com

PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rennick 'History Thru Art' Show
May 2020 – Peoria Riverfront Museum
For guidelines and registration go to:
<https://www.peoriahistoricalsociety.com/events>

BRIDGEPORT ART CENTER

8th Annual Art Competition
Application Deadline April 13, 2020
Show runs May 15th to July 3rd 2020
For guidelines and registration go to:
<https://www.bridgeportart.com>



Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing. – Georgia O'Keeffe

Newsletter

If you have any art related events, awards, classes or items you feel might enhance our membership, email me at cris.potthoff@gmail.com

DEADLINE: The 23rd of each month prior to the next month. Wherever possible, I will try to fit in late material.