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FROM THE DRAWING BOARD

A huge thank you to Debra Mielke and her team for putting on one of the best IAL Membership Shows, ever! And congratulations to all the prize winners!

I want to say a word about art competitions: we are our own worse critics! I entered a little painting that I thought, in my mind, was not up to par. All I could see were the flaws. I hesitated even entering it. And guess what? It won Best of Show! We all need to remember that when we think our work is "less than," "not as good as," and on and on. Screw up your courage and put it out there!

The most exciting thing for me is seeing artists in the amateur division who, just a few years ago, did not dream of entering any competition, let alone winning a ribbon! Seeing the tearful pride in their loved-ones' faces brings tears to my own eyes.

The 2018 membership show was one of the highest quality shows we have ever had. The caliber of work in our League just keeps rising. The skills gained through our subgroups, workshops, and shared information, have helped each and every one of us hone our skills and improve our work, giving us confidence.

Prize or no prize, I am so proud of everyone of you for putting yourselves out there: trying something new, taking risks, meeting a goal. Congratulations to all who entered!

Sharon Somers, President

MEMBER EXHIBIT

The August exhibiting artists at the Peoria Heights library are Dawn Maloney and Jean Fehl. Dawn has a collection of landscapes and still lifes in pastel and watercolor.

Jean interest is mainly in china painting. She also enjoys watercolor, tempera and ink.

For more details contact: Roberta Schwandner, Raschwandner@aol.com 309-360-0455



Dawn
Maloney



Jean
Fehl

HURRY!!
HOLIDAY ART
MARKET

November 3rd

Only 3 spots left!

ALL MEMBER
MEETING
AUGUST 6th,
Guests Welcome
6:30p.m., Peoria
Heights Library

There will be a presentation
on using

Instagram to sell your
work.

We hope to see you there!

Art Groups

Plein Air

Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.,
Luthy Botanical Garden
Must call ahead.
Contact: Leslie Walsh
309-240-8363
booklady2404@yahoo.com

Colored Pencil Workgroup

The first 3 Wednesdays of each
month, 2-4 p.m.
Peoria North Branch Library
Bring a project to work on.
Contact: Karen Buenneke
309-681-0168

Colored Pencil Expressions

Thursday, August 2 11:30 a.m.
TGI Fridays
Hostess: Linda Sprouse
Theme: People or Person

Acrylic Painters

Monday August 13,
9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Peoria Heights Library.
Open Studio
Contact: Melanie Picl,
melpic1153@gmail.com

Prairieland Watermedia Society

Thursday, August 16, 1-3 p.m.
Peoria Heights Library
Hostess: Linda Cherry and Bev Pullen
Bring your supplies and paint along
with Sterling Edwards' 4 Step Method

All Artists (except Oil)

Monday, August 27, 1-3 p.m.
Humana Building
Westlake
Shopping Center
Contact: Cindy Wamack
309-691-1677
cwamack@humana.com

ART SHOWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Sculpture Walk 2018

Peoria

Docent Led Saturday Tours
May 26—Sept. 29
Meet at 10:00 a.m. and noon at the
Riverfront Museum lobby
www.sculpturewalkpeoria.org

Sculpture Walk

Peoria Heights

Docent Led Thursday Tours
May-August
Meet at 5:00p.m.
Peoria Heights Village Hall

Foster Gallery

Pressing for Change
Peoria Print Club
July 15-August 26.
fmcpeoria.org/about-us/foster-gallery

Galesburg Civic Art Center

Members and Friends
Juried Art Exhibit
August 3-25
Art Delivery Dates July 26-28.
www.galesburgarts.org

Time Gallery

Exhibit of the 1906 San Francisco
Earthquake and fire.
August 3-September 27.
Talks on August 15, 11:00a.m.-1:00
p.m. and September 8, 9:00a.m.-
11:00a.m.

CLASSES

Painting and Drawing

Pam Miller, Thursdays
at Michaels.
Check pam-paints.com
for schedule of classes.
www.michaels.com

Exploring Abstract Watercolors

Kathy Sherman
August 1 and August 11
9:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
<http://cce.icc.edu/acp/>
Call 309-690-6900

Miller Center

Dale Kuntz
Tuesdays 9:30a.m.— 10:30a.m.
Bring your sketch pad, pencil, or
paints. (no Oil) Fee \$1.50

Saturday, July 14, 9a.m.-noon
Gallery open during banking hours.

Regional Alumni

Invitational Exhibition

Prairie Center of the Arts
August 4th-September 8.
Opening Reception: Saturday, August
4th, 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
barbie@prairiecenterofthearts.org



Barbie
Perry

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Heartland Festival Orchestra

Heartland Portraits project seeks to
honor the beauty and life of the rural
Illinois region with photos displayed in
a digital dance on a screen above the
orchestra.
Submit to:
www.heartlandfestivalorchestra
Additional questions can be sent to
hfoportraits@gmail.com

Flowers & Landscapes (acrylics)

Jean Griffith, Tuesdays
September 11-October 2
12:30p.m.-2:30p.m.
<http://cce.icc.edu/acp/>
Call 309-690-6900

Contemporary Art Center

Janet Keturi
Basic Drawing, Tuesdays
July 17-August 21
2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Oil Painting, Wednesdays
July 18-August 22
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Intermediate Drawing, Thursdays
July 19-August 23
6:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.
www.peoriacac.org

ARTBYTES

Easel For Sale

Used wood floor easel. Excellent condi-
tion. Orig. \$250, Now \$75. Contact Jean
at jeangg38@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Riverfront Museum need, docent Volun-
teers. Contact Heather Placko,
hplacko@riverfrontmuseum.org or 309-
8663-3046
The Peoria Fine Art Fair on the Riverfront is
on Sept. 29-30.
Volunteers receive a T-shirt and free ad-

WORKSHOPS

PASTEL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Tracey Maras, Instructor

www.traceymaras.com

DISCOVERING SNOW COLORS

Creating a painting of a snow-covered
landscape can be surprisingly color-filled,
going well beyond the grays and whites
that we think we see. Soft pastels are an
ideal medium for creating that sparkle of
snow.

This workshop will include: capturing the
best colors of snow, a selection of under-
painting or paper to set the mood of the
painting, selecting a color palette to depict
the colors of snow and developing the
painting from blocking in to completion.

Location: Freedom Hall, Morton
Date: November 14, 2018
Time: 10:00a.m.-4p.m.
Cost: \$75

For more information or to sign up
contact Debra Mielke at
debrajm60@hotmail.com
(only 12 positions available)
The Cookery will be selling box lunches.

Member-taught

OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Connie Andrews, Instructor

www.connieandrews.com

Learn techniques in oil painting as you
complete a painting from start to finish.
(class is limited so sign up early)

Cost: IAL Member \$50
Non-IAL \$60

Optional lunch fee \$10

See attached form for details