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LETTER FROM the PRESIDENT

Hello Members,
First, a big thank you! I couldn't have accepted this leadership role without your confidence in me. I have been blessed to be a part of the Illinois Art League since 2015. I have gained so much as a result; I am blessed everyday just to know you and be able to share in your talents & enthusiasm for art. I am honored to be able to lead such a large group of the area's finest artists for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. While I know we have all had a difficult year as a result of the many changes happening in our Country, I want to assure you that the health & well-being of all of you are my top priority and I am following the Covid-19 guidelines we are all mandated by for the remainder of 2020. Since I have taken over as President I have finished what Barbie & Judy started by getting all of the IAL records and historic documents organized chronologically and am preparing them for secure storage at the St. Paul's Church. Our NFP status has been fully restored and Jim Bateman is finishing up the Federal Tax filing. Whew! It's been quite a year, I know that in 2021 we will be stronger as a result!
 Thank you,
 Kandi Curtis

Happy Birthday to IAL!!!
A belated happy birthday to the Illinois Art League who became 60 years old on May 16, 2020!!!
Here's to many more years of making great art and having fun!!!

AUGUST ALL-MEMBER MEETING
Our next All-Member Meeting is at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 17 via Zoom.
 Doug and Eileen Leunig will give us a presentation on their unique photography. Their photographs give a magical, ethereal quality to landscapes. Join us as they share their journey and give us inspirations as artists!
 From 6:00 to 6:20 Ruth Inman will answer your questions about Zoom. If you need help with Zoom, PLEASE log on at 6:00 to get your questions answered.
 The presentation will start promptly at 6:30.
 An email will be sent a few days before the meeting with the invitation to the meeting.

Pause for Applause
 Congratulations to Michael Aldag who won 3rd place in the Oakton Foundation for Visual Arts Competition. Michael's series of watercolor paintings *Paraclete Polyptych* (2009) is a multi-part piece work of God and nature. In this piece the natural world reflects the spiritual world. In this case, tree branches morph into a stained glass depiction of the Paraclete.



AREA CLASSES

Check out the websites below for information on small group and on-line classes!

Ruth Inman In Studio Classes

Thursday, July 30^h – Leaf Art

Wednesday, August 5th – Alcohol Ink

For more information or to register visit:

www.BrushwithManyColors.com

Peoria Art Guild Small Group Classes

To see a listing or to register visit:

<https://www.peoriaartguild.org/>

Yvonne Ham Private Classes

<https://www.yvonneham.com/workshops>

Peggy Kirkwood On-Line Classes

Weekly Watercolor & Mixed Media Classes

For more information or to register visit:

<https://www.thenewstudiova.net/peggy-kirkwood>

ART GROUPS

Plein Air

Tuesdays 10:00a.m.-Noon

Location Varies – Please call ahead

Contact: Leslie Walsh 309-240-8363

Booklady2404@yahoo.com

Colored Pencil Workgroup

No meeting August

Colored Pencil Expressions

No meeting in August

Urban Sketchers

Currently on hold

All Artists (Except Oil)

Currently on hold

Drawing, Mixed Media & Acrylic

Currently on hold, but working on a safe, alternative location. To be included on the mailing about meeting times, please contact Melanie Picl at

Melpicl153@gmail.com

Praireland Watermedia Society

Thursday, August 20th 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Meeting online through Zoom

Hosts: Miriam Olson 309-370-0067

Join us for "Show and Tell and Tips." Bring the art you have been working on or several less recent pieces you want to show us. Hold it up to your camera and tell us how you chose it or whatever else needs to be shared. Important too, bring us at least one great tip you have learned. Be it recent, the first one that opened your eyes to art, or the one you learned from your grandchild who draws without an eraser. We want to hear them all. See you there!

If you have not received an e-mail about PWS before and want to get the invitation to this meeting, please send your request and e-mail to Deborah Christman at queendfr@comcast.net

Make History from your Home – On Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 3:30pm CST, Robert Liberace will teach a 3-hour online figure drawing lesson to a worldwide audience. He is trying to break the Guinness World Record for Largest Online Figure Drawing Class. To participate, sign up with the Portrait Society of America at <https://www.portraitsociety.org/worldwide-drawing-the-figure>

FACEBOOK PAGE / FACEBOOK GROUP – What's the Difference?

The **IAL Facebook Group** is a private group. This means you need to be a member of IAL and request to join the group. What is shared in the group can only be seen by the group and it cannot be shared outside the group. This is a great place to ask questions and share your artwork within a small group of people. Anyone who is a member of the group can post within this group.

The **IAL Facebook Page** is a public page that can be seen by anyone on Facebook. Only the Administrators of this page can post. However, anything posted on this page can be shared on your own personal Facebook page. This is where information on IAL events and other news is frequently posted. If you have something to put on the public page, please send this information (including pictures) to info@illinoisartleague.com.

Join the IAL Facebook Group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569/>

Share your artwork with others!

You can also follow us on Facebook at

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

And on Instagram @illinoisartleague



Virtual Ignite – Saturday, August 8th

For the past 6 years, the participants of Ignite have helped to spark creativity and stir imagination throughout our community. The event this year will be a one-day event to connect with patrons, students, and creatives of all ages through a "Virtual Edition" of the event. For more information visit:

<https://artspartners.net/ignite-peoria/virtual-ignite/>

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.

Illinois Art League Website

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

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 and in the monthly Newsletter. A big THANK YOU to the artists that had signed up and for your flexibility in rescheduling your time at this library exhibit!

Important Information on IAL Membership Show

Hello Artists! Following are the details for dropping off your artwork at the Time Gallery, located in the Clocktower in East Peoria. We ask that you read the procedure and **follow it carefully** so as to ensure the safety of you, the volunteers and also that of your valuable artistic works.

- The drop off time on Monday, August 3rd has been extended an hour earlier and is now scheduled for 2pm to 5pm. Please arrive within this timeframe. We reserve the right not to accept any pieces after 5pm.
- Pull your vehicle under the bank canopy by the front door, place it in park, and **remain in your vehicle until approached by a volunteer**. If no volunteer is present under the canopy upon your arrival, please wait until one appears. It is there that your works will be checked-in, transferred to a padded cart, and then safely transported to the gallery.
- You are encouraged to plan ahead so that a volunteer could retrieve your artwork while you remain in the vehicle. If it is necessary for you to exit the vehicle, we ask that you **wear a mask covering your mouth and nose**. All volunteers will be properly masked.
- Please make an effort to minimize the packaging/protective material around your works during transit in order to expedite their retrieval. All packaging/protective material is to be taken with you. If you have a piece that will require special handling, please notify Carol or Curt in advance.

We are still working on a time that the Judge's comments will be available on social media. We will post that information on the IAL website and will also contact entrants by email and/or phone call as soon as possible.

Thank you for understanding the need for these changes and for your efforts in helping this process run smoothly.

Sincerely, Co-Chairs

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Join us for the Virtual Reception for the Illinois Art League Member Show!

Saturday, August 22nd 10:00am

Reception will be via Zoom

More information will be coming soon!