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Dear Fellow Artists,

As we begin 2016, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new board members, Sherri Burritt (Graphic Designer) and Roberta Schwandner (Peoria Heights Library Exhibit Chair). We look forward to working with both of you. We'd like to thank our returning board members; Cindy Wamack, Florence Gaffney, Bev and Wayne Pullen, Elijah Sansom, Sharon Somers, Barb Unes and Brandon Wickwire. The dedication of our board has been a major factor in making 2015 a great year for our league, in terms of both growth and change!

Between March and December of 2015, our league grew by over 27%, from 84 members to 107. Thanks to all of you who have encouraged your friends and/or your students to join the I.A.L.! Your support is vital and contributes greatly to our league's growth and continued success. Please renew your membership now, if you haven't already done so, and encourage friends to join too. **In order to be included in the 2016 I.A.L. directory, you must renew before January 31, 2016. Membership dues will increase by \$5 after that date. Applications for membership are included in this newsletter.**

Also, included in this newsletter is the calendar for the upcoming year, with many important dates. Please make a note of these dates so that you can participate in the various workshops, small group gatherings, exhibits and competitions. Our second "All Members' Meeting" will be held on an evening in April and we will notify you once we have a definite date. Please plan to attend this meeting. It will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about our upcoming events, ask questions, and offer suggestions for improving the operation of our league.

Starting in mid-July, we will have a two week long, judged exhibit and sale at the downtown Peoria Public Library. Rather than dreading the cold winter months ahead, use this time to create some exciting new pieces for our July show! Unlike last year's show at the library, the league will be offering monetary awards, in a variety of categories. Artists will also be able to sell their artwork, just as we are doing at our current "Time Gallery" show. Twenty percent of all sales will go to "The Friends of the Library", so any sales will benefit our local community, as well. This replaces our Spring Membership Show at Peoria Heights Tower Park.

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting 2016 and hope that you are, too!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Leslie and Jackie

~~ **PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY JAN 31ST** ~~
THIS GUARANTEES YOU WILL BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY

Visit our website: www.illinoisartleague.com and Follow us on Facebook/ Illinois Art League

Calendar of Events – 2016

March 17-19

Nancy Medina Oil/Acrylic workshop

April All Members Meeting – Evening,
(Date To Be Determined.)

May 19-20

Connie Glowacki Watercolor workshop

July Mid – July

Membership Show at Peoria Public
Library Show/Sale

August

Ignite Peoria – early August

All Members Meeting - Date T.B.D.

September 13 – 16

Elizabeth Robbins Oil Workshop

October

Member-Taught Watercolor Workshop -
Date T.B.D.

November

1 – Time Gallery Show/Sale

7 - Annual Dinner and Meeting

December

1 – Time Gallery Show/Sale

REMINDER

If you have not visited the Time Gallery located in the Clock Tower Bank in the East Peoria Levee District please do so before end of the month. All our member pieces are for sale. The art is on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

**PARTICIPANTS PLEASE PICK UP
YOUR ART ON JANUARY 29TH
BETWEEN 10-2.**

CANCELLATION

The **pen & ink group** which normally met the 2nd Thursday of each month at North Branch Library has been discontinued.

Anyone wishing to work on their pen & ink projects may join the colored pencil workgroup at the North Branch Library on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00. They meet Jan 6,13,20. Feb 3,10,17. Contact Karen Buenneke at 309-681-0168 karenbuenneke@yahoo.com for any questions.

ATTENTION ACRYLIC PAINTERS

We are starting a new group of acrylic painters meeting at Jean Gronewold's home studio. Starting Monday Jan 12th 9:30-12:30, will meet monthly the 2nd Monday of each month. Limited space for 8 attendees so RSVP required. There is no cost. Bring own art supplies and a project to work on. (snacks are welcome)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Jamie Ziegler 7 West Ash St. Chillicothe, IL 61523 309-351-9774 jamiejohnsonziegler@yahoo.com (graphite artist, animals) former Key West Mallory Square Sunset Artist

Janet Anne Ham-DePalma & Bonnie DePalma 14817 W. Fussner Rd, Brimfield IL 61517 309-397-8410
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PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY MEMBER EXHIBIT

The exhibit for the month of January is Mardel Means, an artist from CWTC.

We need two artists for the month of March

Please contact: Roberta Schwandner (309) 263-5143 raschwandner@aol.com

Nancy Medina Oil/Acrylic Workshop

Date: March 17, 18, and 19, 2016

Contact: Florence Gaffney, 3 Oakcrest Drive, Pekin, Illinois 61554-9757 309-253-0807 Florence200@comcast.net
Or Sherri Burritt 309-264-2077 if interested to be placed on the waiting list in case of cancellations.

Connie Glowacki Watercolor Workshop

Date: Thursday and Friday May 19 and 20th 10-4

The cost for the two day workshop is \$150. To be held at the Peoria Heights Library. We can accommodate up to 20 artists. Look for the registration form in the next newsletter. To check out her work go to connie-glowacki.com or watercolor@connie-glowacki.com

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS CONGRATULATIONS

Michael Aldag was awarded First Place in the Artwork Division for "Shattered (self portrait) at the Fall Art & Photography Competition & Exhibit. The juror was Thomas Rabideau from Shawnee Dreams.

Mary Hildebrand had the painting, "*Free with Abundant Fruit*" accepted into the NOAPS (National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society) on-line show. From 700 applicants only 150 were chosen. Each artist was allowed one painting. You can check their website and click on on-line, you will see her piece. This is the second year she was accepted.

CALL TO ALL ARTISTS 4TH ANNUAL ART ON MAIN CANTON IL

June 4th and 5th, 2016 Saturday and Sunday

If interested in participating in the festival contact: Mary Ellen Carver 309-647-1844 or mecarverathome@comcast.net for a printable brochure/application form. Application due by February 1st.

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS VOTED ON AT JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Under Article VIII (Art Exhibitions) Page 36 Section E will now read as follows:

"All entries shall be of quality construction, capable of withstanding normal exhibition and handling.
All paintings must look professionally framed/wrapped and wired for hanging.

NO SAW TOOTH HANGERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Exceptions: original pottery and wooden pieces are excluded. "Soft" entries, such as fiber art and wall hangings need not be wired, if they have another suitable means of hanging."

**Remember: Submit your requests and announcements
for publication in the newsletter**

to

Bev Pullen, Jackie Colgan, or Leslie Walsh
Contact info on Page 1 of header

2016 IAL Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>4th Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 6th,13th,20th Colored Pencil Workgroup 7th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 18th AllArtists Group - Humana 1-3:00 <small>Date Change</small> 21st Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib.- 1-3:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host No Board Meeting 21st Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib. - 1-3:00 25th AllArtists Group - Humana -1-3:00 Peoria Downtown Library Show/Sale</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>4th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 3th,10th,17th Colored Pencil Workgroup 18th Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib. - 1-3:00 29th AllArtists Group - Humana 1-3:00 No Board Meeting Scheduled</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>1st Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 4th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 18th Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib.- 1-3:00 29th AllArtists Group - Humana 1-3:00 All Member Meeting (date:to be determined) Ignite Peoria Event - Early August</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>2nd Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 4th,11th,18th Colored Pencil Workgroup 5th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 19th-20th Spring Watercolor Workshop with Connie Glowacki 30th AllArtists Group - Humana 1-3:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>3rd Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 2nd,9th,16th Colored Pencil Workgroup 7th Annual Member Meeting 17th Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib. - 1-3:00 28th AllArtists Group - Humana - 1-3:00 Time Gallery Show/Sale</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>5th Colored Pencil Mtg. - Host 6th Board Meeting 5:30-7:30 19th Watercolor Group - Hts. Lib. 1-3:00 27th AllArtists Group - Humana 1-3:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>Dec 1st Colored Pencil Expressions Lunch Dec 5th Board Meeting (if needed) 5:30-7:30 Time Gallery Show/Sale continues</p>