FROM THE DRAWING BOARD….

Spring is right around the corner, or so we all would like to think. We have a lot of busy members. I am planning on sharing art related events and achievements in our monthly newsletter. I sent out a request for information and had a great response. Please continue to update me as you have art related information. I really appreciate all the photos, too. Another item I would like to add occasionally in our newsletter is “Artists’ Studio” photos. If you have a studio space that you don’t mind sharing we would love to see photos. I’ll add them as space allows.

Sherri

Meet Barbie our newest board member:

Barbie Perry
Barbie has been a member of the League for three years. Her current volunteer efforts with the League focus on Strategic Planning. She began self-study about four years ago. Her current practice mainly focuses on contemporary printmaking. Barbie was an Artist-in-Residency at the Prairie Center of the Arts in Peoria for 9 months and has recently transitioned into a Resident Artist with permanent status. She attends Illinois Central College to further her art education.

Survey
Those of you having an email address will be receiving a Survey from the Planning Committee in the middle of March. Please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts and opinions on your experience and liking of the Illinois Art League. For those of you who do not have email, you will receive a survey through regular mail so please fill out and return. We hope to have all the surveys back by the end of March and look forward to reporting on the results. We’ll use the results to help us plan for the best possible future development of the IAL. We want to hear your voice! Thank you.

The planning committee

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309-240-8363
booklady2404@yahoo.com

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Contact: Karen Buenneke 309-681-0168

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**ARTBYTES**

**Congratulations**  
*Mary Hildebrand* has been selected in the “Galex 52” Show. She was 1 of 111 artists with 379 pieces of art selected in the National Show.

**Photography Exhibit**  
*Natalie Jackson O’Neal’s* photography show “Matters of the Heart” runs from January 24—March 3 at the Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL.

**New Members**  
A big Welcome to our new members Linda Cherry, Miriam Olson, Kathy Jean, Rebecca Lehouillier and Holly Schuh.

**Donate Art**  
WTVP is looking for donations to support their Programming.  
[http://www.wtvp.org/auction/donate](http://www.wtvp.org/auction/donate)


**Peoria Main Library**  
“Seeking Light, Shedding Light” Judy Ritchie, Barbie Perry, Peg Toliver and Deb Rising are in a 4 person show at the downtown Peoria Public Library, March 2-29. Opening reception is Saturday, March 10, 2:00p.m. 4p.m.

**Illinois Central College**  
*Anita Tuccillo*, paintings  
February 14—March 9  
*Gary Viviano*, Mixed media  
February 21—March 16  
*Phillip Carey & Etty Yaniv*, Mixed media  
March 21—April 13

**Prairie Center of the Arts**  
“36th Bradley International Print and Drawing Exhibition”  
March 11—April 17  
Mid-Illini High School Art Exhibition, March 10-April 1

**Contemporary Art Center of Illinois**  
“Hot CIAO Member Exhibit”  
Preston Jackson Gallery  
March 9-April 20  
*Juliet Holland*  
Ceramic sculpture and mixed media

**Galesburg Art Civic Art Center**  
“Galex 52” March 2—31  
A National Juried art 2 Dimensional Art Show.

**Time Gallery**  
“Employee & Family Exhibit”  
Through March

**Riverfront Museum**  
“Celebrating Illinois”  
200 Years in the Land of Lincoln.  
February 3—June 3

**Foster Gallery**  
“Stations of the Cross”  
February 14–April 1

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**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

**Watercolor**  
Dale Evans will be teaching a 6-week course at the McLean County Arts Center, 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m., March 22-April 26.[http://www.mcac.wildapricot.org](http://www.mcac.wildapricot.org)

**China Painting**  
Illinois Valley Porcelain Art Guild meets the first Wednesday of each month.  
Next meeting is March 7, 10:00a.m., Fondulac Park Administration Building.  
Contact Jean Fehl for more information. 309-633-0737, jeanfehl@sbcglobal.net