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### From the drawing board...

Marc Chagall said, "Great art picks up where nature ends."

Springtime: a time of new beginnings; with colorful life emerging all around us after a long, grey winter. What a great time to try new things and break through the boundaries we have unconsciously set for ourselves!

Are you a little bit stuck in a rut? Spring may be the perfect time to try a new medium – new subject – new style or process. Have you shied away from plain air painting? Jump in! Do you think portraits are above your skill level? Just give it a try! Sign up for a class. Seek out a painting partner.

Like a tender flower pushes through the crust of ice and decay, to emerge brilliant with color and life, you too can break old habits and create something fresh and vibrant.

Rise up! Go! Do!

Sharon Somers

Teresa C. Lemkemann

Our condolences to the family of Teresa who passed away April 26th. She was one of the originators and life long member of the Prairieland Watermedia Society. An artist in all mediums as well as an author and educator. She will be missed. A Memorial Mass was held at 10:00a.m. on Monday ,May 1st at St. Mary of the Lourdes Catholic Church in Metamora.

### I T ' S C O M I N G !

We are only 8 weeks from our Annual Membership Show.

Registration due before Monday June 20th

Show dates are July 5th—July 28th.

See attachment for forms and further information

### ***ART MARKET AT WEAVER RIDGE***

**Saturday Sept 30th 2017**

***RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW***

See attachment for forms and further information

*Things to do and places to go*

- Monday May 1           **IAL Board Meeting** Peoria Heights Library 5:30—7:00 All are welcome.
- Tuesday May 2       **PLEIN AIRE GROUP** Meets on each Tuesday afternoon from 1-3:00 pm. Meets currently at Luthy Botanical Garden. Contact Leslie Walsh at 309-240-8363 or booklady2404@yahoo.com for additional information. Bring your own supplies. Contact Leslie for locations.
- Wednesdays May 3, 10, 17, and 24. **ALL INTERESTED IN COLORED PENCIL.** A workgroup meets at the Peoria North Branch Library 2-4. Help available for anyone needing assistance. Contact Karen Buenneke at 309-681-0168 for more info. Bring your own project to work on. Group does not meet on the last Wednesday of the month. Does not meet during summer months.
- Thursday May 4       **COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS Luncheon** Hostess: Georgeanne Cusullo  
Theme: Mother’s Day Ideas 11:30 held at **TGIF** gafromdunlap@comcast.net 309-472-1910
- Saturday May 6       **53RD ANNUAL RENNICK ART SHOW** Artist reception 2-4 Peoria Public Main Library  
Exhibit showing May 4 to May 30
- Monday May 8       **IAL ACRYLIC PAINTERS** open studio Peoria Heights Library 9:30 –12:30 Jean Gronewold  
309-657-3874 jeangg38@gmail.com
- Thursday May 18     **PRAIRIELAND WATERMEDIA SOCIETY** 1-3 Peoria Heights Library Hostesses: Luanne Root  
And Jean Fehl. Always be prepared to paint! Bring paints, paper 8x 10 large enough, and reg supplies.
- Sunday May 21       **BY RESERVATION ONLY FRAMING OPTIONS A-Z** 2-4 by Barb Shreffler and Brandon  
Wickwire at Frames Plus in Willow Knolls Complex Barb 309-369-8879 for availability.
- Thru May 31         **TIME GALLERY EXHIBIT** *Crowns of Empowerment* by Natalie Jackson O’Neal

**CLASSES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH**

**Kathy Sherman** offering full day classes at ICC: Register at ICC online call Kathy: 309-691-6971

**July 8.....A SPLASH OF COLOR** This workshop presents a complete sketch-to-finished watercolor painting of sunflowers washed in summer sunlight.

**August 5....POUR IT ON** Working with both poured masking fluid and poured watercolor paint, this workshop will provide fun and unusual effects not achieved with traditional techniques.

**September 9.....FALL COLORS GALORE** Bring along a fresh collection of grapevine leaves to drench in watercolor and press onto a background of sparking fall colors.

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**Dale Evans** McClain County Art Center 309-828-0928 ukelinatik@aol.com

I have a beginning class starting Thursday May 11 (6 sessions) 6:30 - 9pm) and an intermediate class June 27-Aug 17 (4 sessions) same times. If you know anyone closer to B-N interested, please tell them to call the Arts Center (309-829-0011 mcac.org) as classes fill up quickly!

## IAL MONTHLY MEMBER EXHIBIT

Peoria Heights Library 816 E Glen Ave, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 Open 9-6

EXHIBITING FOR MAY IS : **Kathy Johnson**

For additional information contact Roberta Schwandner at 263-5143 or raschwandner@aol.com

THERE ARE STILL MONTHS AVAILABLE FOR EXHIBITING THIS YEAR. CALL FOR INFO

### **Kathy Johnson**

Colored pencil - Pen and Ink -Photography

I have loved art activities as long as I can remember, I especially enjoyed three dimensional activities including ceramics, metal tooling, copper enameling, torch work, sculpture, and jewelry design. I have also done a lot of needlework over the years, but currently weak eyes have limited me to knitting.

In 2006 I retired from a 42 year teaching career (teaching mostly grade school Special Education classes) and started attending OLLI classes at Bradley. That fall I was fortunate to take a class on Colored Pencil Drawing from Rose Sullivan. She hooked me on Colored pencils! She also introduced me to the Illinois Art league when she invited me to visit their Colored Pencil Lunch Group .I've since joined several art league groups including Water Media, the Pen and Ink group, and the Colored pencil groups. I thank the OLLI classes and the IAL for renewing my interest in two-dimensional-art. I've also taken some OLLI sessions in Colored Pencil from Mel Turner, in Zentangels from Bonnie Cox, and ICC classes in Water Colors from both Kathy Sherman and Ed Levine

I'm in my eleventh year of retirement now and I am having a ball. Since we now have time to travel, I've also taken up photography. It adds a lot to the memory books of our trips. Other than one Microsoft Photography class onboard a cruise ship, I have never had any training in photography. Thank goodness for digital cameras because I do an awful lot of trial and error work!

As a young artist, I signed my artwork with my initials: "KAB", but for the past 54 years, it has now been "KABJohnson".

#### Welcome New Members

**Scott Abbey** 2901 W. Wyoming Peoria, IL 61605 309-674-0826  
artmann112000@yahoo.com Watercolor, pencil, mixed media

**Dale Evans** 209 1/2 E. Locust Bloomington, IL 61701 309-828-0928  
ukelinatik@aol.com Watercolor, oil,relief printing

#### **ART ON MAIN STREET CANTON**

Saturday and Sunday June 3rd & 4th

**Terri Shockency** will be exhibiting

Come and enjoy a day of fun and art on Main Street